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PRIME MINISTER'S  
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THE PRIME MINISTER

14 January 1985

Dear Ron,

My warmest thanks for your message of 5 January, prior to the Geneva talks. Our discussions at Camp David had given me a valuable outline of your own thinking especially on the Strategic Defence Initiative; your message was a great help in explaining the details of your approach.

It has been an interesting, exciting and fruitful week; and a very considerable achievement for American diplomacy under your leadership. It was good of you to take so much trouble to let me have the results of Geneva. And I am indebted to Mr. McFarlane for his comprehensive briefing. We now have a clear idea of how you expect the subsequent negotiations may develop.

I look forward very much to further discussions with you on these all-important issues of arms control when I come to Washington next month. I hope that we can set aside sufficient time for a concentrated discussion of the substantive problems which will arise in each area.

We have faced serious problems over the past year in the arms control field. But the Alliance has stood the test impressively. Intensive consultations have been the key to this cohesion; you have provided the rest of us this week with a model example of how these consultations should

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continue to be conducted. The exchanges which you have launched bilaterally and in the Alliance will be of even greater importance as new negotiations get under way. The Alliance marches together into 1985, in the real hope that - as you have said yourself - it should become the year of dialogue and negotiations.

I must also tell you how impressed I was by the other points you made in your press conference on 9 January. Obviously we have a long and difficult road ahead of us; patience, perseverance and solidarity will all be required. But I do believe that as a result of your efforts - and I should like to echo your tribute to members of your delegation, especially George Shultz and Bud McFarlane - we now face a new and perhaps historic opportunity to create a more stable and therefore safer world.

With warmest regards,

*Yours ever*  
*Ronald*

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The President of the United States of America.



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PRIME MINISTER

A reply to the message  
which President Reagan sent you  
just before the Geneva meeting.

"Dear Hon"

C.D.P.

11 January 1985

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~~M. sent over to FCO  
with report in Telegraph  
the text.~~

C.D.P.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

11 January 1985

Dear Charles,

Reply to President Reagan's Message of 5 January

I enclose a draft reply to the President's message prior to the Geneva meeting, along the lines suggested in your letter of 9 January. This has not yet been seen by the Foreign Secretary: I shall be showing him a copy on his return from Africa tomorrow.

I am sending copies of this letter and enclosures to Denis Brennan (MOD) and to Richard Hatfield and Bryan Cartledge (Cabinet Office).

Yours ever,

Peter Ricketts

(P F Ricketts)  
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq  
10 Downing Street

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President Reagan

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*under  
your  
leadership*

I look forward <sup>very much</sup> ~~keenly~~ to further discussions with you on these all-important issues of arms control when I come to Washington next month. I hope <sup>that</sup> ~~we~~ can then go over <sup>set aside sufficient time</sup> ~~in detail~~ <sup>for a concentrated discussion of</sup> the substantive problems which will arise in each area.

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We have faced serious problems over the past year in the arms control field. But the Alliance has stood the test impressively. Intensive consultations have ~~made a~~ <sup>been the</sup> key ~~contribution~~ to this cohesion; you have provided the rest of us this week with a model example of how these consultations should continue to be conducted. ~~We must not relax now.~~ The exchanges which you have launched bilaterally and in the Alliance will be of even greater importance as new negotiations get under way. The Alliance marches together into 1985, in the real hope that - as you have said yourself - it should become the year of dialogue and negotiations.

I must also tell you how impressed I was by the other points you made in your press conference on 9 January. Obviously we have a long and difficult road ahead of us; patience, perseverance and solidarity will ~~continue to be~~ <sup>all</sup> ~~our watchwords.~~ <sup>required</sup> But I do believe that as a result of your efforts - and I should like to echo your tribute to members of your delegation especially George Shultz and Bud McFarlane - we now face a new and perhaps historic opportunity, ~~to make radical inroads into the threat posed by nuclear weapons and to create a more stable and therefore safer world.~~

With warmest regards.

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From the Private Secretary

9 January, 1985.

Dear Peter,

US/Soviet Talks on Arms Control

Now that we have received Mr. MacFarlane's briefing on the outcome of the US/Soviet talks on arms control in Geneva on 7/8 January, it would be appropriate for the Prime Minister to reply to President Reagan's message sent shortly before the Geneva talks. I suggest that a reply could be fairly brief, expressing satisfaction at the outcome and thanks for the briefing, and going on to say that the Prime Minister looks forward to letting the President have her thoughts on the substantive issues in the negotiations when they meet for their "seminar" on arms control on 20 February. I should be grateful for a draft.

I am sending copies of this letter to Denis Brennan (Ministry of Defence), and Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

yes on way,  
Chris Powell

C.D. Powell

Peter Ricketts, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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