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FOLLOWING FROM POWELL, PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE PRIME MINISTER
PRESIDENT REAGAN'S MEETING WITH ALLIED LEADERS.

THE PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTERS OF CANADA,
GERMANY, ITALY, JAPAN AND THE UNITED KINGDOM TO DISCUSS HIS
FORTHCOMING MEETING WITH MR GORBACHEV LASTED A LITTLE OVER
AN HOUR. NOT A GREAT DEAL OF SUBSTANCE WAS DISCUSSED.
THE MAIN THEME WAS ONE OF SOLIDARITY WITH AND SUPPORT FOR
THE PRESIDENT'S APPROACH. THIS WAS STRESSED VERY STRONGLY
BY THE PRIME MINISTER IN HER REMARKS TO THE PRESS AFTERWARDS.
THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT THE MOST SATISFACTORY RESULT
FROM THE MEETING IN GENEVA WOULD BE A SPECIFIC IMPETUS TO REACH
AGREEMENT IN THE ARMS CONTROL NEGOTIATIONS.

THE PRIME MINISTER SPOKE LAST. AS WELL AS STRESSING THE
UNITED KINGDOM'S SUPPORT FOR THE US, SHE SUGGESTED THAT THE US
ADMINISTRATION SHOULD ANALYSE THE SOVIET UNION'S APPROACH TO
THE SUMMIT VERY CAREFULLY. FOR THE SOVIET UNION, THE SDI
APPEARED TO THREATEN THE ONE AREA IN WHICH THEY HAD ACHIEVED
EQUALITY WITH THE UNITED STATES, THAT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THE
UNITED STATES APPROACH SHOULD THEREFORE TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE
PSYCHOLOGICAL DIFFICULTIES WHICH THIS CREATED FOR THE SOVIET
UNION. IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO FIND WAYS TO REASSURE THE
RUSSIANS THAT THE STRATEGIC BALANCE WOULD NOT TIP SHARPLY
AGAINST THEM. THIS MIGHT BE DONE IN A VARIETY OF WAYS: EFFORTS
TO CONVINCE THE SOVIET UNION OF THE UNITED STATES PEACEFUL
INTENTIONS: REAFFIRMATION OF THE ABM TREATY AND
CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE WAYS TO STRENGTHEN SOVIET CONFIDENCE
IN IT: AGREEMENT ON WHAT WOULD CONSTITUTE PERMISSIBLE
DEVELOPMENT OF STRATEGIC DEFENCE WITHIN SPECIFIC TIME LIMITS.

THE PRESIDENT OFFERED TO BRIEF ALLIES ON THE OUTCOME OF
THE SUMMIT IN BRUSSELS ON 21 NOVEMBER. THIS WAS ACCEPTED BY
ALL THOSE PRESENT.

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A BRITISH DRAFT NOTE FOR USE WITH THE PRESS WAS AGREED AND IS IN MIFT THOUGH ALL PARTICIPANTS RESERVED THE RIGHT TO ADD PERSONAL COMMENTS. IN SPEAKING TO THE PRESS HERSELF THE PRIME MINISTER STRESSED ALLIED SOLIDARITY: THE SOVIET UNION WOULD NEVER SUCCEED IN SEPARATING EUROPE FROM THE UNITED STATES. SHE COMMENTED ON THE THOROUGHNESS WITH WHICH THE PRESIDENT WAS PREPARING FOR THE SUMMIT. AND SHE WELCOMED THE INDICATIONS IN THE PRESIDENT'S UN SPEECH THAT HE WAS CONSIDERING MAKING FURTHER PROPOSALS ON ARMS CONTROL IN ADVANCE OF THE SUMMIT. WHEN PRESSED FOR COMMENT ON THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSALS FOR DISCUSSING REGIONAL PROBLEMS WITH THE SOVIET UNION, ALSO IN HIS U N SPEECH, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT SHE DID NOT WANT TO RUSH INTO COMMENT ON SERIOUS PROPOSALS BEFORE THERE HAD BEEN A CHANCE TO EXAMINE THEM THOROUGHLY.

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Repetition to REYKJAVIK
referred to environmental decision,
repeated as requested to other posts.

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