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You may care to see the attached page taken from the May 10 issue of US News and World Report.

They have done a survey of the foreign leader most admired among 1548 opinion formers in 30 different fields of activity before the Falklands crisis, and you have come out top by a long way - 30.7% compared with your nearest rival Helmut Schmidt - 18.9%.

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Who Runs America

Thatcher and Schmidt Tops in Foreign Class

The leaders of Britain and West Germany draw praise for competence, courage under pressure. Still a favorite of many: The late Anwar Sadat.

With the death of Egypt's President Anwar Sadat, Britain's Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher emerges as the foreign leader most admired by distinguished Americans. Runner-up is West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt.

Even in death, Sadat, winner of last year's poll by a wide margin, got a substantial number of votes from admirers who believed that in their view, no living foreign leader could fill his shoes. "He was a man for all seasons," said Arkansas State Senator Jerry Jewell in a summation that spoke for many.

A sampling of views on the top two:

1. Margaret Thatcher, Prime Minister of Britain

- Griffin Bell, former Attorney General of the U.S.: "I admire her courage to face facts and fashion hard changes."
- Carlton D. McGary, president, Depositors Trust Company, Augusta, Me.: Thatcher "always can be counted on as a friend to the U.S."
- Lewis C. Murphy, mayor, Tucson, Ariz.: "She exudes confidence and optimism of the type that gave the British the world model's role in stiff-upper-lip diplomacy."
- Clark MacGregor, senior vice president, Unisys Corporation: She has "guts, intelligence and determination."
- Reese H. Taylor, Jr., chairman, Interstate Commerce Commission: "She has had the courage and stamina to try her best to revitalize the British economy after so many years of enduring, stagnating socialism."
- Reg Murphy, publisher, Baltimore Sunpapers: "She has guts, although she may be wrong."
- Edward G. Uhl, chairman, Fairchild Industries, Inc.: "She is motivated by principle, not politics."
- Dr. Merlin K. DuVal, president, Associated Hospital Systems: She has "guts and persistence in pursuing a course of action she believes is appropriate."
- U.S.G. Sharp, retired admiral, U.S. Navy: "She is a determined leader striving for the objective of bringing Britain out of the doldrums."

Helen P. Sims, retired teacher and delegate to White House Conference on Aging: "She has chosen to face hard facts and unpopular decisions to lead her country in recession and crisis."

Representative Clement J. Zablocki (D-Wis.): "She has been successful in strengthening the role played by Britain in world affairs while showing great determination to overcome severe domestic difficulties."

Dr. Don M. Long, neurosurgeon, Johns Hopkins Hospital: "She continues to persevere with what needs to be done rather than compromising for political expediency."

2. Helmut Schmidt, Chancellor of West Germany

- George Reedy, journalism professor, Marquette University: "He has been able to maintain a balanced view between Realpolitik and the need for a degree of free interchange."
- Lois C. Chory, Montana state director, American Association of Retired Persons: "He is a tough, gutsy leader who has the confidence and respect of the Europeans."
- Representative Thomas F. Hartnett (R-S.C.): "He is able to retain the courage of his firm convictions while walking the tightrope of living next door to the Soviet bloc."
- David Riesman, social scientist, Harvard University: "Despite pressures from the Christian Democrats and the neutralist left, he has sought to maintain a fragmenting NATO Alliance in the face of difficulties posed by American unilaterism... and Soviet temptations."
- Mortimer Zuckerman, chairman, Atlantic magazine: Schmidt shows "outstanding competence."

A Republican congressman: "He is a pragmatist, a man who has skillfully handled the difficult political and foreign forces that would split his party and damage Germany."

Robert Froehlke, president, American Council of Life Insurance: "He's effective and takes stands that are right but not popular."

An adviser to former President Carter: "He has a tough, dangerous job and does it well. He is bold and smart."

A state governor: "Stable direction for West Germany and Europe."

Sadat of Egypt

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