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The Rt. Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.

HOUSE OF COMMONS
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Jean Senor Moskowitz,

Mrs. Thatcher has asked me to reply to your letter of November 10.

She is very grateful to you for writing, and for the interest in her views which you express. However, it is only fair to say that a positive response to some of your questions is so inherent in most British political attitudes that it is a little surprising to find them still asked, even by an organisation like your own, the members of which have suffered so greatly from the agents of an inhuman and indefensible tyranny.

There is no sense in which anti-Semitism could be described as a rational attitude, though it has often - as you suggested - been cruelly and cunningly used as a political weapon. Whether one judges its origins lie in morbid pathology or in sinfulness very much depends on one's own religious position, but it must be one or the other. Mrs. Thatcher is a little doubtful, however, about the effectiveness of the law as an instrument to combat inhumanity and discrimination, especially if it is exalted at the expense of the more traditional - though often more difficult - methods of steadfast



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individual opposition to the indulgence of race hatred and the whole-hearted cultivation of the great virtues of tolerance and humanity.

These views are widespread in British political life and we are fortunate in this country that there is a great deal of the inter-religious dialogue to which you refer. It is also the case that the Conservative Party whole-heartedly supported the British government in their opposition to the United Nations resolution on Zionism.

The tragedy your people faced under Nazism, and the sufferings they so nobly endured, excite the sympathy and the admiration of Christians everywhere, and Mrs. Thatcher asks me to send her warmest regards to you and your organisation.

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