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FROM CABINET OFFICE LONDON
TO WHITE HOUSE

FROM PRIME MINISTER THATCHER
MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT REAGAN

DEAR RON

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE TELLING ME OF YOUR DECISION TO LIFT THE SANCTIONS IMPOSED IN DECEMBER AND JUNE. THIS IS VERY GOOD NEWS. I AM PLEASED THAT WE HAVE ALL BEEN ABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON A COMMON APPROACH TO THE HANDLING OF EAST/WEST ECONOMIC RELATIONS, PARTICULARLY AT A TIME WHEN WE MUST BE SEEN TO BE STANDING TOGETHER.

I AGREE WITH THE WAY YOU PROPOSE TO HANDLE THE ANNOUNCEMENT AND THAT THE NON-PAPER OR SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS AS IT HAS COME TO BE CALLED SHOULD BE PUBLISHED. WE HAD ALREADY ASKED OUR AMBASSADOR IN PARIS TO URGE THIS COURSE ON THE FRENCH.

AS TO THE FUTURE, ALTHOUGH AS GEORGE SHULTZ KNOWS WE CANNOT BE COMMITTED IN ADVANCE TO THE OUTCOME, I WILL INSTRUCT MY OFFICIALS TO CONTRIBUTE WHOLEHEARTEDLY AND EXPEDITIOUSLY TO THE AGREED PROGRAMME OF WORK.

I AM GRATEFUL FOR YOUR KIND WORDS ABOUT THE BRITISH CONTRIBUTION. FOR OUR PART WE HAVE ADMIRERD THE ROLE PLAYED BY GEORGE SHULTZ AND YOUR SENIOR OFFICIALS IN STEERING THE NEGOTIATIONS TO THIS SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION.

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