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THE PRIME MINISTER

6 June 1988

My dear Graham,

Thank you so much for your letter of 1 June and for your kind words about my speech to the General Assembly.

I shall of course be responding separately to the letter from the Board for Social Responsibility, but I do agree with your point that the question of the respective obligations of Government and of personal charity is a very important one and cannot be the subject of easy assumptions.

I was very interested to see the text of your 1984 Address which you enclosed with your letter - I look forward to reading it in greater depth over the weekend.*

With my best wishes,

* I have now read it in full - I wish I could send the whole thing to those who wrote - it provides all the answers. The Bishops who wrote have failed to observe, that I began with a quotation from Jean Ingard - "Christianity is about spiritual redemption, not social reform."

The Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of London

But these days it seems to be about the welfare state only.

Yours ever
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FROM
THE BISHOP OF LONDON

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Dear Margaret,

I was much encouraged to read your address to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. This is a brief note to thank you for it.

I am disappointed by the response from our Board for Social Responsibility. It does not seem to me to deal adequately with the respective obligations of government and personal charity but merely states a view.

I think you may be interested to read an address on 'The Morality of Wealth' which I gave to the City of London Institute of Bankers in 1984 of which I enclose a copy. (I am sorry it is a rather lengthy one). I wonder if you knew (vide second para. p.2.) that the USSR quote to the rights and duties of Soviet Citizens also quotes 2. Thessalonians 3. v. 10 - without revealing its source!

With my prayers and best wishes.

Yours etc

+ Graham

The Rt Hon.
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