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FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher MP  
Prime Minister.

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do you wish  
to deal with

Prime Minister

12th January, 1983. *for*

As he invites you not  
to reply, I suggest you do not  
do so. A-J-C. 14

My dear Prime Minister -

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I trust that you are well - and recovered from your strenuous and remarkable journey to the Falklands.

I write both personally and at the request of my colleagues at the Board to thank you for your firm and resolute policy and approach to any meeting with the PLO - in spite of the quite extraordinary pressures which have been placed upon you and the Government as a result. We appreciate that - as you said to me in a reply in the House - you will continue to look for ways in which agreement may be reached concerning the proposed top level Arab visit to the U.K. - but are much reassured by your determination that this will not be at the expense of your stand concerning Israel's right to exist within secure and recognised frontiers - and your Government's refusal to deal with those who remain committed to its destruction.

Please do not trouble to reply to this letter. But we did - all of us - wish to let you know of our appreciation - and at the same time to send you our best wishes for 1983. I am sending a copy of this letter to Francis Pym.

*[Handwritten initials]*

Yours sincerely,  
*[Signature]*

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