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THE PRIME MINISTER

26 September 1985

Dear Secretary-General.

Many thanks for your letter of 20 September about the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting which reached me on my return from the Middle East.

I should be very happy to introduce the discussion of the World Political Scene at the meeting, and honoured to reply to the Bahamas Prime Minister's toast to his guests at the dinner on 17 October.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Mr. Shridath Ramphal, AC, Kt, CMG, QC.

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20 September 1985

Dear Mrs Thatcher.

Thank you for your helpful letter of 27 August about the Agenda for Nassau. I have tried to reflect in full measure your views and those of other Commonwealth leaders in the annotated Draft Agenda letter which I sent you and all Heads of Government on 4 September. We are all keenly anticipating the opportunity presented in Nassau for the kind of open discussion that imbues Commonwealth Summits with a special potential, and I know that your colleagues are looking forward to your own participation.

Global political questions will be at the forefront of the discussions and I know that it will be of profound interest to everyone to have at first hand your considered views. May I, therefore, respectfully invite you to introduce, in remarks of about 15 - 20 minutes' duration, the first substantive Item of the Meeting - WORLD POLITICAL SCENE: Global Trends and Prospects - Draft Agenda Item No. 3(a). I also count, of course, on your special contribution to the discussion on Southern Africa, which I have asked Kenneth Kaunda to introduce, as well as to what I hope will be an in depth discussion of World Economic Issues.

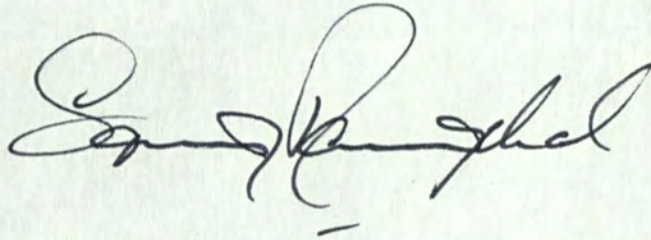
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The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher MP,
Prime Minister of Great Britain
and Northern Ireland,
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In addition, may I ask if, at Sir Lynden Pindling's dinner on Thursday 17 October, you would be agreeable to reply to the Prime Minister's Toast to his guests coupling with it a Toast to The Bahamas. As in the past, I would expect the after dinner speeches to be carried live by the media.

I very much hope you will be able to agree to both my requests. It would be of great help if we could have your response as early as is convenient to you.

With deep respect and regards.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Shridath S. Ramphal', written in dark ink on a light-colored paper.

Shridath S. Ramphal

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