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THE PRIME MINISTER

19 May 1980

Dear Hugh

*dated 14/3/80*

I thought you would wish to know that we are pressing ahead with the effort to develop an effective framework for the Western response to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. The results of our work are due to be discussed at the forthcoming Heads of Government meeting in Venice. The paper which you, Michael Howard, Elie Kadourie and Leonard Schapiro prepared before Easter has been extremely useful. It has given me an independent measure against which to judge the proposals being put forward by officials.

It remains to be seen just which of your recommendations will be accepted. But whatever the final outcome, your contribution has already proved its worth. I am most grateful to you for your own part in preparing the paper. Perhaps you would be kind enough to pass on my thanks to your collaborators. I look forward to having an opportunity to thank you and them personally at some point in the next few weeks.

Yours ever

Margaret

Professor Hugh Thomas.

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