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FROM CABINET OFFICE LONDON 121928Z NOV 82

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO PRESIDENT REAGAN

DEAR RON,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE ABOUT EAST/WEST RELATIONS FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT BREZHNEV. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT TIME FOR US ALL, AND IT IS MOST USEFUL TO HAVE YOUR OWN ASSESSMENT SO PROMPTLY.

I AGREE VERY STRONGLY WITH ALL YOUR VIEWS, IN PARTICULAR THE NEED TO MAKE IT CLEAR TO THE NEW SOVIET LEADERS THAT A MORE CONSTRUCTIVE EAST/WEST RELATIONSHIP IS AVAILABLE IF THEY ARE WILLING TO ADOPT A NEW APPROACH. I SHALL, AS YOU SUGGEST, MAKE THE POINT IN A SPEECH IN THE CITY OF LONDON ON 15 NOVEMBER.

I AGREE ALSO ABOUT THE OVERRIDING IMPORTANCE OF WESTERN UNITY AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME. IF THE NEW LEADERSHIP IN MOSCOW WERE GIVEN ANY REASON TO SUPPOSE THAT THEY COULD ACHIEVE THEIR OBJECTIVES BY DIVIDING THE WEST, WE SHOULD HAVE LOST WHAT COULD BE A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY. IN THIS CONNECTION, I WAS VERY GLAD INDEED TO HEAR OF THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE IN WASHINGTON IN THE DISCUSSIONS ABOUT ECONOMIC POLICY TOWARDS THE EAST. THIS WILL OPEN THE WAY TO

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THE KIND OF CLEAR AND POSITIVE SIGNAL WHICH, LIKE YOU, I SHOULD LIKE TO SEE COME OUT OF THE NATO FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING NEXT MONTH.

I SHALL NOT GO TO MOSCOW MYSELF FOR THE FUNERAL ON MONDAY. FRANCIS PYM WILL REPRESENT HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT. HE WILL, I KNOW, BE HOPING FOR THE CHANCE OF A WORD WITH GEORGE SHULTZ.

I VERY MUCH AGREE THAT WE MUST ALL KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH IN THE COMING DAYS AND WEEKS. IT WOULD OF COURSE BE MARVELLOUS IF GEORGE BUSH AND HIS TEAM COULD CALL IN AT LONDON ON THEIR WAY BACK. I SHOULD LIKE THE CHANCE TO TALK TOGETHER.

YOURS EVER,

MARGARET.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON DC
DEAR MR,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE OF 21 JANUARY ABOUT THE ECONOMIC CONTENT OF THE WILLIAMSBURG SUMMIT.

I AM ENTIRELY CONTENT WITH THE APPROACH WHICH YOU PROPOSE ON THIS. MY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE WILL COME TO TRY BEST ATLINE OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES EQUIPPED TO REPRESENT MY INTERESTS AND VIEWS ON THE TOPICS YOU HAVE SUGGESTED AND ON HOW WE SHOULD HANDLE THE DISCUSSION OF THEM.

I HOPE THAT WE ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO STICK TO THE GENERAL IDEAS ON WHICH WE ARE BOTH AGREED ABOUT THE POLICY OF THE SUMMIT AT WILLIAMSBURG, DESPITE ALL THAT HAS BEEN SAID. I CLEARLY SEE SIGNS OF A TENDENCY IN THE WORLD'S MEDIA TO BUILD UP THE POSSIBILITIES OF OUR MEETING, IN THE CONTEXT OF THE SERIES OF 14 BILATERAL MEETINGS THAT WILL AHEAD OF US BEGINNING WITH LAST WEEK'S MEETING OF THE IMF INTERIM COMMITTEE, AND THIS TO GENERATE EXPECTATIONS WHICH WE SHALL THEN BE EXPECTED TO LIVE UP TO, OR AT LEAST TO TRYING HARDLY IF WE DO NOT LIVE UP TO THEM. THIS COULD

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