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NOVEMBER 19, 1983

DEAR MARGARET:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE DELIVERED BY SIR OLIVER. WE HAVE COMPLETED A VERY THOROUGH REVIEW OF THE SITUATION IN LEBANON WITH REGARD TO ACTIONS AGAINST THE TERRORISTS. I HAVE DECIDED NOT TO TAKE ANY MILITARY ACTIONS AT THIS TIME. WE WILL CONTINUE TO COLLECT ALL POSSIBLE INTELLIGENCE ON TERRORIST PLANS WITH A VIEW TOWARD PREVENTING OR DISRUPTING A FUTURE ATTACK. WE WILL KEEP OPEN THE POSSIBILITY OF CARRYING OUT A FUTURE ATTACK ON VERY SHORT NOTICE AGAINST SUITABLE TARGETS IF I BELIEVE WE CAN PREEMPT OR DETER ATTACKS. I WOULD OF COURSE CONSULT WITH YOU AND THE OTHER MNF CONTRIBUTORS AHEAD OF TIME.

I WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW MUCH I APPRECIATE YOUR FRANK VIEWS ON THIS VERY DIFFICULT MATTER. BEST WISHES ON YOUR COMMONWEALTH MEETING IN DELHI.

SINCERELY,

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From the Private Secretary

21 November 1983

LEBANON

As you know, the Prime Minister received on 19 November a reply from President Reagan to her message of 18 November.

I enclose a copy of the President's reply. I am copying this letter and enclosure to Richard Mottram (Ministry of Defence), Janet Lewis-Jones (Lord President's Office) and Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

A. J. COLES

Brian Fall, Esq.,
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