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PRIME MINISTER'S  
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Premier

Report on  
with you -  
The Cabinet Office

Hamilton 5-24, Bermuda  
16th April, 1984.

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.,  
Prime Minister,  
10 Downing Street,  
London SW1.

My Dear Prime Minister,

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Thank you for your letter of 3rd April, 1984 regarding  
Bermuda's inclusion at the Commonwealth Heads of Government  
Meetings.

While disappointed, I fully appreciate the sentiments  
contained in your letter and understand the position taken  
by your Government and by the Commonwealth. It is indeed  
a pity that Bermuda cannot participate in these meetings,  
as I sincerely believe that we have much to learn and  
understand about the workings of independent nations.

I believe that the Minister of Finance does plan on  
attending the next Commonwealth Finance Ministers'  
Conference, and I am sure that we will be making arrangements  
in due course.

When we do talk on the 30th of April, I am glad that the  
people of Bermuda will be exposed to your customary warmth  
and sincerity.

Yours sincerely,

John W. Swan  
Premier