

Tomorrow, Mr President, we shall both be travelling to Bonn to attend a Summit Meeting of the North Atlantic Alliance. Like your other partners in that Alliance, we recognise and value the unique and often difficult role that the United States plays as a mainstay of the defence of the West. We have good reason to do so since over 300 thousand United States Servicemen based alongside our own forces in Europe are visible evidence of your vital contribution to our joint security.

We in this country are determined to continue to play our part in maintaining the effectiveness of the Alliance. We in Britain recognise that in the last resort our security may depend on our willingness to defend ourselves and the things for which we stand. I pay tribute here to those who in the last few weeks have shown the truth of this, some of them at the cost of their lives. But at the same time, the maintenance of strong defences, essential though they are, is only one part of our overall security policy. In the next few weeks, both you and I will be addressing the United Nations Special Session on Disarmament which opened yesterday in New York. I know that we shall both record our firm commitment to the goal of achieving genuine, balanced and lasting reductions, not only in the nuclear forces that threaten us, but also in the massive arsenals of conventional weapons. You, Mr President, have a special role to play in this process. Your advocacy last November of the so-called "zero-option" in relation to intermediate range nuclear forces in Europe and your recent proposal that negotiations for a serious reduction in strategic arms should be started in the near future, are clear evidence, if any were needed, that the United States is determined to take the courageous steps necessary to halt and ultimately to

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reverse the arms race. We must now look to the Soviet Union in the hope that their leaders may respond positively to the urgent challenges now facing them.

Mr President, you are among friends, and friends can usually sense each other's feelings without any words being spoken. You will be conscious here of the great tide of admiration and affection which your country enjoys in mine. I count myself fortunate to have the honour of conveying this to you today.

I thank you, Mr. President, and Mr. Secretary Haig - a most welcome guest today - and through you the American people, for your generous response. We were not surprised by your response but believe me, Mr. President, we do not take it for granted. We are grateful to the depth of our national being.

Your great poet, Emerson, said on the subject of sacrifice:

" 'Tis perdition to be safe
When for the truth we ought to die."

That, in the last resort, is the spirit of America and the spirit of Britain. That is why we are free.

We both believe that freedom must be defended. Tomorrow we both travel to Bonn for the NATO Summit. Like your other partners in that Alliance, we recognise and value the unique and often difficult role that the United States plays as a mainstay of the defence of the West. 300,000 US servicemen based alongside our own forces in Europe are visible evidence of your vital contribution to our joint security.

Mr. President, you have worked to increase American military strength and to strengthen the resources of the Alliance. You have also re-activated talks on arms reduction. We both agree that the two objectives must be pursued together. You and I will shortly be addressing the UN Special Session on Disarmament which opened yesterday in New York. I have no doubt that we shall both record our firm commitment to the goal of achieving genuine, balanced and lasting reductions, not only in the nuclear forces that threaten us, but also in the massive arsenals of conventional weapons. You have led the way with brave and far-sighted initiatives. We now look to the Soviet Union to respond constructively.

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SPEECH BY PRIME MINISTER AT LUNCH FOR PRESIDENT REAGAN - 8 JUNE

We are here today to welcome and do honour to our great ally - the United States of America.

Mr. President, Mrs. Reagan - it is an enormous pleasure to have you both here with us. It is rare enough to have an American President as a guest at No. 10. But we are doubly honoured to have the First Lady with us as well. (Denis is as delighted as I am: he is even suggesting that in future he should be referred to in this house as the first gentleman.)

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a chance to return the reply as best we can be hospitably

You have become accustomed recently to taking your meals in grander places - the Palace of Versailles, Windsor Castle. But as you can see, this is a very simple house. The front door - the only door in fact - leads into the street. In the early morning you can watch the milk bottles and newspapers being delivered through that same door. In this democracy, from log cabin to No. 10 is not very far.

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Mr. President, may I say in a few simple words - straight from the heart - what the relationship between the United States and Britain means to all of us here.

President's letter of 20th

America is the bulwark of the free world. The unshakeable commitment of the American people to freedom, liberty, democracy and the rule of law is a perpetual inspiration to the people of Britain. Our commitment to those values is likewise absolute.

Our relationship has been tested again in recent weeks. Britain and America have rediscovered in difficult circumstances what we mean to each other. You understood why we had to resist aggression, even at great sacrifice. You were ready to give strong support, even at considerable cost to American interests.

/I thank you,

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VISIT OF PRESIDENT REAGAN: SPEECH BY THE PRIME MINISTER AT
THE LUNCH AT 10 DOWNING STREET ON 8 JUNE

1. Some of us were present a short time ago to hear your magnificent speech to members of both Houses of Parliament in the historic setting of the Royal Gallery. It was, if I may say so, an exceedingly hard act to follow. So I shall say only a few words.

2. I am delighted that the hectic schedule for your visit to Europe has permitted you to pay a visit to the United Kingdom as the guest of Her Majesty The Queen. It is indeed a great pleasure to welcome you and Mrs Reagan to this country. You come as the leader of a great country with which our ties are many and various, our relationship unique and our affinity long-standing. [The strength of this relationship has been illustrated by the support shown for Britain in the United States during the Falklands crisis.]

