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THE PRIME MINISTER

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**PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE  
SERIAL No. T 215/83**

Dear Mr. President.

Thank you for your messages to Geoffrey Howe and myself about the signature of the EC/Andean Pact Co-operation Agreement on 17 December. I naturally share Your Excellency's pleasure at the successful conclusion of this Agreement. I am confident that it will lead to greater co-operation between the European Community and the Andean Pact countries and help us develop a closer and more active relationship between our two regional groups. We look forward to being represented at the Signature Ceremony in Cartagena on 17 December: and I have asked our Ambassador in Bogota, Mr. J. H. Robson, to be Britain's Special Representative. He will have the necessary full powers to sign on behalf of the British Government. May I also say how sorry I was to learn of your brother's kidnapping and how delighted I was to hear the news of his safe release.

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Dr. Belisario Betancur Cuartas.

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