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PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT REAGAN
TO PRIME MINISTER THATCHER.

24 MAY 1983

DEAR MARGARET,

IT WAS GOOD NEWS TO HEAR YOU CAN MAKE IT TO WILLIAMSBURG FOR
PART OF THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT MEETING. KNOWING YOU ARE INVOLVED
IN A TOUGH ELECTION CAMPAIGN, I APPRECIATE YOUR TAKING TIME TO
COME. I WILL BE GLAD TO MEET WITH YOU ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON
AFTER YOU ARRIVE. IT WILL HAVE TO BE A SHORT MEETING BECAUSE
OF OUR SCHEDULES, BUT I LOOK FORWARD TO IT.

I UNDERSTAND YOU WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO THE PRESS ON SUNDAY
EVENING BEFORE YOUR DEPARTURE. I THINK YOU SHOULD, AND WE ARE
WORKING TO GET PERMISSION FROM THE OTHER PARTICIPANTS.

WE HAVE DONE EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO MAKE THIS SUMMIT A SUC-
CESSFUL AND HARMONIOUS ONE. WE SHOULD STRIVE FOR THIS OBJEC-
TIVE IN THE MEETINGS THEMSELVES AND PARTICULARLY IN THE JOINT
STATEMENT WHICH I WILL MAKE TO THE PRESS AT THE CONCLUSION.
THIS JOINT PUBLIC STATEMENT WILL BE DRAFTED AFTER YOUR DEPAR-
TURE. I MAY NEED YOUR HELP SUNDAY AFTERNOON WHEN WE INSTRUCT
OUR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES TO DRAW UP THE FIRST DRAFT OF THE
JOINT STATEMENT. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE WORKED HARD WITH THE FRENCH
TO IDENTIFY COMMON GROUND, THEY MAY PRESS FOR A DIFFERENT TYPE
OF JOINT STATEMENT FROM THE ONE YOU AND I AND HELMUT KOHL WILL
PREFER.

ALTHOUGH WE WILL TRY TO ACCOMMODATE LEGITIMATE FRENCH CON-
CERNS, AND WE DO NOT WISH TO EMBARRASS FRANCOIS MITTERRAND, WE
MUST INSIST ON A JOINT STATEMENT WHICH HAS A TONE OF REALISTIC
OPTIMISM, AND WE MUST RESIST A CALL FOR A NEW BRETTON WOODS
CONFERENCE.

I HOPE I CAN COUNT ON YOUR SUPPORT IN THESE ISSUES, AND THAT
MY SHERPA, ALLEN WALLIS, CAN COUNT ON ROBERT ARMSTRONG'S
SUPPORT DURING THE DRAFTING SESSIONS.

GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR ELECTION CAMPAIGN. I LOOK FORWARD TO
SEEING YOU ON SATURDAY. IF THERE IS ANY WAY YOUR SCHEDULE WOULD

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ALLOW YOU TO STAY THROUGH MONDAY, IT WOULD BE A GREAT HELP TO
ME.

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From the Private Secretary

25-5-83

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

Williamsburg

I attach a copy of another message which the Prime Minister has received from President Reagan. I have submitted a draft reply to the Prime Minister and hope that she will be able to look at it tonight.

I am copying this minute and the attachment to Mr. Fall (Foreign and Commonwealth Office) and Mr. Kerr (H.M. Treasury).

A. J. COLES

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