3. The Economic Summit at Versailles which we both attended over the past weekend and the NATO Summit which starts tomorrow in Bonn are providing a valuable and timely opportunity to review some of the most important problems facing the free world today.

4. While the United States still plays a determinant role in the life of the industrialised world, the European Community is now comparable to the United States in economic size and strength. It is essential that we should co-operate as fully as possible in our efforts to achieve a quick return to full prosperity. Our firm and continued adherence to the principles of free trade will be a key element in this process.

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1. NUMBER 10 HAVE ASKED THAT THE FOLLOWING DRAFT SPEECH FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S USE AT LUNCH FOR PRESIDENT REAGAN ON 8 JUNE, SENT TO THEM BY SIR N HENDERSON, BE FORWARDED TO YOU:

MRS REAGAN, MR PRESIDENT (YOU NOTICE THE ORDER IN THIS HOUSE: MY ATTENTION TO EQUAL OPPORTUNITY, IF NOT TO STRICT PROTOCOL). IT IS A GREAT HONOUR AND PLEASURE TO HAVE YOU BOTH TO LUNCH AT NO. 10, THE TRADITIONAL ABODE OF THE PRIME MINISTER.

I REALISE THAT YOU HAVE BECOME ACCUSTOMED RECENTLY TO TAKING YOUR MEALS IN GRANDER PLACES - VERSAILLES PALACE AND WINDSOR CASTLE. BUT AS YOU CAN SEE, THIS IS A VERY SIMPLE HOUSE, WITH THE FRONT-DOOR - THE ONLY DOOR IN FACT - LEADING INTO THE STREET. WE HAVE NO LONG GRAVEL DRIVE. I NOTICE THAT VISITORS FROM ABROAD FIND THIS VERY DEMOCRATIC. PARTICULARLY WHEN THEY CAN SEE ON THE DOORSTEP OUTSIDE, AS THEY CAN EVERY MORNING, THE ROW OF MILK BOTTLES JUST DELIVERED, THE ESSENTIAL LOGISTICS FOR THE TEARITUAL BY WHICH THE BRITISH MACHINERY OF GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN LUBRICATED DOWN THE AGES.

I SHOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A SPECIAL WELCOME TO YOU, MRS REAGAN. IT IS RARE ENOUGH TO HAVE A USA PRESIDENT AS A GUEST AT NO. 10 BUT MY RESEARCHES HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO TURN UP WHEN WE LAST HAD THE HONOUR OF A FIRST LADY TO AN OFFICIAL LUNCH HERE. BUT I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT DENIS IS AS DELIGHTED AS I AM: AND HE IS EVEN SUGGESTING THAT IN FUTURE HE SHOULD BE REFERRED TO IN THIS HOUSE AS THE FIRST GENTLEMAN.

BUT, SERIOUSLY, WE ARE DELIGHTED TO HAVE BOTH OF YOU HERE AS OUR GUESTS, TO REPAY AS BEST WE CAN THE HOSPITALITY YOU BESTOWED ON US WHEN WE WERE YOUR FIRST OFFICIAL GUESTS FROM ABROAD IN WASHINGTON AT THE BEGINNING OF YOUR PRESIDENTIAL TERM OF OFFICE.

6. MUCH HAS BEEN SAID AND READ OVER THE YEARS, MR PRESIDENT, ABOUT THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. THERE IS NO NEED FOR ME TO ADD TO THE GENERALITIES ON THE SUBJECT TODAY. BECAUSE WE HAVE HAD BEFORE OUR EYES IN RECENT WEEKS THE MOST CONCRETE EXPRESSION OF WHAT IN PRACTICE WE MEAN TO EACH OTHER. I REFER TO THE IMPACT OF THE FALKLANDS CRISIS WHICH HAS BEEN LIKE A SHAFT OF LIGHTNING ILLUMINATING HALF-HIDDEN RECESSES IN OUR RELATIONSHIP: YOUR AWARENESS OF OUR READINESS TO RESIST AGGRESSION, ^{in the Falklands} EVEN AT GREAT SACRIFICE: OUR AWARENESS OF YOUR READINESS TO GIVE SUPPORT TO US EVEN AT CONSIDERABLE COST TO AMERICAN INTERESTS.

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IT IS THIS PREPAREDNESS ON BOTH SIDES FOR SACRIFICES IN THE COMMON INTEREST THAT CHARACTERISES OUR PARTNERSHIP: AND I SHOULD LIKE TO PAY TRIBUTE TO YOU MR PRESIDENT AND TO YOU MR SECRETARY HAIG, WHOM I ALSO GREET HERE HEARTILY TODAY, AND THROUGH YOU TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR YOUR PREDICTABLY GENEROUS RESPONSE. BELIEVE ME, MR PRESIDENT, WE DO NOT TAKE IT FOR GRANTED. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO THE DEPTH OF OUR NATIONAL BEING.

I AM REMINDED OF THE WORDS OF YOUR GREAT AMERICAN POET EMERSON ON THE SUBJECT OF SACRIFICE, A MOOD THAT FITS US BOTH. I QUOTE:

'TIS PERDITION TO BE SAFE
WHEN FOR THE TRUTH WE OUGHT TO DIE.'

