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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Mr. President,

I was very pleased to hear that the Memorandum of Understanding on Defence Co-operation between our two countries has now been signed by Mr. Geoffrey Pattie and Colonel Mostefa Benloucif.

This Memorandum is an important milestone in the developing relationship between Algeria and the United Kingdom. We are very keen to build up a firm professional relationship between our respective Armed Forces and to respond very positively to your aim of developing a sound defence industrial base in Algeria. I feel sure that our two countries will derive great mutual advantage by adding substance to the commitments entered into the Memorandum. Significant progress has already been made on naval training and ship construction.

I look forward to a very fruitful relationship in the years ahead.

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Monsieur Chadli Benjedid

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