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PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE  
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September 30, 1985

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Dear Margaret:

I am writing to you and other leaders of the Economic Summit countries to seek your further advice and counsel as preparations proceed for my meeting in November with General Secretary Gorbachev. I am sending you separately in greater detail my preliminary thoughts on what we hope to achieve and look forward to your comments.

As you well know, I would like to do more, however, than simply exchange letters and ensure our Foreign Ministers and other officials stay in close touch. Bud McFarlane's visit with you this weekend was a step to that end. As events over the past few years demonstrate, a constructive outcome in November will depend heavily on intensive consultations and on maintaining Western unity.

I will be in New York City on October 24 to participate in the commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations. I would like to take that opportunity to host a lunch of the leaders of the seven Economic Summit countries to discuss our planning for the Geneva meeting, in light of my discussions last week with Soviet Foreign Minister Shevardnadze.

I believe it would be very useful to discuss as a group our planning for the Geneva meeting. This will enable me to share my personal views with you and to benefit at first hand from your own suggestions on how we might best pursue our common objectives. Such a meeting will also permit us to continue and expand on the stimulating and extremely useful discussions we have had on East-West issues during recent summit meetings.

With warm regards.

/s/

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*From the Private Secretary*

30 September 1985

I enclose a copy of President Reagan's message to the Prime Minister inviting her to attend a lunch in New York on 24 October with leaders of the other Economic Summit countries to discuss his forthcoming meeting with Mr Gorbachev.

The Private Minsiter is likely to accept, but it will be helpful to establish as rapidly as possible the intentions of the Heads of Government of the other Economic Summit countries. We have not yet had time to consider detailed arrangements, but a point on which we shall need early advice is whether it would be appropriate for the Prime Minister to speak at the United Nations if she is in New York that day. In the event that it may be, it would be prudent to start work straightaway on a draft speech.

Charles Powell

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EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
LONDON

September 30, 1985

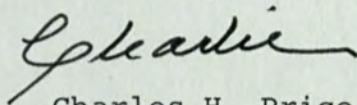
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Dear Prime Minister:

I have been asked to deliver the attached letter from President Reagan, which was received at the Embassy today.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,



Charles H. Price, II  
Ambassador

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