MR PRESIDENT, YOUR MISSION TO LONDON AND TO OTHER CAPITALS OF EUROPE IS A REMARKABLE ONE, AND WE ARE FULLY CONSCIOUS BOTH OF ITS SYMBOLISM AND SUBSTANCE.

FROM THE DAY YOU TOOK OFFICE YOU WERE DETERMINED TO BREATHE ^{new} LIFE INTO THE ALLIANCE. YOU RECOGNISED HOW CENTRAL YOUR ALLIES WERE TO AMERICA'S INTERESTS AND VICE VERSA - THAT NO COUNTRY HOWEVER STRONG CAN REMAIN AN ISLAND IN THE MODERN WORLD.

I WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW FULLY WE RECIPROCATE YOUR CONVICTION IN THE NEED FOR A DYNAMIC TWO-WAY ALLIANCE.

WE HERE ALSO REALISE, MR PRESIDENT, WHAT YOU HAVE DONE BOTH TO INCREASE IMMEDIATE USA MILITARY STRENGTH AND TO REANIMATE TALKS ON ARMS REDUCTIONS - OBJECTIVES THAT MUST GO HAND IN HAND.

YOU HAVE SEIZED THE INITIATIVE IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS AND, SEEN BY US IN WESTERN EUROPE, THAT IS ALREADY A CONSIDERABLE ACHIEVEMENT.

MAY I ALSO SIGNAL WHAT ABOVE ALL YOU STAND FOR IN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LIFE, YOUR COMMITMENT TO AN OPEN WORLD TRADE SYSTEM, WHATEVER THE IMMEDIATE PRESSURES FOR RESTRICTION. THAT IS OUR ROLE TOO AND WE WILL STRUGGLE FOR IT ~~STALWARTLY BESIDE YOU.~~ ^{alongside} *A on other sheet*

LET ME CONCLUDE THESE FEW REMARKS, MR PRESIDENT - AND I REALISE IT IS DIFFICULT TO MATCH YOUR MOVING SPEECH MADE IN THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT TODAY - BY A FINAL WORD ABOUT OURSELVES, ABOUT THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES. I MAKE NO APOLOGY IF THEY APPEAR PERSONAL ~~BUT~~ I HAVE FOUND IN MY THREE YEARS IN THIS OFFICE, AS I AM SURE MY PREDECESSORS HAVE DONE - THAT ~~IN THE MIDST OF THE STREAM THAT RUNS LIKE LIFE-BLOOD BETWEEN US -~~ TRADITION, CULTURE, LAW AND LANGUAGE ~~THERE IS ONE~~ ^{fundamental} CHARACTERISTIC THAT IS DOMINANT FOR ^{Further} THOSE CONCERNED WITH POLICY. I REFER TO OUR ABILITY TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS OF COMMON INTEREST, WHICH MEANS OF COURSE IN TODAY'S ^{carefully} WORLD PRACTICALLY EVERY ISSUE IN PUBLIC LIFE - TO DISCUSS THEM FREELY ~~FRANKLY~~, NOT NECESSARILY ALWAYS AGREEING BUT GIVING AND TAKING ^{and with special feeling} ADVICE AS FAMILY FRIENDS, WITHOUT COMMITMENT AND WITHOUT EXCITING ANXIETY OR ENVY. YOU, MR PRESIDENT, AND YOU MR SECRETARY HAIG HAVE CERTAINLY ALWAYS SHOWN THIS SPIRIT, AND DARE I SAY THAT THIS IS SOMETHING UNIQUE BETWEEN US, AS IT IS, I FEEL SURE, OF INESTIMABLE VALUE TO THE CAUSE WE BOTH SERVE.

2 ^{and with special feeling} IT IS IN THAT SPIRIT THAT I ASK YOU ALL LADIES AND GENTLEMEN TO RISE AND DRINK A TOAST TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND MRS REAGAN.

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You also stand for an open world trading system, whatever the immediate pressures for restrictions. That is our goal too and we shall struggle for it stalwartly beside you, as we did at the Versailles Summit last week.

Mr. President, because of our common traditions, shared values and agreed aims, the Anglo-American relationship has a quality of ease about it. Our language is free and frank. We agree easily; we can disagree without rancour; and each welcomes advice from the other.

All that is true of Anglo/American communication in general. But can I end on a personal note.

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(Since you took office, Mr. President, I have come to know you as a personal friend:

- who can be relied on ^{in times of danger} ~~when the chips are down;~~
- who is not going to compromise on the values of the free world;
- who seeks the reduction of world tensions and the strengthening of world security;
- who will do everything possible to ^{encourage} ~~foster~~ creative enterprise and initiative;
- who wants the individual to flourish in freedom ~~and~~ in, ^{justice} peace.

~~That is my creed too. It is not surprising that we ^{make} ~~give~~ the same speeches. So often when I hear or read what you say I find words which express my own thoughts exactly.~~

It is therefore with special feeling that I ask you all to rise and drink a toast to the President of the United States and Mrs. Reagan.

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