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THE PRIME MINISTER

29 July 1985

*Dear Oliver,*

Thank you so much for your excellent hospitality during my brief visit to Washington.

I found my afternoon of talks with George Bush, Cap Weinberger, Paul Volcker and Bud McFarlane very stimulating and useful. We must treat what McFarlane had to say with the greatest possible discretion, and no record is being put round here. We must also follow up quickly on our participation in SDI research, and get the joint group working as quickly as possible on identifying areas where we can make a major contribution.

Please pass on my thanks to those of your staff who so kindly helped with the arrangements, and to Marjory for her kindness.

*Yours sincerely*  
*Margaret Thatcher*

His Excellency Sir Oliver Wright, GCMG, GCVO, DSC.

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