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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 10, 1986

Dear Margaret:

I appreciate your willingness to meet with my special envoy, Ambassador Vernon Walters, on such short notice. I also appreciate your warm and supportive message of April 10, in response to our rationale for the action we intend to take against Libyan sponsored terrorism.

The two wider concerns you expressed in that message are my concerns as well. I have agonized over the issue of collateral damage and loss of innocent lives, as well as the possibility that Qadhafi might, as you say, respond with more wide-ranging action. I will continue to weigh these concerns as we move forward with our planning and assess the various advantages and disadvantages of certain specific targets and methods of engagement.

I shall ensure that we keep you fully informed of these decisions as they occur.

Sincerely,

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The Right Honorable
Margaret Thatcher, M.P.
Prime Minister
London

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