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Dear Mr. President,

Thank you for your further message of 7 April. I much appreciate the spirit in which you have received my earlier comments.

I am pleased that you regard as useful the idea that we should discuss political and security issues at Venice. For my part I agree that the presence of Foreign Ministers at the NATO meeting already scheduled for 13 - 14 May would enhance proceedings. Your Permanent Representative at NATO has now informed his fellow members of the Defence Policy Committee of your proposal and the British Representative expressed his personal support for it, which he is now being instructed to confirm. I understand that your initiative was generally well received by other Alliance representatives as well.

Since the meeting is only a little over a month away, preparations for it will have to be intensive and thorough if it is to achieve its aims. I for my part am ready to do all in my power to help.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

The President of the United States of America

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