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THE PRIME MINISTER

18 January 1982

Dear Peter

I was most grateful for all the efforts made both by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and H.M. Embassies in Algiers, Dakar and Paris during the operation to locate my son Mark in the Sahara.

Could you kindly pass my warm thanks to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office staff concerned.

I should be grateful if a telegram on the following lines could be sent to the Embassy in Algiers and repeated to Dakar and Paris:

"The Prime Minister was most grateful for all the efforts made by you and your staff last week during the operation to recover her son, Mark, from the Sahara. She and Mr. Thatcher express their thanks to you personally for accompanying Mr. Thatcher to Tamanrasset and providing help and assistance on the spot. They would also like their thanks to be conveyed to the other members of your staff who worked long hours and provided such prompt information and advice.

"The Prime Minister was also most grateful for the dispositions made by Dakar and for the contribution of Paris."

Yours ever
Margaret

The Rt. Hon. The Lord Carrington, K.C.M.G., M.C. —