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THE PRIME MINISTER

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PERSONAL MESSAGE

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My dear Prime Minister,

Thank you very much for your letter of 24 October which was delivered to me by your colleague, Mr. Watanabe, when he called recently.

It was a pleasure to renew my acquaintance with Mr. Watanabe, whom I met in Tokyo last September. We had an interesting and wide-ranging discussion. Mr. Watanabe was particularly informative about the complexities of the current political situation in Japan.

We in Britain are honoured to have Prince Hiro with us for his two years of study at Oxford. I am sure that he will find his time here both interesting and enjoyable, and that his stay will serve to strengthen further relations between our two countries. I hope to meet His Imperial Highness in the near future and to hear his impressions of his first months in Britain.

I look forward to meeting you again at the Summit here in Britain next year, and hope that you will also find time next year for a more extended visit to this country.

Yours sincerely
Raymond Thatcher

His Excellency Mr. Yasuhiro Nakasone

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