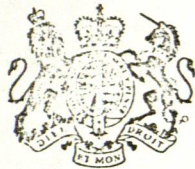


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Dear Ron,

Thank you for your letter of 13 January about COCOM.

I too have been considering what we should seek to achieve at the special High Level Meeting on 19 and 20 January.

I agree with you that the uncontrolled export of technology and critical equipment that contributes significantly to the shift in the military balance must be stopped. Our Ministry of Defence will be represented in our delegation.

I hope this meeting will provide a political framework for future meetings on technical issues, leading to much closer consultation, co-operation and agreement among COCOM members.

I am sure you are right to distinguish between responses to events in Poland and the longer-term issues which the High Level Meeting will address. The latter are of great importance to our collective security, however the Polish situation may develop.

Our consultations with your Government in preparation for this meeting have been most useful. We shall be glad to continue them.

Yours sincerely
Ronald Reagan

The President of the United States of America