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BY HAND

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Mr Leonid Zanyatin
The Ambassador
Soviet Embassy
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Dear Mr Zanyatin,

Thank you for seeing me at 2.30 pm yesterday at such short notice.

I hope that Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's efforts, following my earlier meeting with her, will lead to the President clarifying the current confused picture of his SALT II intentions.

I hope too that General Secretary Gorbachev will agree to Mr Shevardnadze meeting with Mr Shultz in the near future and that a date will be fixed for such a meeting in London where you would be present and where we can have access to Mrs Thatcher in case it is necessary to use her help with Mr Reagan.

At this meeting they can agree on an Agenda and crystallize something constructive based on the talks in Vienna and Geneva. The Summit, which would occur based on the decisions made by Mr Shultz and Mr Shevardnadze, would be most appropriate in mid-November. American Thanksgiving Day would be ideal. I have since returned to Los Angeles and I notice in the Los Angeles Times of Saturday June 14th (today) on page 14 that the following statement was made on Friday by Secretary Shultz. "Secretary of State George P. Shultz took exception Friday with newspaper headlines that said the Agreement (SALT II) is dead". "What the President is seeking is a regime of mutual restraint that looks at what they do and places what we do alongside of it" said Shultz. "We are definitely not talking about an escalation, an arms race; quite to the contrary". Shultz also said that recent Soviet arms control proposals have substance and the fact they were made privately is a good sign.

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This Shultz statement may have been the result of a telephone call to Mr Reagan by Mrs Thatcher that he clarify the contradiction between his previous statement and the statement of Mr Speakes that SALT II is dead. This is what I urged Mrs Thatcher to do at our meeting on Friday when she expressed surprise at the contradictory statements and the confusion which they created in the minds of people all over the world. I had the feeling that she would telephone Mr Reagan and because of the Time Difference between London and New York, this could have accounted for Mr Shultz's clarifying statement. Warmest regards.

ARMAND HAMMER

Not signed but Dictated to my Aide in London over the telephone.

Prime Minister ②

Sir Gordon Reece

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19th August 1986

My dear Charles

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I thought you would like to see a copy of the letter nominally addressed to the Russian Ambassador in London, but designated for and delivered to Mr Gorbachov.

The letter was composed jointly by Dr Hammer and Ambassador Zanyatin and followed immediately on Dr Hammer's visit to The Prime Minister in June. It may not be too much to hope that the Shevardnadze meeting followed directly upon it. Upon all events, I thought you would be interested to see it.

Yours ever

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