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Dear Charles,

PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN

We agree that the topics mentioned in your letter of 24 November to Len Appleyard should be the main ones on the Prime Minister's agenda when she meets the President.

2 We think, however, that the Prime Minister may also need to refer to the recent US restrictions on imports of steel pipes and tubes from the Community, which we understand was discussed at Dublin on Chancellor Kohl's initiative. And it may also be necessary to mention the Laker antitrust case, when the Prime Minister might confirm the warm welcome she has already given to the President's decision to close the grand jury investigation of British Airways, while stressing the need also to deal with the problem of private antitrust suits in the aviation field.

3 Finally, we understand from our Embassy in Washington that it would be appreciated if the Prime Minister were to welcome the resumption of low key contacts between the United States and the USSR on bilateral trade issues. We would endorse this suggestion.

4 I am copying this letter to David Peretz (Treasury), Len Appleyard (FCO), Richard Mottram (Ministry of Defence), Hugh Taylor (Home Office) and Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

Yours ever,
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