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PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. T 43AA 13

Dear Prime Minister:

I have been asked to deliver the attached message to you from President Reagan, which was received at the Embassy this morning.

Sincerely,


Edward G. Streater
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

Enclosure

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The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.,
Prime Minister,
10 Downing Street,
London, S.W.1.

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Dear Margaret,

As we go forward in our efforts at nuclear arms control we cannot neglect the equally important goal of preventing the further spread of nuclear explosives. I know you agree that it would be a great tragedy to succeed in reducing the nuclear arsenals of the United States and the Soviet Union only to find additional nuclear weapons states emerging in other regions. For this reason, I am addressing the problem of nuclear proliferation in my speech on arms control.

Our two countries have discussed ways to prevent the spread of nuclear explosives, and we value this cooperation and dialogue highly. It is vital that we work urgently together to strengthen the institutions, norms, and practices that are necessary to reduce proliferation risks. One key measure, as Secretary Shultz has stressed earlier, is to reach agreement that new nuclear supply commitments to non-nuclear-weapon states should be conditioned on their accepting international safeguards on all their nuclear activities. Effective supplier cooperation is particularly critical in sensitive areas.

As you know, my administration took several steps to end counterproductive disputes between our two countries on nuclear energy issues in advanced industrial countries. I hope that we can continue to strengthen our cooperation with respect to nuclear issues and proliferation risks in sensitive areas.

I look forward to discussing these matters with you.

Sincerely,

/s/

Ron

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