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THE PRIME MINISTER

2 May 1980

Dear Prime Minister,

Thank you for your message of 18 April. I greatly value your desire to co-operate with the European countries over the measures that can best be taken in support of the United States against Iran. If measures taken now are to have the right effect, it will be essential that they have the widest support possible.

I am particularly pleased that our two Governments have been able to consult so closely over this issue in recent weeks. Peter Carrington much appreciated his talk with Dr. Okita in Luxembourg on 21 April.

As you know the Foreign Ministers of the European Community countries announced on 22 April a series of measures to be taken in respect of Iran. I am most grateful that you have been able, in your statement on 24 April, to associate yourself with these measures. Our determination to take these has not been affected by the unsuccessful attempt to rescue the hostages last week. You will have seen that the European Council reaffirmed them at its meeting in Luxembourg on 27 and 28 April.

We shall all need to keep in touch over the implementation of these measures. Instructions are being sent to our Embassy

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in Tokyo to maintain the closest possible contact with the Japanese authorities. I hope that here in London we can enjoy similar contact with the Japanese Embassy.

I look forward to seeing you in Venice in June.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

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His Excellency Mr. Masayoshi Ohira