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The Right Honorable Margaret Thatcher, M.P. Prime Minister London 10 FEB 1994

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From the Private Secretary

4 February 1981

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT REAGAN

I enclose a copy of a courteous message which the Prime Minister has received from President Reagan about her speech at the Pilgrims' Dinner.

I note that President Reagan says that he has seen "the initial news reports" of the speech. I suggested to HM Embassy that they might consider circulating the text of the speech to senior political figures in Washington - as they did with the speech the Prime Minister delivered on Afghanistan in January last year. You might like to check whether in fact the Embassy decided to act on this suggestion or not.

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Francis Richards, Esq., Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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4 February 1981

I am replying on the Prime Minister's behalf to thank you for your letter to her of 4 February. I shall, of course, bring President Reagan's message to the Prime Minister's immediate attention.

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EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA LONDON February 4, 1981 Dear Prime Minister: I have been asked to deliver the enclosed message to you from President Reagan, which was received at the Embassy this morning. Sincerely, Kingman Brewster Ambassador Enclosure The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M.P., Prime Minister, London.

PRIME MINISTER'S PERSONAL MESSAGE SERIAL No. T24 81 10 10 DOWNING STREET 11 February 1981 THE PRIME MINISTER The President I much appreciated your kindness in writing about the Pilgrims Speech. I was glad to have had the opportunity, so soon after your inauguration, to re-emphasise the importance I attach to the relationship between our two countries. I greatly look forward to discussing this and other matters with you at the end of the month. The President of the United States of America dh