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MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER
TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

DEAR RON

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE ABOUT YOUR FORTHCOMING MEETING WITH GENERAL SECRETARY GORBACHEV. I SEE THIS AS A VERY POSITIVE STEP AND SHALL WELCOME IT PUBLICLY AS SOON AS AN ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING MORE DETAILS OF WHAT YOU PROPOSE TO DISCUSS AND HOW THE MEETING IS LIKELY TO AFFECT THE TIMING OF GORBACHEV'S VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES, AND WILL THEN LET YOU HAVE MY THOUGHTS ON THE SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES.

ALTHOUGH I DON'T YET HAVE FULL DETAILS OF THE ARRANGEMENTS MADE TO SECURE MR. DANILOFF'S RELEASE, I CONGRATULATE YOU ON RESOLVING THIS DIFFICULT PROBLEM.

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WITH WARM REGARDS,

MARGARET.

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