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Dear Margaret:

I am delighted to accept your invitation to the 1984 Economic Summit in London from June 7 through 9. I fully endorse the observations in your letter of December 14 regarding your intention to host a relaxed and productive Summit. I found our private sessions last year in Williamsburg especially valuable and am pleased that you are proposing a similar format for London.

Your letter strikes the right balance among economic and political subjects. Regarding preparation, I believe the device of a thematic paper served us well last year in allowing us to focus our discussion on major issues without the burden of a pre-negotiated draft statement. Your suggestion that we carry that arrangement forward to London is therefore most welcome.

While I agree that the main themes, including such political subjects as we may wish to discuss informally at the time, will become clearer as we approach the Summit, I believe that we must focus our preparations and the meeting itself on the need to build on the consensus achieved at Williamsburg. London will provide us the opportunity to review what our governments have accomplished during the year in the areas we highlighted for action at Williamsburg. I am particularly anxious that we discuss ways to carry out our shared vision of the more open, international economy that we articulated at our last meeting, with special but not exclusive emphasis on our trade and financial relations with the developing countries.

I look forward to receiving your views and to working with you and our other colleagues to prepare the most useful meeting possible. I am confident that, under your very capable leadership, we will be able to move forward on the agreements we reached last year and at the previous Summits which you and I have attended together since Ottawa.

Sincerely,

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