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PRIME MINISTER'S

PERSONAL MESSAGE

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Dear Madame Prime Minister:

I am pleased to reaffirm to you the willingness of the United States, in principle, to supply special nuclear materials for the United Kingdom's nuclear weapon program. The US will make every effort to support your materials requirements, subject to our capability to satisfy the needs of the US defense programs.

I understand that discussions have been initiated in this matter between representatives of the United Kingdom's Ministry of Defense and the United States' Department of Energy. These discussions should explore the details of your needs and our ability to meet them. In addition the discussions should consider how best to amend the 1958 Agreement between the United Kingdom and United States Governments for Cooperation in the Uses of Atomic Energy for Mutual Defense Purposes.

We view this as strengthening existing exchange programs on nuclear matters which are mutually beneficial to our respective Governments.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

The Right Honorable
Margaret Thatcher, M.P.
Prime Minister
London

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