

SUBJECT



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THE PRIME MINISTER

20 January, 1981.

PRIME MINISTER'S

PERSONAL MESSAGE

SERIAL No. 78/81

Dear Mr. President,

I should like to send you my warm thanks for the close friendship and co-operation, mirroring the relations between our two countries, which we have enjoyed during your term of office. I have admired your courage in tackling the formidable problems which have confronted the United States and the Free World - notably in regard to the hostage issue, the successful resolution of which is bringing your Presidency to such a splendid conclusion.

On a more personal note, I should like to say how much I appreciated your hospitality in Washington in 1979. My colleagues join me in sending you our very best wishes for the future.

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

The President of the United States of America



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*From the Private Secretary*

19 January 1981

Messages to President Carter

I enclose the signed texts of two messages from the Prime Minister to President Carter. One of these - that about the hostages - you already have. The other is an amended version of the Prime Minister's earlier message to President Carter marking the end of his Presidency. I should be grateful if you could arrange for these to be telegraphed to Washington as soon as possible.

M. A. PATTISON

Francis Richards, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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*From the Private Secretary*

7 January, 1981

Messages to Presidents Carter and Reagan

The Prime Minister has seen and approved the draft messages to Presidents Carter and Reagan set out in Washington telno 5042 of 31 December. I enclosed signed texts.

I should be grateful if you could arrange for delivery of the messages at appropriate times on Inauguration Day. In order to avoid the anomaly of handing over the signed texts on the same day as they purport to have been signed in London, I imagine the Embassy will wish to hand over the unsigned texts and follow up a day or two later with the more formal versions.

M. O'D. B. ALEXANDER

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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20 January, 1981

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On a personal note, I should like to say how much I appreciated your hospitality in Washington in 1979. My colleagues join me in sending you our very best wishes for the future.

*Yours sincerely*  
*Margaret Thatcher*

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The President of the United States of America



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Prime Minister.

You have approved the texts  
of these two messages in draft.  
One will be delivered before  
the inauguration ceremony on  
20 January and one immediately  
after it.

Both should begin  
"Dear Mr President".

Prime Minister

Please sign the top message

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Duty Clerk  
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GR - Pse type 2 messages  
for signature

Manager for Mr.  
in PM box 5.1.81

Prime Minister

Agree to send messages  
to Carter + Reagan, as  
at A + B, for delivery  
on inauguration day?

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TELEGRAM NUMBER 5042 OF 31 DECEMBER

MESSAGES TO PRESIDENT CARTER AND PRESIDENT REAGAN

1. THE PRIME MINISTER MAY WISH TO SEND A PERSONAL MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT CARTER AS HE LEAVES OFFICE ON 20 JANUARY. I ALSO RECOMMEND THAT SHE SEND A FORMAL MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATION TO PRESIDENT REAGAN ON HIS INAUGURATION. I SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING AS POSSIBLE TEXTS. IF APPROVED, WE WOULD ARRANGE FOR THEIR DELIVERY ON THE MORNING OF 20 JANUARY.

(A) PROPOSED MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT CARTER  
QUOTE I SHOULD LIKE TO SEND YOU MY WARM THANKS FOR THE CLOSE FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WE HAVE ENJOYED DURING YOUR TERM OF OFFICE. I HAVE ADMIRERD YOUR COURAGE IN TACKLING THE FORMIDABLE PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE CONFRONTED THE UNITED STATES AND THE FREE WORLD. ON A PERSONAL NOTE I SHOULD LIKE TO SAY HOW MUCH I APPRECIATED YOUR HOSPITALITY IN WASHINGTON IN 1979. MY COLLEAGUES JOIN ME IN SENDING YOU OUR VERY BEST WISHES FOR THE FUTURE UNQUOTE.

(B) MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT REAGAN  
QUOTE MAY I SEND YOU MY CONGRATULATIONS, AND THOSE OF MY COLLEAGUES IN THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, ON YOUR INAUGURATION AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. YOU FACE A FORMIDABLE TASK OF LEADERSHIP AT A DANGEROUS TIME. BUT YOUR INAUGURATION IS A SYMBOL OF HOPE FOR THE ALLIANCE AND YOU CAN DEPEND ON OUR CONFIDENCE AND SUPPORT AS WE WORK TOGETHER TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF THE 80S. I LOOK FORWARD TO RENEWING OUR FRIENDSHIP WHEN WE MEET IN WASHINGTON NEXT MONTH AND TO CONSOLIDATING THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. WITH BEST WISHES UNQUOTE.

