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My dear Prime Minister,

I have been requested to convey to you the following message from my Prime Minister:

Dear Margaret,

I am deeply worried by the deterioration in the Polish situation and, in particular, the increased danger of a Soviet military intervention and all the consequences we would have to face if this took place. I am therefore proposing to send a personal appeal to President Brezhnev in which, in addition to emphasizing that the Polish situation is a strictly internal affair to be resolved by the Poles themselves, I would strongly assert that there is not on our part any intention of interfering in Polish affairs. I would also convey that we expect the Soviet Union and its Warsaw Pact allies to act likewise in the full awareness that any outside interference would cause irreparable damage to detente and destroy the CSCE process.

I would propose to send this message within the next two days unless you have marked reservations. I am consulting with you in this way because Poland is a shared concern and also because I strongly hold to the view that we must devise means to improve our concentration and

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consultation in the face of crises of this nature. The changes in procedure which have been agreed to for the forthcoming NATO Ministerial Meeting should help to achieve this objective. We might also examine the advisability of improved consultations in other forms, for example among political directors of our respective Foreign Ministries. Furthermore, there may be merit in considering whether personal representatives, in preparing for the Summit, should not also be looking at ways in which our consultative process could be improved.

Yours sincerely,

Pierre Elliott Trudeau

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