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IS UNCLASSIFIED.

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TO: CHARLES POWELL  
ASSISTANT TO PRIME MINISTER THATCHER  
10 DOWNING STREET  
LONDON

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FROM: ROBERT M. GATES  
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND DEPUTY FOR NATIONAL  
SECURITY AFFAIRS

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BEGIN TEXT:

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DEAR CHARLES:

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I KNOW BRENT HAS SENT YOU A MESSAGE BUT I JUST WANT TO LET  
YOU KNOW PERSONALLY HOW TERRIBLY SADDENED I AM BY THE TURN OF  
EVENTS IN LONDON. I AM PERHAPS THE ONLY SENIOR OFFICIAL WHO HAS  
BEEN IN OUR GOVERNMENT CONTINUOUSLY (AT CIA AND THE NSC) DURING  
THE ENTIRE TIME MRS. THATCHER HAS BEEN PRIME MINISTER. I CANNOT  
TELL YOU WHAT A GREAT INSPIRATION AND EXAMPLE SHE HAS BEEN. FROM  
PREPARING AND READING CABINET LINE MESSAGES WHEN I WORKED HERE  
FOR ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI TO MY MORE RECENT CALLS ON HER WITH LARRY  
EAGLEBURGER, I HAVE ALWAYS MARVELED AT HER COURAGE,  
STEADFASTNESS AND PRINCIPLED APPROACH TO GOVERNANCE. WHAT A  
REMARKABLE AND TRUE ALLY. WE ALL WISH HER WELL. HER ADMIRERS  
ARE LEGION AND HER PLACE IN HISTORY IS SECURE. AND WORKING WITH  
YOU HAS BEEN AN EXTRAORDINARY PLEASURE AND PRIVILEGE.

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WARM REGARDS AND VERY BEST WISHES,

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BOB GATES

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END TEXT

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