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157(. Dear Prime Minister: I have been asked to deliver the attached message to you from President Reagan, which was received at the Embassy this morning. The President had originally hoped to host a working luncheon for the Allied foreign ministers. However, to avoid a conflict with a luncheon hosted by the UN Secretary General, he has decided instead to invite foreign ministers to a meeting. The meeting will take place from 12 - 1:00 p.m. in New York on September 22. We will provide the details on venue at a later time. This meeting will be for principals only. The White House plans to announce later today that the President will be attending the United Nations General Assembly. Sincerely, Charles H. Price, II Ambassador Enclosure: CONFIDENTIAL The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M.P., Prime Minister 10 Downing Street, London, S.W. 1.

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PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
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Dear Margaret:

As part of our preparations for the meeting I hope to have with General Secretary Gorbachev later this year, I want to ensure we remain in close touch and that I have the benefit of your views on the key East-West issues. A constructive outcome, as events last year so clearly demonstrated, will depend heavily on intensive consultations and the maintenance of allied unity.

I look forward to continuing our direct dialogue on these issues as events unfold. In addition, I believe we should take advantage of all opportunities to intensify the process. Many allied Foreign Ministers will be in New York in late September to attend the United National General Assembly. I would like to take that opportunity to meet on September 22. I hope Geoffrey Howe will be able to participate. This will provide Secretary Shultz and me an opportunity to report on the September 19-20 meetings with Soviet Foreign Minister Shevardnadze. I also wish to discuss the prospects for a U.S.-Soviet summit and to hear your Government's assessment and views.

I hope Geoffrey will be able to participate in this discussion.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Ronald Reagan

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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 proposed briefing of Allied Foreign Ministers in New York on 22 September.

Charles Powell

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