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PRIME MINISTER
PERSONAL MESSAGE
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Dear Margaret:

Thank you for your letter of March 1 on the Law of the Sea negotiations and the Reciprocating States Agreement. I appreciate your consideration of our positions in the negotiations and your supportive efforts with influential governments, key leaders of the conference, and the EC Council of Ministers.

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As you know, we have considered it important to conclude an interim Reciprocating States Agreement as soon as possible and regret that your country and the Federal Republic of Germany decided not to sign the Agreement prior to the conclusion of the current Law of the Sea session in New York.

The United States remains committed to the Agreement as an interim measure, pending entry into force of a Law of the Sea Treaty acceptable to our countries. We hope that your government, as well as other like-minded states, will enter into the arrangement in May, shortly after the close of this Law of the Sea session.

We look forward to working closely with you on both of these matters.

Sincerely,

/s/

Ron

The Right Honorable
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