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Excellency,

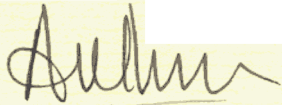
Thank you for your letter of June 26, 1998 bringing to my attention the two documents which were presented to you by the youth who recently gathered in Paris, France and in Banff, Canada, to discuss drug abuse prevention. These youth deserve our commendation for the initiative and effort they have put into the production of the two documents.

Drug trafficking represents one of the greatest threats to the economic and social stability of our States and requires our utmost vigilance and counter attack. I am pleased to advise that my Government recognises these facts and has recently enacted legislation which will enable Barbados not only to address the problem but also to cooperate with other countries in confronting the menace of illicit drug trafficking.

I share the view of these young people that the drug menace is a threat not only to our security but also our economic and social stability and therefore wish to assure you of my Government's continued commitment to countering the World Drug Problem.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,


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Prime Minister.