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PLEASE PASS AT OPENING OF BUSINESS TO CHARLES POWELL FROM ROBERT C. MCFARLANE, ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS.

DEAR CHARLES,

WE WISH TO ALERT YOU TO TWO TOPICS ON WHICH THE PRESIDENT WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE RECEIVING MRS. THATCHERS VIEWS, WHEN THEY MEET ON WEDNESDAY.

FIRST, WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF SEEKING THE SORT OF SUBSTANTIVE JOINT COMMUNIQUE THAT HAS BECOME A KEY FEATURE OF RECENT ECONOMIC SUMMIT MEETINGS. THURSDAYS SESSION, OF COURSE, IS NOT AN OFFICIAL SUMMIT MEETING.

ON THE OTHER HAND, IF THURSDAYS MEETING LENDS ITSELF TO SUCH AN OUTCOME, WE WOULD, NEEDLESS TO SAY, BE PLEASED IF THE PARTICIPANTS WISHED TO ISSUE STATEMENTS INDIVIDUALLY OR COLLECTIVELY. SUCH A STATEMENT MIGHT SAY NO MORE THAN THAT A WORTHWHILE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS HAD TAKEN PLACE, THAT PRESIDENT REAGAN WELCOMED ALLIED COUNSEL AND REITERATED HIS COMMITMENT TO CLOSE CONSULTATIONS. IT COULD ALSO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR U.S. EFFORTS IN GENEVA AND THE HOPE THAT THE PRESIDENTS MEETING WITH GORBACHEV WOULD ESTABLISH A FOUNDATION FOR PROGRESS ACROSS THE FULL RANGE OF EAST-WEST ISSUES.

THE PRESIDENT WOULD WELCOME ANY THOUGHTS MRS. THATCHER MIGHT HAVE ON WHETHER SUCH A STATEMENT IS WORTH CONSIDERING.

SECONDLY, A NUMBER OF ALLIES HAVE ASKED US ABOUT OUR POST-GENEVA CONSULTATION PLANS. WE ARE CONSIDERING A NUMBER OF OPTIONS, INCLUDING HAVING THE PRESIDENT STOP IN BRUSSELS TO BRIEF THE ALLIES ON NOVEMBER 21 ON HIS WAY HOME FROM GENEVA. AGAIN, IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF MRS. THATCHER COULD GIVE US A FRANK ASSESSMENT OF WHETHER SHE WOULD BE INTERESTED AND COULD ATTEND. I WISH TO UNDERLINE THE PRESIDENT IS SIMPLY TRYING TO FIND A WAY TO BRIEF THE ALLIED LEADERS AS QUICKLY AND DIRECTLY AS POSSIBLE, AND WE ARE OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW BEST TO DO THIS.

I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON WEDNESDAY AND WISH TO EMPHASIZE THAT WE HAVE NOT DISCUSSED EITHER OF THESE POSSIBILITIES WITH OTHER ALLIES. BEFORE DOING SO, THE PRESIDENT WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MRS. THATCHERS VIEWS.

BEST REGARDS,
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