

PRIME MINISTER
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The Rt. Hon. Sir Hugh Fraser, MBE, MP.

You know my
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LONDON SW1A 0AA

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23rd December, 1980

Thank you for sending to me a copy of your letter to Peter Carrington dated 15th December.

I do not know whether you will have been able to have your meeting with Peter, before Christmas, in order to discuss his letter to David Steel.

However that may be, would you be kind enough, please, to let me know the result of your meeting with Peter?

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The Right Honourable Sir Hugh Fraser, M.B.E.,
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15th December, 1980.

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Following a meeting of the Conservative Friends of Israel, I write to ask you for a meeting before Christmas to seek from you explanations first of the reported content of your letter to Mr. David Steel, in which you apparently stated that you would not take issue with any of his main conclusions, which as you know include the recognition of the PLO. Second, the report that Sir John Graham of your Office and our Ambassador in Beirut, met secretly with Mr. Arafat on December 2nd. This is surely in complete contradiction to the assurances given to The House of Commons that no official contacts were or would be contemplated with the PLO.

Our anxiety and indeed amazement is today further heightened by a statement by Mrs. Simone Veil, the President of the European Parliament, that "Israel cannot negotiate with someone who does not recognise her, namely the PLO", and even more by the personal message passed by Ambassador Linowitz from President Elect Reagan to President Sadat stating that the principles of Camp David would remain the basis of future US policy.

I am sure you appreciate the need for public clarification of these two reports of your Office's activities. I am copying this to No.10.

The Rt. Hon. The Lord Carrington, KCMG, MC,
The Foreign and Commonwealth Office,
London S.W.1.

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