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MINISTER-PRESIDENT

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The Hague, 21st February, 1986.

Dear Prime Minister,

In reply to your letter of 6th January 1986, I should like to inform you that the Government of the Netherlands has, pursuant to your request, reconsidered its position with regard to a possible solution of the tin-crisis. While we are under no legal obligation to do so, my Government may participate in such a solution, provided all other interested parties do likewise. We have also undertaken an initiative which, on the one hand, succeeded in finally bringing the EC member states to the negotiating table and, on the other, resulted in a commitment by almost all Member States of the ITC to an ITC contribution of £ 60 million to a solution of the crisis.

Recently the Netherlands Government undertook a second initiative which proved to be instrumental in reaching a decision on a final offer by the ITC member states of £ 100 million.

I trust you are aware that this offer does not, as yet, enjoy unanimous support within the European Community. However, further contributions from the banks and brokers and from your Government, which has an obvious interest in a solution of this crisis, might persuade those governments still refusing to participate in any rescue package to change their position and contribute their share of the final ITC offer of 100 million pounds.

Yours sincerely

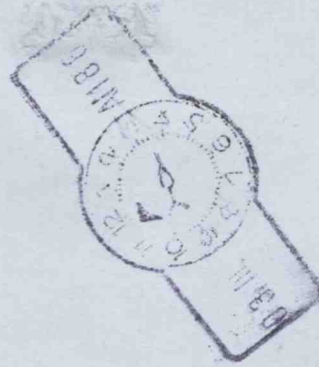

Ruud. Lubbers.

The Right Honourable
Mrs Margaret Thatcher
Prime Minister of
the United Kingdom
10, Downing Street
London.

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London, 21st February, 1986.

The Right Honorable
Margaret Thatcher MP
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
London SW1

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Prime Minister 2
A slightly offensive
reply from Mr. Lubbers.

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Dear Prime Minister,

at trap PT1
./.. I have pleasure in forwarding the attached message
from Mr. Lubbers about the International Tin Council in
reply to your message of 6th January last.

Yours sincerely,

L.W. Veenendaal

L.W. Veenendaal
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

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PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE

SERIAL No. *T36A/86*

TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM MR LUBBERS TO MRS THATCHER

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PERSONAL MESSAGE

SERIAL No. *T36A/86*

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

21 February 1986

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I enclose a copy of the reply from Mr. Lubbers to the Prime Minister's letter of 6 January about tin.

I am copying this letter and enclosure to Colin Budd (Foreign and Commonwealth Office), Tony Kuczys (H.M. Treasury), Henry Steel (Law Officers Department) and John Bartlett (Bank of England).

David Norgrove

Michael Gilbertson, Esq.,
Department of Trade and Industry.

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