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FROM: CABINET OFFICE, LONDON

TO: WHITE HOUSE

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO PRESIDENT REAGAN.

DEAR RON AS WE TODAY EXCHANGE FORMAL LETTERS ON THE TRIDENT 11(D5) MISSILE AS BRITAIN'S FUTURE STRATEGIC DETERRENT, I SHOULD LIKE TO SEND YOU THIS PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL NOTE TO EXPRESS MY DEEP APPRECIATION OF THE CONCERN WHICH YOU HAVE YOURSELF DEVOTED TO THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE AND OF THE CO-OPERATIVE SPIRIT IN WHICH YOUR ADMINISTRATION HAVE CONDUCTED THE NEGOTIATIONS LEADING UP TO THE PRESENT AGREEMENT. I CAN THINK OF NO WAY IN WHICH OUR TWO COUNTRIES COULD MORE POWERFULLY HAVE ILLUSTRATED OUR COMMON RESOLUTION IN DEFENCE OF FREEDOM AND OUR UNIQUE ABILITY TO REINFORCE EACH OTHER'S EFFORTS.

> WARM REGARDS YOURS EVER MARGARET

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