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THE PRIME MINISTER

20 January 1981

My dear Governor,

My Private Secretary has already passed to your office President Carter's thanks for the help which members of the staff at the Bank have given to the American Government in the negotiations to secure the release of the hostages.

But now that the long drawn-out drama is finally over, I should like to add my own thanks and congratulations to those involved. Please tell them all and, in particular, Kit McMahon and David Somerset, how much I admire the skill and dedication they have displayed in recent days. They have made a real contribution both to securing the release of the hostages and, in the longer term, to Anglo-American relations.

Yours sincerely

Gordon Richardson

The Rt. Hon. Gordon Richardson, MBE.