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Williamsburg Econ Summit

PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT REAGAN TO PRIME MINISTER THATCHER.

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DEAR MARGARET,

IT WAS GOOD NEWS TO HEAR YOU CAN MAKE IT TO WILLIAMSBURG FOR PART OF THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT MEETING. KNOWING YOU ARE INVOLVED IN A TOUGH ELECTION CAMPAIGN, I APPRECIATE YOUR TAKING TIME TO COME. I WILL BE GLAD TO MEET WITH YOU ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON AFTER YOU ARRIVE. IT WILL HAVE TO BE A SHORT MEETING BECAUSE OF OUR SCHEDULES, BUT I LOOK FORWARD TO IT.

I UNDERSTAND YOU WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO THE PRESS ON SUNDAY EVENING BEFORE YOUR DEPARTURE. I THINK YOU SHOULD, AND WE ARE WORKING TO GET PERMISSION FROM THE OTHER PARTICIPANTS.

WE HAVE DONE EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO MAKE THIS SUMMIT A SUC-CESSFUL AND HARMONIOUS ONE. WE SHOULD STRIVE FOR THIS OBJEC-TIVE IN THE MEETINGS THEMSELVES AND PARTICULARLY IN THE JOINT STATEMENT WHICH I WILL MAKE TO THE PRESS AT THE CONCLUSION. THIS JOINT PUBLIC STATEMENT WILL BE DRAFTED AFTER YOUR DEPAR-TURE. I MAY NEED YOUR HELP SUNDAY AFTERNOON WHEN WE INSTRUCT OUR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES TO DRAW UP THE FIRST DRAFT OF THE JOINT STATEMENT. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE WORKED HARD WITH THE FRENCH TO IDENTIFY COMMON GROUND, THEY MAY PRESS FOR A DIFFERENT TYPE OF JOINT STATEMENT FROM THE ONE YOU AND I AND HELMUT KOHL WILL PREFER.

ALTHOUGH WE WILL TRY TO ACCOMMODATE LEGITIMATE FRENCH CON-CERNS, AND WE DO NOT WISH TO EMBARRASS FRANCOIS MITTERRAND, WE MUST INSIST ON A JOINT STATEMENT WHICH HAS A TONE OF REALISTIC OPTIMISM, AND WE MUST RESIST A CALL FOR A NEW BRETTON WOODS CONFERENCE.

I HOPE I CAN COUNT ON YOUR SUPPORT IN THESE ISSUES, AND THAT MY SHERPA, ALLEN WALLIS, CAN COUNT ON ROBERT ARMSTRONG@S SUPPORT DURING THE DRAFTING SESSIONS.

GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR ELECTION CAMPAIGN. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON SATURDAY. IF THERE IS ANY WAY YOUR SCHEDULE WOULD



ALLOW YOU TO STAY THROUGH MONDAY, IT WOULD BE A GREAT HELP TO ME.

SINCERELY,

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