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PERSONAL MESSAGE

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FOLLOWING FOR PRESIDENT REAGAN FROM PRIME MINISTER.

BEGINS:-

DEAR RON,

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THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING MESSAGE OF  
24 MAY.

I AM LOOKING FORWARD ENORMOUSLY TO SEEING YOU IN  
WILLIAMSBURG. I HAVE CONSIDERED VERY CAREFULLY WHETHER  
I COULD MANAGE TO STAY ON MONDAY AS WELL AND WOULD MUCH  
LIKE TO BE ABLE TO HELP YOU. BUT I AM AFRAID THAT I  
HAVE TO RETURN HERE OVER SUNDAY NIGHT FOR THE ELECTION  
CAMPAIGN WHICH WILL BE ENTERING A CRUCIAL PERIOD ON MONDAY.

I SHALL OF COURSE DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO MAKE THE SUMMIT  
THE SUCCESSFUL AND HARMONIOUS OCCASION WHICH YOU WANT.  
I ENTIRELY AGREE WITH YOUR VIEW THAT WE MUST INSIST ON A  
JOINT STATEMENT WHICH HAS A TONE OF REALISTIC OPTIMISM  
AND THAT WE MUST RESIST ANY CALL FOR A NEW BRETTON WOODS  
CONFERENCE. YOU CAN COUNT ON THE SUPPORT OF GEOFFREY HOWE,  
FRANCIS PYM AND ROBERT ARMSTRONG AFTER MY DEPARTURE.

THANK YOU FOR THE ARRANGEMENTS THAT ARE BEING MADE FOR  
ME TO TALK TO THE PRESS BEFORE MY DEPARTURE ON SUNDAY.  
I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE DISPENSATION. IT WOULD NOT BE  
UNDERSTOOD HERE IF I DID NOT DO THIS.

FINALLY, I QUITE APPRECIATE THAT MY TALK WITH YOU ON  
SATURDAY AFTERNOON WILL HAVE TO BE A SHORT ONE. I WONDER  
IF YOU WOULD AGREE TO OUR TALKING ALONE, WITHOUT ADVISERS,  
ON THIS OCCASION. I FEEL THAT WE SHALL BE ABLE TO COVER  
MUCH MORE GROUND THIS WAY - AND MORE FRANKLY THAN MIGHT  
BE POSSIBLE IN A LARGE GATHERING. I SHALL OF COURSE FIT  
IN WITH WHAT YOU WANT, BUT PERHAPS YOUR PEOPLE COULD LET  
OUR AMBASSADOR KNOW WHETHER OUR TALK MIGHT BE TETE-A-TETE.

YOURS EVER  
MARGARET.

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Prime Minister  
Agree to send this in reply to  
President Reagan's message attached?

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A.S.C. 25/5.

Myron  
Koj

"Dear Ron,

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Thank you so much for your understanding message of  
24 May.

I am looking forward enormously to seeing you in  
Williamsburg. I have considered very carefully whether I  
could manage to stay on Monday as well and would much  
like to be able to help you. But I am afraid that I have  
to return here <sup>over</sup> on Sunday night for the Election Campaign,  
which will be entering a crucial period on Monday.

~~But~~ I shall of course do everything I can to make the  
Summit <sup>the</sup> a successful and harmonious occasion which you want.  
I entirely agree with your view that we must insist on a  
joint statement which has a tone of realistic optimism and  
that we must resist any call for a new Breton Woods conference.  
You can count on the support of Geoffrey Howe, Francis Pym  
and Robert Armstrong after my departure.

Thank you for the arrangements that are being made for  
me to talk to the Press before my departure on Sunday. I am  
grateful for the dispensation. It would not be understood  
here if I did not do this.

Finally, I quite appreciate that my talk with you on  
Saturday afternoon will have to be a short one. I wonder  
if you would agree to our talking alone, without advisers,  
on this occasion. I feel that we shall be able to cover  
much more ground this way - and more frankly than might be  
possible in a large gathering. I shall of course fit in with  
what you want, but perhaps your people could let our Ambassador  
know whether our talk might be tete-a-tete.

Yours ever  
Margaret"

APL 26/5.