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THE PRIME MINISTER

19 November 1985

Dear Peter,

Thank you for your letter of 13 November.
I entirely agree with what you say about the
conduct of the meeting on Thursday. I shall
try to set a good example.

Yours ever
Raymond

The Rt. Hon. Lord Carrington, KG, CH, GCMG, MC.

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Brussels, 13th November 1985

My Dear Prime Minister

I am much looking forward to seeing you here at NATO Headquarters next Thursday. President Reagan's initiative in coming here immediately after the Summit is very welcome, and I am delighted to see reinforced at this level what has in any case been a very close and worthwhile process of consultation.

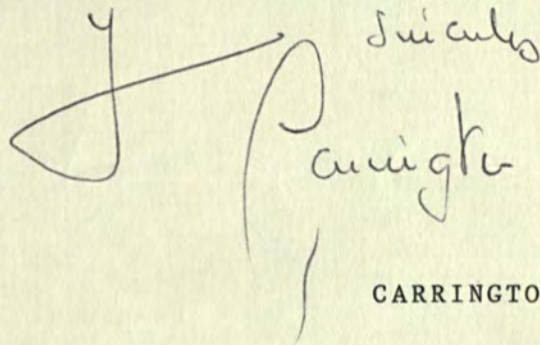
As you know, the timing will be tight: the President has to be in Geneva on the Thursday morning; and he is to address a Joint Session of Congress on Thursday evening. We shall therefore do everything we can to cut down on time-consuming protocol at this end. But, however much we try to cut down on the inessentials, we shall be left with a schedule which allows us just about one hour, once the President has made his opening remarks, in which to exchange views on the substance. And that, if we divide it equally, would work out at just under four minutes per person.

I am not at all sure that a formal tour de table would be the most productive use of our time. I wonder therefore if it would not be better to avoid set speeches, and to try rather to encourage discussion and to seek clarifications where they may be thought helpful.

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The Right Honourable Margaret Thatcher, MP,
Prime Minister of the United Kingdom,
London,
U.K.

In other words, we have a problem; and I am writing to you and to your colleagues to ask for your help in getting the best out of a very important but in the circumstances inevitably short meeting.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'J' followed by a 'P' and the name 'Carrington' written in a cursive script.

CARRINGTON