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THE PRIME MINISTER

9 January 1990

Dear Mr. President

Thank you for your letter of 17 December about recent developments on the Palestinian question.

We have watched with admiration your untiring efforts to bring about a dialogue between the Israeli Government and a representative delegation of Palestinians from inside and outside the Occupied Territories. Like you, I see such a dialogue as crucial to generating momentum in the peace process. I hope that the talks in Washington between the American, Israeli and Egyptian Foreign Ministers will convene soon and lead on quickly to an Israeli/Palestinian meeting in Cairo. We shall continue to do all we can to encourage both sides to address the issues that still divide them.

I wish you every success and hope that you will continue to keep me informed directly or through your excellent Ambassador. The Foreign Secretary looks forward to coming to Cairo to discuss this and other matters with Dr. Abdel Megid later in the year.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency President Mohammed Hosni Mubarak

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From the Private Secretary

9 January 1990

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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MUBARAK

The Prime Minister has sent the enclosed reply to President Mubarak's message of 17 December. I should be grateful if it could be sent to our Embassy in Cairo for delivery as soon as possible.

*Yours sincerely,
Charles Powell*

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David Gore-Booth

Egypt

/ I enclose a message from President Mubarak of Egypt to the Prime Minister, delivered by the Egyptian Charge to David Gore-Booth. It is largely a historical account of developments in the peace process. Its concluding plea for Britain's support in the months ahead was echoed in the remarks of the Egyptian Foreign Minister to the Foreign Secretary when they met in Paris on 22 December.

/ I enclose a draft reply.

Yours ever

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From: PM
To: Mr Mohammed Hosni Mubarak
President of the Arab Republic of Egypt

Thank you for your letter of 17 December about recent developments on the Palestinian question.

We have watched with admiration your ~~unwavering~~ ^{untiring} efforts during 1988 to bring about a dialogue between the Israeli Government and a representative delegation of Palestinians from inside and outside the Occupied Territories. Like you, we regard the development of such a dialogue as crucial to generating momentum in the peace process. ~~It is important~~ ^{hope} that the talks in Washington between the American, Israeli and Egyptian Foreign Ministers ^{will} convene soon and lead ^{on} quickly to an Israeli/Palestinian meeting in Cairo. We shall continue to do all we can to encourage both sides to address the issues that still divide them in a spirit of flexibility and compromise.

^{with you every week & hope that you}
I hope we can keep in touch on this important question during the year that has just begun. As he told Dr Abdel Megid in Paris on 22 December, Douglas Hurd looks forward to coming to Cairo to discuss this and other matters in the summer.

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