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OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER  
GOVERNMENT HOUSE  
BANGKOK, THAILAND.

12 May B.E. 2530 (1987)

Dear Prime Minister,

I wish to express my heartfelt thanks for your gracious message of 6 April 1987. I can hardly describe the sense of indebtedness I felt on learning of what you have done for us in Moscow, fulfilling your kind promise made to me earlier in March. Long remembered will be this great service which you performed for the cause of peace in Kampuchea - with its far-reaching implications not only on Thailand's security but also on the stability of Southeast Asia and world peace as a whole.

True, there was no perceptible movement on the part of the Soviet leadership. But, to their liking or not, a watershed has been reached. The Soviet Union must not be allowed to continue hiding behind a wall of feigned innocence, denying their part in the perpetuation of the Kampuchean tragedy and expediently disowning their influence on their proxy, Vietnam. Coming from a world leader of your stature, so forcefully stating the case, it could not have failed to sharpen Mr. Gorbachev's awareness of what the world expects of them and of the urgent need to find a negotiated solution to the Kampuchean problem.

Through your action, the Soviet leadership now knows that the international community possesses the will and the resolve to confront the Soviet Union with their due responsibility. As you well noted, we can only keep up the pressure on them.

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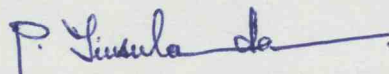
The Right Honourable Margaret Thatcher M.P.  
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At our March meeting in London, you told me "Thailand will find in Britain a good ally". What you did in Moscow for the sake of peace in Southeast Asia proves the reality of those very words. Of course, I appreciated the opportunity of expressing such deeply felt sentiment and gratitude through Sir Geoffrey Howe during his most successful visit to Thailand three weeks ago.

With warmest personal regards and best wishes for every future success,

Yours sincerely,

General



(Prem Tinsulanonda)  
Prime Minister of Thailand





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26 May 1987

*Dear Charles*

*CDP  
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Letter to the Prime Minister from  
General Prem Tinsulanonda, Prime Minister of Thailand

I attach a letter from General Prem Tinsulanonda, Prime Minister of Thailand, replying to the Prime Minister's letter of 6 April.

The Thais are obviously very appreciative that the Prime Minister mentioned the Cambodian problem during her visit to Moscow, and the letter reflects the healthy state of UK-Thai relations following Sir Geoffrey Howe's visit to Thailand in April.

Unfortunately as Thai Foreign Minister, ACM Siddhi, found out at first hand during his visit to Moscow earlier this month, there has been no indication of a change in Soviet thinking on Cambodia.

We do not think that any reply to General Prem's letter is called for.

*Yours etc*

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