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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER
THATCHER REGARDING THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
BRITISH COUNCIL

1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO DELIVER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT TO THE PRIME MINISTER REGARDING THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BRITISH COUNCIL. SIGNED ORIGINAL BEING POUCHED.
2. BEGIN TEXT: APRIL 18, 1984

DEAR MARGARET:

IT IS A SPECIAL PRIVILEGE FOR ME TO EXTEND MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM ON THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BRITISH COUNCIL.

IN TODAY'S WORLD, A NATION'S POWER AND INFLUENCE ARE DETERMINED NOT ONLY BY ITS MILITARY AND ECONOMIC MIGHT,
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BUT ALSO BY THE VALUES FOR WHICH IT STRIVES AND BY WHICH IT LIVES.

THE BRITISH COUNCIL'S DISTINGUISHED ROLE IN

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EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC, PROFESSIONAL, AND ARTISTIC INTERCHANGE HAS SERVED YOUR NATION WELL AS A MEDIUM FOR BRITISH INFLUENCE IN THE WORLD COMMUNITY. IT HAS SET HIGH STANDARDS IN THE ART OF CULTURAL DIPLOMACY FOR FREE COUNTRIES AROUND THE GLOBE.

PLEASE CONVEY MY BEST WISHES AND, AGAIN, MY CONGRATULATIONS TO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL, AND THE STAFF OF THE BRITISH COUNCIL ON THIS AUSPICIOUS AND HAPPY OCCASION.

SINCERELY, SIGNED RONALD REAGAN.

THE RIGHT HONORABLE
MARGARET THATCHER, M.P.
PRIME MINISTER
LONDON. END TEXT. DAM

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