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THE PRIME MINISTER

12 December 1985

Dear George.

Thank you for your kind letter and for the magnificent book on Abraham Lincoln. I was delighted to have this: he is one of my heroes, and you may recall that I ended my speech to the Joint Meeting of Congress in February with a quotation from him.

I found our discussion as always very useful, and agree that we must keep in close touch, particularly in the run-up to the next meeting between the President and Mr. Gorbachev. I shall be letting the President have some views on this, and in particular on the handling of the Strategic Defence Initiative in discussions with the Soviet Union, in due course.

With best wishes,

Lawson

Margaret

The Honorable George P. Shultz

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