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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 23, 1983

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Dear Margaret:

Thank you for your letter on the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting in New Delhi and its Communique.

Given the predominate "non-aligned" orientation of most Commonwealth member countries, I understand the difficulties you faced. This highlights the need to continue close consultations on Third World matters and to promote constructive dialogue with these developing nations on a bilateral and regional basis, as well as in international fora. In this regard, I agree that we must avoid an economic conference which could weaken international monetary institutions. I also have reservations with some of the specifics of Prime Minister Trudeau's recent proposals.

While we are uncomfortable with several passages in the Communique, I personally appreciate your efforts to moderate and improve the language of the original drafts. Your remarks at the Conference and later in the House of Commons were also helpful and reassuring.

In particular, I was pleased to note the strong and effective response by OECS countries to the hostile challenges of their position on the Grenada matter. You rightly emphasized that we should focus our attention on Grenada's future. Your

efforts in pointing the Communique toward an emphasis on "reconstruction", as well as your government's contributions toward economic assistance to Grenada and the rebuilding of the island's police force, are most welcome.

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts with me.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

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The Right Honorable
Margaret Thatcher, M.P.
Prime Minister
London

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EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
LONDON

December 29, 1983

Dear Prime Minister:

I have been asked to forward to you the enclosed message from President Reagan regarding your recent letter to him on the results of the Commonwealth Conference in New Delhi.

Sincerely,

Michael Calingaert
Charge d'Affaires

Enclosure:

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From the Private Secretary

29 December 1983

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you for your letter of 29 December, with which you forwarded a message to her from President Reagan. I will lay this before the Prime Minister, who I know will be pleased to receive it.

DAVID BARCLAY

Mr. Michael Calingaert



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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

29 December 1983

I enclose a copy of a message to the Prime Minister from President Reagan dated 23 December which was forwarded to us by the American Embassy today. It is a reply to the Prime Minister's recent letter to the President about CHOGM.

Unless we hear from you to the contrary, we will assume that no reply is necessary.

DAVID BARCLAY

R.B. Bone, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.