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מדינת ישראל
STATE OF ISRAEL

THE PRESIDENT

הנשיא

Jerusalem, 11th April, 1984

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, MP
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
London, SW1
England

Dear Prime Minister,

On my return to Israel I write to tell you how very much I appreciated meeting you and how very much I enjoyed our open and frank conversation.

I have returned to the opening shots of the election campaign. It is very difficult to prognosticate as to the outcome of the elections, but one fact must be evident to all - we are the only country in our immediate region and, indeed, one of the comparatively few countries in the world, which solves its political problems in a civilised manner at the ballot box.

I do hope that you will address yourself to the various issues which I enumerated before you, for they tend to have an unnecessary adverse effect on the relations between our two countries. After all, we have so much in common. I do not believe that there is any alternative to seeing things for oneself, nor do I believe that one can really appreciate the problems in the Middle East without visiting Israel.

I trust, therefore, that you will consider my proposal that you visit Israel in the foreseeable future. I was encouraged by your positive reaction in principle to my suggestion. You may be assured of a warm and very friendly welcome.

I very much appreciated hearing your views on so many subjects affecting our area and thoroughly enjoyed our exchange of views. You were most gracious to me and I look forward to meeting you again and developing our dialogue in the none too distant future.

Sincerely
Chaim Herzog