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THE PRIME MINISTER

16 October 1985

Dear Mr. Holmes,

Thank you for your letter of 9 October about your negotiations with the Brunei Government.

I am sorry to hear that your talks with the Bruneians have not been going well. I shall certainly take up the matter with the Sultan of Brunei when we meet this week in Nassau.

The negotiations are clearly an issue of considerable local sensitivity. I am sure your negotiators are in close touch with our High Commissioner in Brunei, and will have this local dimension very much in mind at their forthcoming meetings.

I have no doubt of the importance of bringing the negotiations to an early and satisfactory conclusion.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

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