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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 2, 1984

Dear Margaret:

As you know, I recently announced my intention to proceed with the development of a permanently manned space station to be operational by the early 1990s. It is my hope that the United Kingdom along with other countries in Europe will join with us in taking this next step toward making space a habitable and productive workplace for the benefit of all mankind. International cooperation has been an important part of the exploration and use of outer space from the very beginning and the partnership between our two countries has contributed mightily to an enviable record of achievement.

In this regard, I would like to invite the United Kingdom to nominate an astronaut to participate in a future Space Shuttle mission as a Payload Specialist. This flight could take place in connection with the scheduled launchings of the British Skynet satellites or could occur sooner in association with another form of payload, perhaps a joint scientific program. I believe such a flight would further demonstrate the close ties between our two peoples and underscore the important role science and technology is playing in our societies.

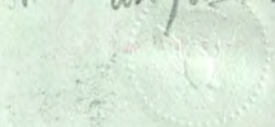
I look forward to having one of your citizens flying with us.

Sincerely,

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The Right Honorable  
Margaret Thatcher, M.P.  
Prime Minister  
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