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THE PRIME MINISTER

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I was very touched by your letter and I was sorry to hear how upset you and your brother are.

Whenever I hear of people getting divorced and having problems, I would love to be able to help. I have had a happy time with my family, and would like everybody else to be happy as well. But whatever I say or do won't really help unless you and your mother and father agree. There may be ways in which lawyers can help but only your mother and father can decide whether to talk to a lawyer or a Legal Aid Centre.

I know you may be disappointed that I cannot solve your problem. Perhaps the best advice I can give is to say that you and your brother should talk to your mother and father. I am sure they will listen.

And perhaps you would tell them you have written to me, and show them this letter. I should so much like to know what happens. My own children had a happy time and I should like you to have the same.

Perhaps you would let me know if you ever come to London and I could arrange for someone to take you to see Parliament and I could speak to you myself.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher B