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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Muammar

When we met at the G8 Summit in L'Aquila last month, you raised the case of Abdel Basset al-Megrahi. You will be aware that the Scottish Executive's public announcement on Megrahi's future is expected very shortly. I understand that their decision is to transfer Megrahi back to Libya on compassionate grounds.

When we met I stressed that, should the Scottish Executive decide that Megrahi can return to Libya, this should be a purely private, family occasion. A high-profile return would cause further unnecessary pain for the families of the Lockerbie victims. It would also undermine Libya's growing international reputation.

There are significant shared interests at stake in our relationship and I am committed to working with you to achieve them. I look forward to seeing you again at the UN General Assembly in New York on 23 September.

Finally, may I wish you 'Ramadan kareem'.

Yours sincerely

Gordon Brown

Colonel Muammar al-Qadhafi