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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

16 December 1982

UNICEF

Thank you for your letter of 14 December. Mr. Grant called on the Prime Minister this afternoon, accompanied by Sir Bernard Ledwidge.

Mr. Grant thanked the Prime Minister for the United Kingdom's support for UNICEF and described to her the main elements of UNICEF's Annual Report on the State of the World's Children which he would be launching at a press conference later in the day. After a fairly detailed discussion of the four main proposals in the Report, the Prime Minister agreed that Mr. Grant could tell his press conference that such a discussion had taken place and that she found the four-point programme exciting and impressive. One of its merits was that it was based on simple remedies and processes that could easily be applied for the benefit of families throughout the world. It was particularly good that such a constructive programme for the benefit of the children of the world was being launched at Christmas time. Our support for UNICEF would continue and we were happy to know that it was put to such constructive use. It was desirable that more and more people should know of UNICEF's excellent work in its 36th year of operation.

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