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OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER
P. O. BOX N7147
NASSAU, N. P., BAHAMAS

10th May, 1985.

Dear Prime Minister:

On behalf of the Government and People of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas, and on my own behalf, I have great pleasure in inviting you to attend the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Nassau from 16 to 22 October, 1985.

The people of The Bahamas feel greatly honoured to have been afforded the opportunity to host this Conference which, for the second time, is being convened in the Caribbean. For us in The Bahamas, the Commonwealth has always held pride of place among international institutions for it was in this unique family association that our international personality developed. We are deeply committed to the principles which bind our nations together in the Commonwealth relationship and which guide our conduct as independent states.

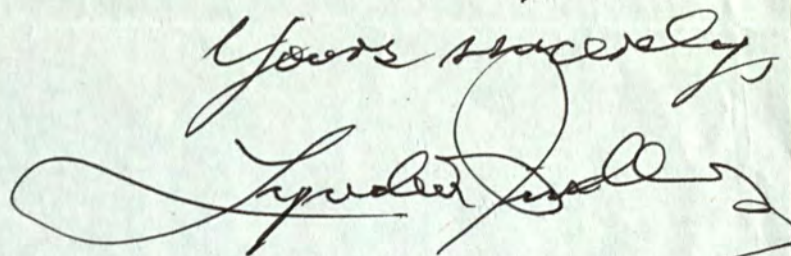
The Commonwealth Secretary General shortly will be in contact with member countries about possible items which might be included in the agenda. In support of this effort, I shall be making direct contact with a number of colleagues through personal emissaries to explore concerns which you may have and which it may be useful for our meeting to consider.

I know that you, like me, will want our discussions to be useful and forward-looking and our meeting to contribute to the process of finding answers to some of the major economic and political issues which concern us all. I sincerely hope, therefore, that it will be possible for you to attend the Meeting personally.

I look forward to welcoming you to the first Commonwealth Summit in The Bahamas.

With warm regards,

I remain,

Yours sincerely


PRIME MINISTER

The Right Honourable
Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.,
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From the Private Secretary

30 May 1985

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The Prime Minister has received the attached letter from the Prime Minister of the Bahamas about the forthcoming Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting. I should be grateful for your advice on whether a reply is needed, and if so, for a draft as soon as possible.

Timothy Flesher

Peter Ricketts, Esq.,
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