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MY TELNO 1239 ⁽⁷⁾ MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO MR ALEXANDER HAIG

1. I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO MR HAIG.

2. BEGINS

DEAR MR HAIG

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE. I WAS VERY SAD TO HEAR OF YOUR RESIGNATION. ALL HERE GREATLY APPRECIATE THE HELP AND SUPPORT YOU HAVE GIVEN US OVER THE LAST FEW DIFFICULT MONTHS. NOR SHALL WE FORGET YOUR IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION, OVER A LONG PERIOD AND IN MORE THAN ONE CAPACITY, TO THE STRENGTH AND VIGOUR OF THE WESTERN ALLIANCE.

MY VERY BEST WISHES FOR THE FUTURE. PLEASE COME AND SEE US WHENEVER YOU ARE IN LONDON. YOU WILL ALWAYS FIND A WARM WELCOME.

YOURS SINCERELY
 MARGARET THATCHER

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28 June 1982

MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO
MR. ALEXANDER HAIG

With reference to Stuart Laing's letter to John Coles of 26 June, I should be grateful if you would arrange for the attached message to be forwarded to Mr. Haig from the Prime Minister.

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Miss C. Stevens
Duty Clerk

John Holmes, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

Dear Mr. Haig,

Thank you for your message. I was very sad to hear of your resignation. All here greatly appreciate the help and support you have given us over the last few difficult months. Nor shall we forget your important contribution, over a long period and in more than one capacity, to the strength and vigour of the Western alliance.

My very best wishes for the future. Please come and see us whenever you are in London. You will always find a warm welcome.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Thatcher



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

26 June 1982

A J Coles Esq
PS/No 10 Downing Street

Dear John,

MESSAGE TO MR HAIG

The Duty Clerk asked for a draft reply to Mr Haig's message of 26 June. I attach a suggested text, with which Brian Fall is content.

Yours ever,
James Laing

J S Laing
Resident Clerk

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Sir J Bullard
Mr Marshall, NAD

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TO: Mr Alexander Haig

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Dear Mr Haig

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~~Many thanks~~ for your thoughtful message of ~~26 June~~.
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Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

Please come and see us whenever you are in London. You will always find a warm welcome.

Enclosures—flag(s).....

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PRIME MINISTER

The FCO have been asked to provide a draft reply for you to send to Mr. Haig in response to his letter to you.

They have also been asked to submit a draft of a message for you to send to Mr. Shultz.

William

p.p. Duty Clerk

26 June 1982

C O P Y

June 26, 1982

Dear Prime Minister:

As I depart from Government service, I want to express to you my appreciation for your constant defense of Western interests and for your strong support for the closest possible ties between our two nations during the past year and a half. It contributed greatly to the ability of the West positively to influence events in this troubled world. It has been a great honor for me to have worked with you and your Government. I know that George Shultz looks forward to the same privilege.

Sincerely,

/s/

Alexander Haig