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26 March 1982

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you for your telegram which you send on 24 March about Invergordon.

I showed this telegram to the Prime Minister immediately upon receipt. As you know discussions are continuing within the Government about the situation at Invergordon, and I can say nothing further at this time.

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THE HONOURABLE MARGARET THATCHER MP
PRIME MINISTER
10 DOWNINGSTREET
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HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL AND ROSS AND CROMARTY DISTRICT COUNCIL
GRAVELY CONCERNED ABOUT REPORT THAT THE PRINCIPLE OF AN ENERGY
CONTRACT
HAS NOT YET BEEN ESTABLISHED IN RESPECT OF INVERGORDON SMELTER
DESPITE OPTIMISTIC AND POSITIVE STATEMENTS MADE BY THE SECRETARY OF

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STATE FOR SCOTLAND STOP IT IS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE THAT MATTER
IS DEALT WITH AS ONE OF EXTREME URGENCY STOP PARAGRAPH
HIGHLANDS HAVE ENERGY RESOURCES AND MUST BE ALLOWED TO UTILISE
THESE RESOURCES IN THE INTEREST OF ITS PEOPLE STOP THE
SMELTER MUST REOPEN STOP AN ASSURANCE MUST GIVEN AND

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GIVEN QUICKLY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PRINCIPLE THAT AN
ENERGY CONTRACT AT INTERNATIONALLY COMPETITIVE RATES CAN AND WILL
BE GIVEN TO ANY COMPANY INTERESTED IN OPERATION THE SMELTER
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