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PRIME MINISTER'S
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Dear Margaret:

I am writing to inform you in confidence of what I will say to the American people on Sunday evening about steps to fulfill the commitments I joined you in making at Tokyo.

I will set goals substantially more ambitious than the commitments made at the economic summit. The major theme of my speech will be that the US is now at a point at which it requires an unparalleled peacetime investment of money, natural resources, and hard work to achieve two goals:

First, the US must never again import more oil than it did in 1977. (This is the same constraint as the 1979 US import ceiling adopted at Tokyo.) Whatever energy requirements the US has above this level must come from US conservation and resources, not from OPEC or other foreign oil producers.

Second, by 1990, the US must cut the amount of oil it now imports in half. Our goal is to import no more than 4 million barrels per day by 1990.

To meet these twin goals, the US must take a number of major actions:

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