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THE PRIME MINISTER

1 November 1983

Mr. President,

Thank you for your letter of 30 August, inviting the United Kingdom to participate in the 6th International Fair of Dakar (FIDAK) in 1984.

We were very pleased to be able to participate in the two previous Fairs, in 1980 and in 1982, and I much appreciate your kind comments about the quality of our exhibits. We are strongly supporting a proposal that the European Commission should organise an exhibit at FIDAK 1984, on behalf of the whole Community, in which we would of course be represented. In the light of the close links between the Republic of Senegal and the European Community under the Lome Convention, it seems appropriate that Britain should share in Community participation in FIDAK which, we understand, will have a European theme in 1984.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Monsieur Abdou Diouf

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