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THE PRIME MINISTER

Year The President.

I was grateful for your letter of 6 November setting out your views on the Gulf crisis. It was helpful to have these assurances of the firmness and consistency of your policy in resisting the Iraqi aggression and to know that you recognise the need to keep up the military pressure on Saddam Hussein.

Since you wrote I have had a useful talk with Jim Baker, who had just come from seeing you in Moscow. I look forward to discussing all this with you when we are both in Paris next week for the CSCE Summit.

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His Excellency Mr. M. S. Gorbachev