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TO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON TELNO 852 OF 31 MARCH

DOWNING STREET SUMMIT

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF A MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER WHICH PLEASE DELIVER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SIGNED LETTER FOLLOWS BY BAG.

DEAR MR PRESIDENT

I AM WRITING FIRST TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE AGREEING TO ATTEND A SUMMIT MEETING IN LONDON ON 7 AND 8 MAY. IN THE LIGHT OF OUR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES' SUCCESSFUL PREPARATORY MEETING IN WASHINGTON ON 12 AND 13 MARCH, I AM NOW IN A POSITION TO SUGGEST WHAT THE DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MEETING AT DOWNING STREET MIGHT BE .

AS TO ATTENDANCE, I THINK WE SHOULD KEEP TO THE FORMULA WHICH HAS WORKED SO WELL AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS, WHEREBY WE SHOULD EACH BE ACCOMPANIED BY OUR FOREIGN AND FINANCE MINISTERS, AND BY ONE NOTETAKER.

ON TIMING, I HOPE, AS YOU KNOW, THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE A PROGRAMME FOR YOU OUTSIDE LONDON BEFORE THE DOWNING STREET SUMMIT BEGINS. THIS WOULD ALLOW FOR YOU AND YOUR PARTY TO ARRIVE IN LONDON IN TIME FOR THE DINNER I SHALL BE OFFERING TO ALL THE PARTICIPANTS AT DOWNING STREET ON 6 MAY. WE SHOULD THEN HAVE TWO FULL DAYS' WORK COMPRISING FOUR WORKING SESSIONS. AS ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS, WE SHALL END WITH A JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE.

I HOPE YOU AGREE WITH ME THAT THE PREPARATORY GROUP HAS MADE A GOOD START. BUT THE AGENDA IS STILL TAKING SHAPE, AND I WOULD

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PROPOSE TO LET YOU HAVE IDEAS ON HOW WE SHOULD HANDLE IT AFTER THE NEXT PREPARATORY MEETING. MEANWHILE WE SHOULD CLEARLY MAINTAIN A CERTIAN DISCRETION OVER ITS LIKELY CONTENTS.

SQUARE BRAKETS BEGIN MANUSCRIPT ADDITION SQUARE BRACKETS END.
WARM REGARDS. GLAD TO SEE YOU ARE STILL KEEPING THE INITIATIVE.
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JIM CALLAGHAN

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