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**PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE**

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4 September 1984

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My Dear Prime Minister,

I have been directed by His Excellency  
J. R. Jayewardene, President of Sri Lanka to convey the  
following message to you.

"My dear Prime Minister,

Thank you for the message which your Deputy  
High Commissioner transmitted on 29th August  
1984.

I was indeed looking forward to your visit  
and your personal presence at the inauguration  
ceremonies for the commissioning of the Victoria  
Dam. This is no ordinary occasion, considering  
the magnitude of the project and the very  
substantial benefits it brings to the country  
and our people.

While I do regret your inability to be personally  
present, I can appreciate the compelling reasons  
that have brought this about. We shall of course  
be happy to welcome a Minister of your Cabinet  
who will represent you at these ceremonies.

May I assure you that a warm welcome awaits you  
and Mr. Dennis Thatcher, when you do find it  
possible to visit Sri Lanka to see both the Victoria  
Dam and some of the projects we have achieved  
because of it. The Victoria Dam will long remain  
a symbol of the United Kingdom's generosity and  
cooperation with Sri Lanka in a great and historic  
enterprise.

With all good wishes and my personal regards.

Yours sincerely,  
J. R. JAYEWARDENE."

[The FCO are  
recommending  
Mr. Raison]

Yours Sincerely,

C. Monerawela.

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, MP  
Prime Minister  
10 Downing Street  
London.



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10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Private Secretary*

4 September, 1984

I enclose a copy of a message from President Jayewardene to the Prime Minister. No further reply is necessary. But you will wish to consider how best to inform President Jayewardene of who will represent the Prime Minister at the ceremonies for the commissioning of the Victoria Dam. It may be that a brief message from the Prime Minister saying that she has asked Mr. Raison to take her place would be the most tactful way.

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