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THE STATE HOUSE,
DAR ES SALAAM,
TANZANIA.

24th May 1984

Prime Minister Mrs. Margaret Thatcher,
10 Downing Street,
London, S.W.1

Dear Mrs. Thatcher,

The British High Commissioner in Dar es Salaam, His Excellency Mr. John A. Sankey, has forwarded to me your message about the formal winding up of the East African Community, for which I thank you.

It is a very good thing that we have finally been able to clear away the ruins of the past arrangements for East African regional cooperation, and we in Tanzania greatly appreciate the assistance which we have received from the British Government and British personnel during the negotiations to that end. The road is now open for new methods of cooperation to be worked out; I can assure you that Tanzania will play a positive and active role in promoting it.

It is in that context of looking towards the future that I am especially pleased to hear of your Government's decision to waive all repayments due to Britain in respect of loans to the East African Community. This is a help to all three of our countries, and a definite encouragement to us to 'try again' in the difficult task of creating durable arrangements for economic development on a regional basis. Please convey Tanzania's appreciation to the other members of your Government. We welcome also your indication that sympathetic consideration will be given to British assistance for any new regional developments which may need it; I hope it will not be too long before East Africa is in a position to submit definite propositions for the consideration of your Government.

With good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Julius K. Nyerere