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**PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. T231/80**

TELEGRAM NUMBER 179 OF 1 DECEMBER
FOLLOWING FROM PRIVATE SECRETARY FOR LEVER

1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO
THE PRIME MINISTER WHICH HAS JUST BEEN RECEIVED OVER THE HOT LINE.

DEAR MARGARET:

I AM INCREASINGLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE UNUSUALLY HIGH LEVEL
OF WARSAW PACT MILITARY ACTIVITY THAT IS TAKING SHAPE IN AND
AROUND POLAND, INVOLVING SOVIET, EAST GERMAN, POLISH, AND POSSIBLY
CZECHOSLOVAKIAN FORCES. IN ADDITION TO THIS, UNPRECEDENTED
TRAVEL RESTRAINTS ARE BEING IMPOSED BY THE CHIEF OF SOVIET FORCES
IN EAST GERMANY ALONG THE BORDER WITH POLAND. THIS IS THE LARGEST
GEOGRAPHICAL AREA EVER CLOSED IN EAST GERMANY, TO UNITED STATES,
UNITED KINGDOM, AND FRENCH MILITARY OBSERVERS.

THESE EVENTS INDICATE THAT THE POLISH SITUATION HAS ENTERED
ITS MOST CRITICAL PHASE AND THAT FURTHER PREPARATIONS BY THE
SOVIETS FOR POSSIBLE INTERVENTION INTO POLAND HAVE NOW PROGRESSED
FURTHER THAN AT ANY PREVIOUS TIME.

WE WILL TAKE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS TO THE SOVIET
LEADERS OUR DEEPEST CONCERN ABOUT ANY POSSIBLE MILITARY INTERVENTION
BY THEM INTO POLAND. I WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED ABOUT FURTHER
DEVELOPMENTS OR INFORMATION, AND URGE YOU TO CONSULT VERY CLOSELY
WITH US ON YOUR ACTIONS TO PREVENT SOVIET INTERVENTION AND
TO LET ME HAVE THE BENEFITS OF YOUR CONTINUING ADVICE. SECRETARY
MUSKIE WILL CONSULT WITH YOUR FOREIGN MINISTER TO ASSURE CONTINUING
CONSULTATION BETWEEN OUR GOVERNMENTS.

I AM SENDING A SIMILAR MESSAGE TO CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT
AND PRESIDENT GISCARD.

SINCERELY,

JIMMY CARTER.

2. OUR AMBASSADORS IN WASHINGTON, BONN, PARIS AND MOSCOW SHOULD
PERHAPS BE TOLD ABOUT THIS MESSAGE ON A PERSONAL BASIS. PLEASE
CONSULT MICHAEL ALEXANDER ABOUT THIS, AND REPEAT THIS TELEGRAM
AS NECESSARY.

CARRINGTON