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*From the Private Secretary*

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I enclose a copy of a message to the Prime Minister from President Reagan about the meeting he will have with Mr. Gorbachev in Reykjavik on 11/12 October, which arrived during the course of last night. I showed it to the Foreign Secretary first thing this morning.

Clearly we shall need to give thought straight away to the advice which the Prime Minister should offer the President, probably in the form of a personal message. Given that the Prime Minister leaves for the Party Conference in Bournemouth on 6 October, we shall need a draft for her box next weekend.

Meanwhile I should be grateful if you would delay action on my letter of yesterday about the Prime Minister's visit to Washington, until we know more about the date of a Summit.

I am copying this letter and enclosure to John Howe (Ministry of Defence) and Michael Stark (Cabinet Office).

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