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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Mr. Ramphal.

Thank you for your letters of 24 May. It was most helpful to have this expression of Commonwealth views. Congratulations to you on your appointment as Chairman of the United Nations Committee for Development Planning.

I can assure you that the questions you raise - such as debt, the functioning of the international monetary system and the problems of the poorest countries - will be very much on our minds at the London Economic Summit. We shall be briefing Commonwealth representatives in London on the results of the Summit.

One small practical point: our recollection of the outcome of discussion at the Commonwealth Consultative Group was that the conclusions were slightly less clear-cut than the enclosure to your letter of 24 May indicates. I have asked officials to be in touch on this point.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

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