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THE PRIME MINISTER

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My dear Prime Minister,

I should like you to know before your visit to the United Kingdom on 9 November how grateful I was to receive your letter of 7 September explaining your Government's important initiative on world hunger.

I am glad that the European Commission were able to respond so quickly with specific proposals for action by the Community. Hunger on the tragic scale suffered by so many in the world is one of the great challenges of the last quarter of our century. I wholly agree with you that greater attention must be paid to it. Both as the Presidency of the Council of Ministers of the European Community and on a national basis, Her Majesty's Government will take appropriate measures with a view to consolidating and improving existing activities in this field. We must also, as you say, seek to reduce the delays in the implementation of objectives already agreed in the United Nations. The United Kingdom will, of course, participate fully in the international discussion which I understand you propose to convene in Rome.

The tragedy is that the necessary resources and food already exist, but that they are not reaching those in greatest need. I believe that we can, if we set our minds to the task, do much to end this largely avoidable suffering.

Yours sincerely,

(SGD) MT

Signor Giovanni Spadolini

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