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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Lord Alexander,

Thank you for your letter of 31 August asking whether I could see the envoy from President Ben Ali of Tunisia. In principle I would have wished to do so, but I fear the timing and short notice of his visit make it impossible. We have arranged for him to see William Waldegrave, who is acting as Foreign Secretary while Douglas Hurd is out of the country. He will transmit the message to me.

I should be grateful if you could explain to M. Charfi how sorry I am not to be able to see him on this occasion.

Yours sincerely

James Shackleton

The Earl Alexander of Tunis

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