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THE PRIME MINISTER

14 September 1981

Dear Mr. Weinberger,

Thank you for your letter of 24 August, conveying President Reagan's decision to adopt the D5 missile in your Trident boats, and to make that missile available to the United Kingdom should we wish to adopt it.

I greatly welcome both decisions; and I look forward to your public announcement of your plans for the United States' Trident programme. Together with colleagues, I shall be considering your generous offer to make the D5 missile available to us, and I expect our people will be in touch with yours shortly on this.

I share your pleasure at this further evidence of your Administration's determination to strengthen the mutual security of the Alliance, and of the warm spirit of co-operation between our two countries.

All best wishes.

Yours sincerely

The Honourable Casper Weinberger.

Margaret Thatcher

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