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Ruler of Sharjah

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The Right Honourable  
Margaret Thatcher P.C., M.P.  
Prime Minister  
10 Downing Street  
London SW1  
United Kingdom

Dear Prime Minister,

After Greetings:

I wish to address you on the subject of the proposed air services of Laker Airways to Sharjah, United Arab Emirates.

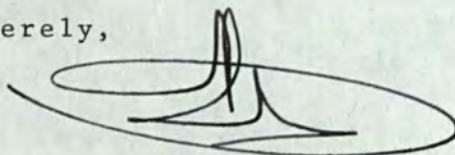
It was with great pleasure that I learned of the decision of the United Kingdom Secretary of State for Trade, Mr. Nott, that Laker Airways should be licensed to operate air services on the route London - Sharjah - Hong Kong with the right to carry traffic to and from Sharjah. I was therefore disappointed when the authorities in Hong Kong refused permission for this service and I hope that early steps can be taken to alter their decision. though I understand that the situation is complicated.

Meanwhile, I am told that Laker Airways are prepared to commence in the near future air services on the London - Sharjah sector only of this route. I trust that the United Kingdom authorities will look favourably on this opportunity for the development of economic relations between our countries.

My government seeks no concession in return for the right of Laker Airways to operate air services from London to or through Sharjah with full traffic rights at Sharjah. Such rights are freely given, not only by my government, but also by the United Arab Emirates through the Ministry of Communications.

I should be pleased if you could let me have the benefit of your views on this subject.

Yours sincerely,



Sultan bin Mohammed Al-Qassimi  
Member of the Supreme Council of the United Arab Emirates  
Ruler of Sharjah