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PRIME MINISTER'S

PERSONAL MESSAGE

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I have been asked by Canberra to arrange for the transmission to the Prime Minister of the following letter from the Prime Minister of Australia, the original of which is following by bag and will, of course, be delivered in due course.

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"My dear Margaret,

20/8/81

The comments you sent me about the draft declaration are indeed very helpful. They encourage me to think that with some further discussion in Melbourne we can come up with a useful statement, which will characterise for the Melbourne meeting both our understanding of the problem and our determination to see something done about it.

The draft declaration, as you know, was shown to a few other Heads of Government, and Sonny Ramphal is waiting on responses from them. If I may, I shall let Sonny know of your own reaction.

Our budget seems to have attracted the usual range of critics, but also some acknowledgement that the policies are right and need be firmly pursued.

The Melbourne meeting is now less than a month away, and I am looking forward to welcoming you there.

With all good wishes,

Malcolm Fraser"

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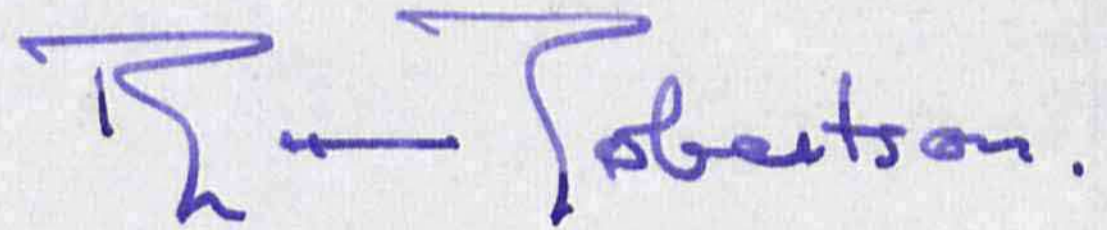
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The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.,
Prime Minister of Great Britain,
LONDON. SW1

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "R.H. Robertson." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "R" and "H" followed by the name "Robertson."

R.H. Robertson

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