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Dear David

Thank you for your letter of 1st April (no doubt after 12 o'clock) in which you mention the London meeting of 1st March in which the Roadmap concerning Israel and the Palestinian Authority was discussed.

I would prefer to defer any detailed comments on this process to those many people who have more thoroughly assessed it.

My own point of view is that progress on this issue is largely dependent upon the U.S. administration determinedly carrying the process forward, since amongst the major participants of the Meeting, including the E.U., the Arab League and the Russians, the only country in which the Israelis have sufficient confidence is the U.S. However, I believe our own government's assistance in this process has been useful. Also, the financial support of the E.U. towards the Palestinian Authority has for many decades been essential.

I will continue to support all steps, by every government, to bring about a peaceful solution with justice to this tragically long drawn out conflict - a necessary process both because of its deep intrinsic merits, and for its wider political ramifications in the Middle East.

Yours fraternally

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