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MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT MITTERRAND FROM THE PRIME MINISTER.

NO DOUBT YOU HAVE RECEIVED AS I HAVE A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT REAGAN ABOUT OUR DISCUSSIONS ON EAST/WEST ECONOMIC RELATIONS. I HAVE REPLIED SAYING THAT I VERY MUCH WELCOME THIS AGREEMENT AND CAN ALSO AGREE THAT THE SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS SHOULD BE PUBLISHED.

I UNDERSTAND YOU STILL HAVE DIFFICULTIES OVER PUBLICATION. MAY I ASK YOU TO RECONSIDER ? IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE DOCUMENT IS BOUND TO LEAK SOON, AND THAT IF IT IS NOT PUBLISHED PRESIDENT REAGAN WHO WILL HAVE TO DRAW ON THE DOCUMENT WHEN MAKING HIS ANNOUNCEMENT MAY USE A DIFFERENT EMPHASIS THAN THE ONE WE WOULD BOTH WISH. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES WE WOULD RISK GETTING THE WORST OF BOTH WORLDS.

I HOPE YOU CAN THEREFORE AGREE TO PUBLICATION IN TIME FOR PRESIDENT REAGAN TO MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT THE AGREEMENT TODAY IN WASHINGTON. IT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY VALUABLE IF THIS COULD BE DONE BEFORE OUR REPRESENTATIVES MEET IN MOSCOW FOR MR BREZHNEV'S FUNERAL.

MARGARET
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