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THE PRIME MINISTER

6 March 1990

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Your Highness

I was very pleased to have the opportunity to see you again in London on 7 February and to exchange views with you on the vital issues of today, including the Middle East.

I mentioned to you when we met that I would be giving a speech to the Board of Deputies of British Jews on 18 February. I took the occasion of the speech to recall that Britain had always believed that a solution to the Palestinian issue should be found on the basis of an exchange of land for peace. I went on to say that the obstacles to such a solution would become much worse if Israel were to find homes for Jews from the Soviet Union by settling them in the Occupied Territories. I added that we had all worked hard to secure the right of the Soviet Jews to emigrate, and that it would be an ironic and unjust reward for all our efforts if the freedom of Soviet Jews to come to Israel were to be at the expense of the rights, the homes and the land of the people of the Occupied Territories.

At our initiative the Foreign Ministers of the European Community also made a statement on this subject on 20 February. I enclose a copy.

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I hope that these clear statements of our position will leave you in no doubt as to where we stand on these issues.

I send Your Highness warm good wishes.

Yours sincerely

Nagant Shalita

His Highness

Shaikh Khalifah Bin Hamad Al Thani, G.C.B., G.C.M.G.

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From the Private Secretary

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The Prime Minister has written to the Amir of Qatar as proposed. I enclose her letter and I should be grateful if it can be delivered as soon as possible.

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