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Dear Ron

Thank you for your message ~~giving~~ ^{letting me} your decision to lift the sanctions imposed in December and June. I ~~too~~ ^{am} ~~gratified~~ ^{pleased} that we have all been able to reach agreement on a ~~more~~ ^{common} coherent approach to the handling of East/West economic relations, particularly at a ~~moment~~ ^{time} when we must be seen to be standing together, ~~as the Soviet leadership changes.~~

This is very good news

I agree with what you ~~propose~~ ^{propose} about the handling ~~of~~ ^{of} your announcement. For my part I can agree that the summary of conclusions should be published ~~for the reasons you give.~~ ^{for the reasons you give.} [I had already asked our Ambassador in Paris to urge this course on the French.]

your proposals the way you propose to

As to the future, although as George Schultz knows we cannot be committed in advance to the outcome, I ~~am~~ ^{am} ~~will~~ ^{will} ~~prepared~~ to instruct my officials to contribute wholeheartedly and expeditiously to ~~an~~ ^{an} agreed programme of work.

I am grateful for what you ~~said~~ ^{said} about the British contribution. For our part we have admired the role played by George Schultz and your senior officials in steering the negotiations to this ~~conclusion.~~ ^{successful} conclusion.

Yours ever

Margaret