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PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT CARTER FROM THE PRIME MINISTER.

BEGINS:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

I AM GLAD THAT THE DATES FOR THE SUMMIT WERE CONVENIENT BOTH TO YOU AND TO THE OTHER HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT, AND YOU WILL HAVE SEEN THE ANNOUNCEMENT WHICH WE PUT OUT HERE TODAY.

AS FOR THE TIMING OF A SEPARATE MEETING OF THE FOUR WITH RESPONSIBILITIES FOR BERLIN, WE OUGHT PERHAPS TO DISCUSS THIS IN WASHINGTON. I AM LETTING VALERY GISCARD D'ÆSTAING AND HELMUT SCHMIDT KNOW ABOUT YOUR PREFERENCE FOR 9 RATHER THAN 6 MAY: THEIR REPRESENTATIVES OUGHT THEREFORE TO BE READY TO DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH HENRY OWEN AND JOHN HUNT AT THE TIME OF THE FIRST PREPARATORY MEETING ON 12/13 MARCH.

YOURS SINCERELY

JIM CALLAGHAN.

ENDS.

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