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1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO
MR VAN AGT.
BEGINS. I AM MOST GRATEFUL FOR THE SECURITY PROTECTION
PROVIDED FOR MY SON MARK AT SHORT NOTICE OVER THE WEEKEND.
I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD PASS ON MY THANKS TO THE
POLICE FORCES CONCERNED. ENDS

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3 September 1981

The Prime Minister has seen and approved the message to Mr. Van Agt enclosed with your letter to me of 2 September about the precautions taken by the Dutch authorities on Mr. Mark Thatcher's behalf last weekend.

MODBA

Francis Richards, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.



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Prime Minister

Apex visit?

Yes - an most fruitful

2 September 1981

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Dear Michael,

I understand your office was in direct touch with the Embassy at The Hague late last week about Mr Mark Thatcher's visit to the Netherlands over the weekend. There was evidence of a particular threat to Mr Thatcher and special precautions were taken by the Dutch authorities. The State Police provided two patrol cars with 4 personnel for the whole weekend and a 24 hour guard was mounted on the Ambassador's residence (which is not normal when the Ambassador is away). The suggestion that Mr Thatcher should stay at the residence was made by the PUS of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs who summoned HM Charge d'Affaires on Friday evening and asked that he should not stay at a hotel in view of the information about a particular threat and since the visit was partly for promotional purposes.

In the circumstances, it would undoubtedly be appreciated by the Dutch authorities if the Prime Minister were to send a short message of thanks to the Dutch Prime Minister. A draft is attached in the form of a telegram to HM Embassy at The Hague.

Yours ever,

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1. Please pass following message from the Prime Minister to Mr van Agt.

BEGINS I am most grateful for the security protection provided for my son Mark at short notice over the weekend. *It would be most kind* I should be grateful if you would pass on my thanks to the police forces concerned, ENDS

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