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Dear Madame Prime Minister:

I am increasingly concerned about the unprecedented travel restraints being imposed by the Chief of Soviet forces in East Germany along the border with Poland. This is the largest geographical area ever closed to United States, United Kingdom, and French military observers. In addition to this, an unusually high level of Warsaw Pact military activity is taking shape in and around Poland involving Soviet, East German, Polish, and possibly Czechoslovakian forces.

~~In my opinion,~~ *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 benefit 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,

The Right Honorable
Margaret Thatcher, M.P.
Prime Minister
London

His Excellency
Helmut Schmidt
Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany
Bonn

(Dear Mr. Chancellor:)

His Excellency
Valery Giscard d'Estaing
President of the French Republic
Paris

(Dear Mr. President:)

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