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The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.,
Prime Minister,
10 Downing Street,
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My Dear Prime Minister,

I have today received a report from the Chairman of the South Australian Uranium Enrichment Committee, Sir Benjamin Dickinson, about his recent visit to the United Kingdom.

At the outset, I must express my thanks for the continued courtesy and co-operation which he has enjoyed from officers of your Government.

Discussions between my Government and Urenco Centec regarding the establishment of an uranium enrichment plant, an uranium processing facility, and associated developments have advanced to the stage where a final decision will now depend on the Commonwealth Government's approval of South Australia as the appropriate site.

You are no doubt aware of the strong support for this proposal being shown by Urenco Centec, B.N.F.L., the Central Electricity Generating Board, and other United Kingdom companies, and I am sure I do not have to expand on its importance to South Australia.

I would be grateful, therefore, if your Government could add its support also, and convey this support to the Australian Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Malcolm Fraser. I will be putting a detailed submission to him later this month.

If, as I understand is possible, the Hon. Peter Blaker, M.P., will be visiting Australia at the end of July to express the United Kingdom Government's views on this matter, I would be very pleased if he could make a day or two available to visit

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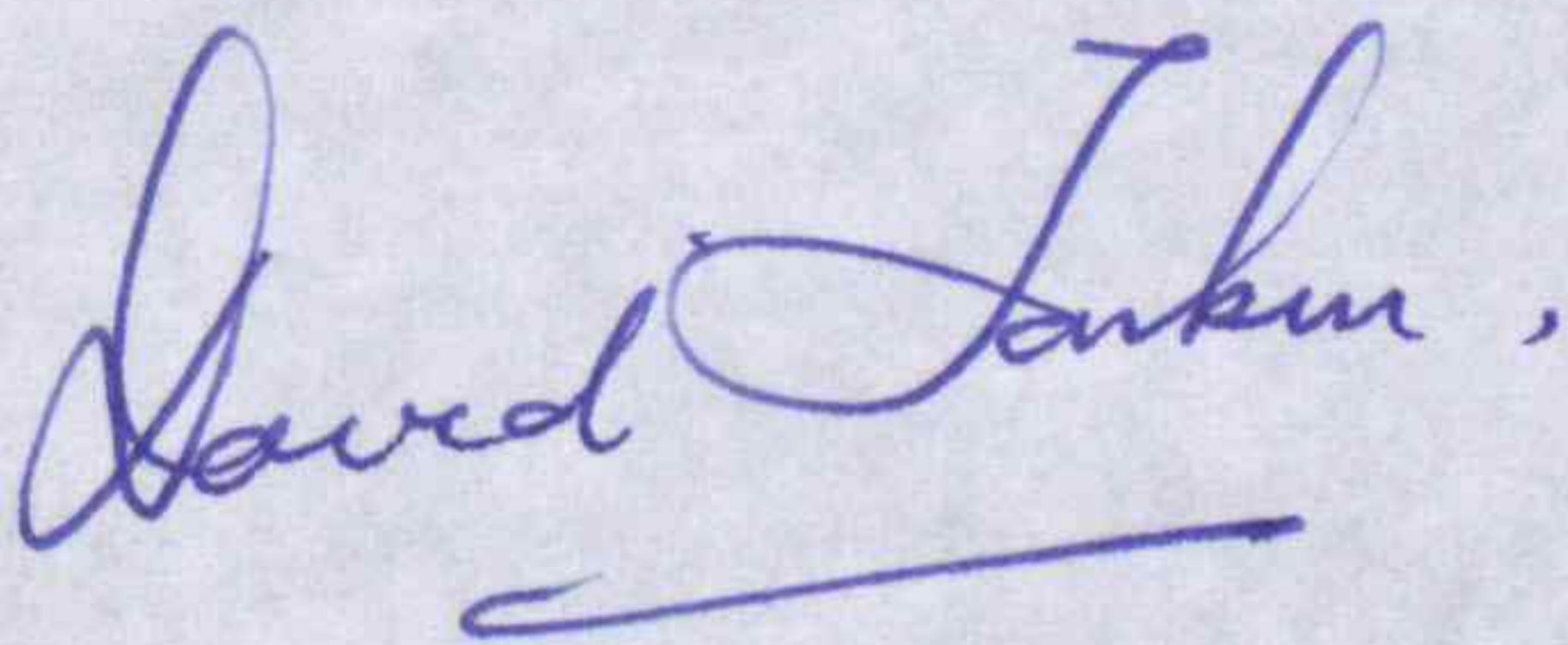
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South Australia as a guest of the Government. He could then see at first hand the Iron Triangle area where it is proposed that the facilities will be sited, and Roxby Downs where our major mining operation is about to commence in the near future as a joint project between B.P., and Western Mining.

I am sure you know we would be delighted to extend a similar invitation to you, to visit South Australia at any time.

With my best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Jenkins," with a horizontal flourish underneath.

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