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✓ Copy to Mr Powell
No 10.



PRESIDENT
REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

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to No 10, in consultation
with the ODA
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Male',
21 November 1985

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher,
Prime Minister of the United Kingdom,
London.

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My dear Prime Minister,

I am very grateful for your letter dated 29 October 1985, and am happy to note that you will be pursuing the two matters that I discussed with you during our most useful and pleasant conversation in Nassau.

Since I returned home from the Bahamas, I have been informed by our Foreign Ministry that they had received a communication from the British High Commission to the effect that the ODA would consider provision of medical equipment needed for the proposed hospital within the existing aid allocation.

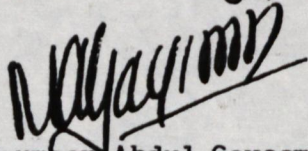
I am sure that this response from the British Government must have been made before I had the opportunity of explaining to you the priority that we attach to this project and the urgent need for it to be completed as early as possible. In the circumstances, I do hope that your Government will be kind enough to reconsider our request as a form of special assistance over and above the regular aid allocation in the light of the considerations that I spoke to you about during our meeting. I am sending a copy of the project under separate cover for your easy reference.



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I should also like to let you know that we will communicate with the EEC shortly in the matter of the Maldives either becoming a signatory of the Lome Convention or being given a concessional status under its terms and provisions as a special case. In addition to the most favourable reaction that I got from you in Nassau, I am delighted that the Presidents of France and the Seychelles and the Prime Minister of Mauritius have also indicated to me their willingness to help us in the matter.

With sincere good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Maumoon Abdul Gayoom