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1. TEXT OF MESSAGES READ AS FOLLOWS:
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FOR: HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND.

18 MAY 1982

I WAS HIGHLY PRIVILEGED TO HAVE THE HONOUR OF MEETING WITH YOUR MAJESTY IN BUCKINGHAM PALACE DURING MY RECENT VISIT TO THE UNITED KINGDOM. THE WARMTH AND FRIENDSHIP SHOWN BY YOUR MAJESTY AND PRINCE PHILIP TO ME WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED WITH DEEP GRATITUDE. MAY I WISH YOUR MAJESTY GOOD HEALTH, A LONG LIFE AND PROSPERITY.

MAUMOOM ABDUL GAYOOM, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES.
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FOR: THE RIGHT HONOURABLE MARGARET THATCHER, PRIME MINISTER OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND LONDON.

18 MAY 1982

YOUR EXCELLENCY,
ON RETURNING HOME AFTER MY RECENT VISIT TO THE UNITED KINGDOM, I FIND IT A PLEASANT DUTY TO THANK YOUR EXCELLENCY PERSONALLY AND HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT FOR ALL THE COURTESIES EXTENDED TO ME AND MEMBERS OF MY DELEGATION IN BRITAIN. THE RESPECT AND CORDIALITY SHOWN TO ME BY YOU, MADAM PRIME MINISTER, AND OTHER MEMBERS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT IS, NO DOUBT, AN EXPRESSION OF THE GOODWILL AND FRIENDSHIP FELT BY THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM TOWARDS THE PEOPLE OF MY COUNTRY.

PRIME MINISTER'S PERSONAL MESSAGE
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I MUST ALSO THANK YOU FOR THE VERY KEEN INTEREST YOU HAD SHOWN IN THE WELFARE OF MY COUNTRY AND THE CONSIDERABLE TIME YOU HAD SPENT WITH ME TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF BILATERAL INTEREST AT A TIME OF GREAT DIFFICULTY FOR YOUR GOVERNMENT.

I AM SURE THAT THE TALKS WE HAD WILL PROVIDE A SOUND BASIS FOR THE FURTHER CONSOLIDATION OF THE LONG STANDING TIES OF FRIENDSHIP AND CO-OPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

MAUMOOM ABDUL GAYOOM, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES.
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