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I write to thank you and Mrs. Carter most warmly for your kindness and hospitality during my visit to Washington on Monday. Everything - even the elements - seemed determined to combine to make the day a memorable one for me. It will be a long time before I forget the superb arrival ceremony or the delightful musical entertainment after dinner in the evening.

I also greatly valued the opportunity to discuss together with you the many difficulties our two countries face. I was much encouraged by the similarity of our approach to so many issues. I hope we can continue to keep in the closest contact - in particular on the present crisis in Iran.

Finally, thank you for your memoir and for the book of satellite photographs - both, in their different ways, are equally fascinating.

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The President of the United States of America