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Dear Prime Minister,

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I write to thank you, Madam, for the pleasure of meeting with you once again at this very ominous period of international tension, particularly as it manifests itself in the Middle East.

I have always valued your advice and appreciated the chances afforded me to discuss with you, in total confidence and friendship, all matters of mutual interest.

It is in this spirit that I enclose the attached two letters for your confidential attention, as they may help complete the current picture of relations with our mutual friends in Washington.

I also wish to affirm that it is our intention to recall the Jordanian Parliament to an extraordinary session to amend the constitution, as early as January 1984. The amendments would then ensure the continuation of the constitutional parliamentary democratic life in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. I shall appraise you, Madam Prime Minister, of all developments in that regard.

The Middle East, and indeed our world, is most unpredictable. I have just learned with incredulity that the new close relations between His Majesty King Hassan II of Morocco and Colonel Ghadaffi of Libya, have resulted in the Moroccans arranging a visit to Libya of President Gemayel. I obviously can not make any sense of this event, especially against the background which we discussed earlier on today and particularly the affiliations of the President of Lebanon and his feelings, as conveyed to you. I hope he leaves Libya safely.

With my highest esteem and warmest personal wishes for a Merry Christmas and a happy, successful New Year.

I am,

Your sincere friend,

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher
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