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**British Caledonian**

As you know, David  
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Sir Adam Thomson, C.B.E.  
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Lord Cockfield and Sir A. Thomson.

They may well now suggest a message from  
you to President Reagan. 28th March, 1983.

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, MP, 28/3  
Prime Minister,  
10 Downing Street,  
London SW1.

Dear Prime Minister,

I appreciated your understanding letter of the 23 March.  
As you must know the negotiations with the Americans  
unfortunately have been wholly unsuccessful and the  
Grand Jury investigation will commence on Thursday with  
the issuance of sweeping subpoenae.

It remains our judgement that only your personal  
intervention with President Reagan can possibly forestall  
what amounts to a broad inquiry into Britain's regulation  
of its air transport industry and specific HMG decisions  
as to the activities of its flag carriers and the  
relationships among them. Not only is B.CAL's survival  
placed in jeopardy but this effort by the Americans  
constitutes a more fundamental intrusion upon Britain's  
sovereignty than the Uranium Investigation, the North  
Atlantic Shipping Investigation (which did not involve  
HMG's regulation of prices) and the recent Soviet Pipeline  
embargo.

Even though the hour is late we urge that a maximum effort  
be made to forestall, or at least sharply limit, the action  
of the Justice Department. If the line is not held here,  
we wonder where it can be held.

Yours sincerely,

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*From the Private Secretary*

28 March 1983

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I attach a copy of a further letter from Sir Adam Thomson, Chairman of British Caledonian, to the Prime Minister.

I should be grateful if you would let me have a draft reply for the Prime Minister's signature by close of play on Wednesday, 30 March.

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*From the Private Secretary*

28 March 1983

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you for your further letter of 28 March which is receiving attention. A reply will be sent to you as soon as possible.

M. C. SCHOLAR

Sir Adam Thomson, C.B.E.