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PRIME MINISTER'S
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NOVEMBER 13, 1984

DEAR MARGARET,

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROUS AND WARM WORDS IN THE WAKE OF OUR ELECTION. IT WAS AN HONOR AND PRIVILEGE TO RECEIVE SUCH AN ENDORSEMENT FROM THE AMERICAN ELECTORATE. I DARE TO SAY THAT I ALMOST FEEL AS IF I AM IN YOUR ELECTORAL LEAGUE.

I, TOO, LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING CLOSEST CONSULTATIONS. INDEED, I PLEDGE TO DO SO. I RECALL THE GREAT UTILITY OF OUR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AT THE OUTSET OF MY FIRST TERM, AND I LIKE VZRY MUCH THE IDEA OF A SEMINAR ON ARMS CONTROL AND EAST-WEST RELATIONS. I AM ASKING MY STAFF TO CONTACT YOURS TO ARRANGE A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT DATE EARLY IN 1985.

WITH REGARD TO THE POSSIBILITY OF YOUR STOPPING IN CALIFORNIA ON DECEMBER 22, I REGRET THAT MY SCHEDULE IS SUCH THAT I WILL NOT BE THERE UNTIL AFTER CHRISTMAS.

AGAIN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE. NANCY JOINS ME IN SENDING OUR FONDEST REGARDS TO YOU AND DENIS.

SINCERELY,

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From the Private Secretary

14 November 1984

I enclose a copy of a personal message to the Prime Minister from President Reagan. The Prime Minister does not wish it to be given any distribution. I should be grateful, therefore, if it could be shown only to the Foreign Secretary, Sir Antony Acland and their most senior colleagues.

You will note that the President welcomes the idea of a Seminar early in 1985 but says that he will not be in California on 22 December, when the Prime Minister will be passing through. On the Prime Minister's instructions, I have subsequently spoken to the American Ambassador to ask him to point out to the White House discreetly that the Prime Minister's return journey takes her not only through California but also through Washington, and that if the President were there or at Camp David it might still be possible for a short meeting to take place on 22 December. Mr. Price has undertaken to do so.

I think it would be helpful if Sir Oliver Wright were to take similar action in Washington. I should be grateful if appropriate instructions could be sent to him, together with a copy of President Reagan's message, strictly for his personal information only.

(C.D. POWELL)

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