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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Mr. President,

By the time you receive this message, you will probably already have heard this morning's announcement from 10 Downing Street of my decision to make way for a successor, and to resign as Prime Minister as soon as the Parliamentary Party has completed the necessary procedures for electing a new leader. I shall of course remain in charge of the Government until my successor has been appointed.

I should like to thank you for the great cooperation and friendship which you have shown me during our time together in office, during which so much has been achieved, and I send you my warmest good wishes for the future. I know that my successor will continue to attach the highest importance to the relations between our countries.

I was glad we were able to have a final meeting in Paris, and send you my very best wishes for the success of the great reforms which you are carrying through. *We shall continue to watch your success with the greatest possible interest.*

Denis joins me in sending you and Raisa Maximovna our warm regards and good wishes.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Mr M S Gorbachev

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