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USA

4 November 1980

US Presidential Election: Message of Congratulation

The Prime Minister has approved the texts enclosed with your letter to me of 3 November on this subject.

MICHAEL ALEXANDER

Paul Lever, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Prime Minister

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Yes not

Agree texts?

DRG  
Duty  
Clark



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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King

3 November 1980

Dear Michael,

US Presidential Election:  
Message of Congratulation

Our Ambassador at Washington has telegraphed to say that it would be helpful to have authority to deliver an appropriate message of congratulation to the winner of the American Presidential Election as soon as the result of the election is clear.

We believe that it will be useful for establishing good relations with a new President or continuing good relations with President Carter for a message to be delivered very quickly once the result is known. I enclose suggested draft texts of messages to President Carter and Governor Reagan. If you agree, we will instruct Sir Nicholas Henderson to deliver one or other of them at the right time.

If President Carter loses the election, the Prime Minister may wish to send a message to him. If so, the appropriate time would be at the end of his term, on 20 January; we would send you a draft.

Yours etc

Paul

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Private Secretary

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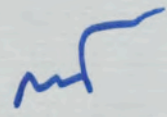


1. Suggested Message to President Carter:

I and my colleagues in the British Government send you our warmest congratulations on your victory in the election: we have all followed your hard-fought campaign with the greatest interest. I know you share my determination to strengthen allied co-operation as well as the close bond of freindship between Britain and the United States. It is good to know that we can continue to work together in your second term and I hope we shall have the pleasure of welcoming you in Britain in the near future.

2. Suggest Message to Governor Reagan:

May I send you may warmest congratulations, and those of my colleagues in the British Government, on your victory in the presidential election. Remembering our meeting in London in 1978, I look forward to working closely with you and with your colleagues in your new administration. You will be assuming the Presidency at a time when the close friendship between our two countries can, I believe, play a crucial role in strengthening co-operation within the alliance. I look forward to an early opportunity of discussing with you the urgent problems which we all face. I hope you already know that you will receive the warmest welcome from both the Government and the people of this country when you can find an opportunity to visit Britain, which I hope will be soon.



*Mr. Paul*

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US PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS: MESSAGES OF CONGRATULATION

1. THE PRIME MINISTER MAY WISH TO SEND A MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATION TO WHOEVER WINS NEXT TUESDAY'S PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. I SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING TEXTS. IF THEY CAN BE CLEARED IN ADVANCE, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE AUTHORITY TO DELIVER THE APPROPRIATE MESSAGE SOON AFTER THE RESULT OF THE ELECTION IS CLEAR.

2. FOLLOWING ARE PROPOSED TEXTS:  
 (A) MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT CARTER:

QUOTE I AND MY COLLEAGUES IN THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT SEND YOU OUR WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR VICTORY IN THE ELECTION : WE HAVE ALL FOLLOWED YOUR HARD-FOUGHT CAMPAIGN WITH THE GREATEST INTEREST. I KNOW YOU SHARE MY DETERMINATION TO, STRENGTHEN ALLIED COOPERATION AS WELL AS THE CLOSE BOND OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES. IT IS GOOD TO KNOW THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER IN YOUR SECOND TERM AND I HOPE WE SHALL HAVE THE PLEASURE OF WELCOMING YOU IN BRITAIN IN THE NEAR FUTURE UNQUOTE.

(B) FOR GOVERNOR REAGAN:

QUOTE MAY I SEND YOU MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS, AND THOSE OF MY COLLEAGUES IN THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, ON YOUR VICTORY IN THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. REMEMBERING OUR MEETING IN LONDON IN 1978, I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH YOU AND WITH YOUR COLLEAGUES IN YOUR NEW ADMINISTRATION. YOU WILL BE ASSUMING THE PRESIDENCY AT A TIME WHEN THE CLOSE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES CAN, I BELIEVE, PLAY A CRUCIAL ROLE IN STRENGTHENING COOPERATION WITHIN THE ALLIANCE. I LOOK FORWARD TO AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY OF DISCUSSING WITH YOU THE URGENT PROBLEMS WHICH WE ALL FACE. I HOPE YOU ALREADY KNOW THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE THE WARMEST WELCOME FROM BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY WHEN YOU CAN FIND AN OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT BRITAIN WHICH I HOPE WILL BE SOON UNQUOTE.

3. IF PRESIDENT CARTER LOSES THE ELECTION THE PRIME MINISTER MAY WISH TO SEND A MESSAGE TO HIM. THE APPROPRIATE TIME WOULD BE AT THE END OF HIS TERM, ON 20 JANUARY.

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