

PRIME MINISTERARMS CONTROL

Since you were able to speak only briefly to Ambassador Nitze last night; and since he has in the past shown himself unreliable about the terms for inclusion of our deterrent in arms control negotiations, I think you should send a short message to the President making our main points. They will then be firmly on record in your name.

I asked the FCO to do a draft. But I think their version is a bit long and cumbersome. I attach an alternative for you to consider. If you agree, you might add at the end in manuscript:-

"Thank you for sending us Nancy. It was very good to see her, and she looked stunning at the royal wedding. What a marvellous First Lady she is!"

[or words to that effect]

Agree to sign message?

C.P.P.

Charles Powell

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