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[DRAFT] MESSAGE FOR THE PRIME MINISTER TO SEND TO BAHRAIN

His Excellency Shaikh Khalifa bin Sulman Al Khalifa  
Prime Minister  
Bahrain

Your Excellency

1. I recall with great pleasure my visit to Bahrain in 1981, and I know Peter Rees had a most successful visit last March in which he reaffirmed Her Majesty's Government's wish to extend the links between our two countries, particularly in the area of economic cooperation.

2. You may remember that during our talks in September 1981, I spoke to you about Davy McKee, one of the United Kingdom's and indeed one of the world's leading and most experienced contractors, who were bidding at that time for the ammonia/methanol plant to be built by the Gulf Petrochemical Industries Company. I was naturally disappointed, as I believe you were, that the UK were unable in the event to participate in this project. I was therefore ~~most interested~~ <sup>very pleased</sup> to learn that Davy McKee were hoping to participate in your country's impressive plans for aluminium processing through the Gulf Aluminium Rolling Mill project. I know Peter Rees spoke to you of Davy McKee's interest in this project last March, but I thought it would be timely for me to raise with you Davy McKee's proven expertise in this particular field, and to urge you to consider their proposals sympathetically.

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Davy McKee's bid has Her Majesty's Government fullest support.  
~~in the framework of our international obligations.~~ I do hope  
that this project is able to make a positive contribution  
towards the further development of the relations between  
our two countries.

Warm personal regards  
Yours sincerely,

Margaret Thatcher