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Thank you for your letter of 18 May. As requested I enclose a translation of the citation which accompanied the decoration presented to the Prime Minister by the Amir of Catar. I am also returning the original citation.

I understand that Protocol and Conference Department are looking into the question of the possible presentation of decorations to the Prime Minister during her visit to Kuwait and Bahrain in September. Protocol and Conference Department will be in touch with you in due course.

Yours since of

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TRANSLATION OF ATTACHED CITATION FROM QATAR

FROM: Khalifa bin Hamad Al Thani, Amir of the State of Qatar

TO: Her Excellency the Rt Hon Mrs Margaret Thatcher

Prime Minister of the United Kingdom

In expression of our feelings of affection and respect for your Excellency and in recognition of the high place you hold in our esteem and desiring to strengthen the bonds of friendship and co-operation between our two peoples I am pleased to present you with the Order of Merit with my best wishes for your happiness and success.

SIGNED: Khalifa bin Hamad

Qatar 24th April 1981