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DEAR MARGARET

I WANT TO LET YOU KNOW WITHOUT DELAY THAT GENERAL SECRETARY GORBACHEV AND I HAVE AGREED TO MEET IN REYKJAVIK OCTOBER 11 AND 12 TO REVIEW IN A PRIVATE AND INFORMAL SESSION THE AGENDA FOR HIS TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES.

MR. GORBACHEV PROPOSED THIS MEETING NOT TO TAKE THE PLACE OF HIS VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES, BUT TO MAKE CONCRETE PREPARATIONS FOR THE MEETINGS HERE. I FELT THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR ME TO AGREE TO THE MEETING, IN ORDER TO STRESS MY COMMITMENT TO REAL PROGRESS IN U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS. I ALSO CONSIDER IT SYMBOLICALLY IMPORTANT THAT MR. GORBACHEV SUGGESTED HOLDING THE MEETING ON THE SOIL OF A MEMBER OF THE NATO ALLIANCE.

THE MEETING WILL BE ANNOUNCED AROUND 1000 WASHINGTON TIME ON SEPTEMBER 30, AND I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR HOLDING THIS INFORMATION IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE UNTIL THE ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE.

AS I PREPARE FOR THIS MEETING, I SHALL BE SEEKING YOUR COUNSEL ON THE SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES WHICH MAY ARISE.

WITH WARM REGARDS,

SINCERELY,

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