



THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

December 9, 1980

The Right Honorable
Margaret Thatcher, M.P.
Prime Minister of the United
Kingdom of Great Britain
and Northern Ireland
London

Dear Madam Prime Minister:

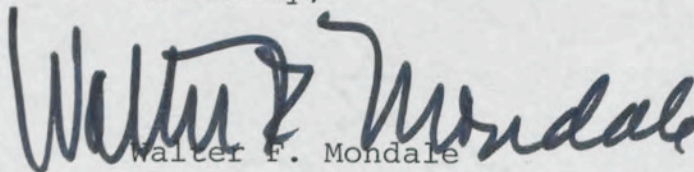
During the years I have been privileged to serve as Vice President one of my greatest rewards has been the opportunity to participate in the process of deepening friendship and cooperation between the United Kingdom and the United States.

I have welcomed the opportunity to come to know you and to work with you and your government on so many issues of importance to both our peoples. Our consultations have permitted us to build on the policies and programs we share as democratic friends and allies.

Over the past four years, the United States under the leadership of President Carter has worked to maintain the peace and to implement a foreign policy based on our most cherished and enduring values. The success we have realized has been due in large part to the superb relationship we have enjoyed with you and the British people. As a result, we enter the 1980s with renewed confidence in the strength and purpose of the North Atlantic Alliance, and in the ability of our nations to contribute to the shaping of a more peaceful, stable world.

With best regards,

Sincerely,


Walter F. Mondale



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PRIME MINISTER

The attached letter from ^{— 9/12/80}
Vice-President Mondale has
taken over a month to reach
us. It is, I suspect, one
of many. Nonetheless it is
a courteous gesture and you
may wish to reply. I attach
a possible text.

Letter should begin:

Paul
"Dear Mr. Vice-President"

16 January 1981