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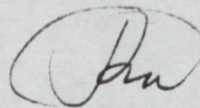
Dear Julian,

Your piece in the Sunday Telegraph was outstanding. You emphasized a point that has received far too little attention in this country -- what would be the effect on the Germany problem in the event that Gorbachev and Reagan go forward on the zero option. Unfortunately, most of the experts in the State Department, as usual, will opt for any agreement. Even some of the hawks in the Administration will be willing to make concessions in order to nail down a summit with Gorbachev which they believe would help restore the President's popularity.

There is no doubt whatsoever in mind that Gorbachev needs and wants an agreement. What would be particularly dangerous would be if he sensed that Reagan needed and wanted an agreement more than he did. This may mean that we could end up with an agreement which did not address the short range missile problem and which did not adequately deal with verification.

I agree also with you on Afghanistan. Gorbachev knows that he should get out for a number of reasons. But at a time when he is attempting some reforms at home, he does not dare to open himself up to having a "soft" foreign policy abroad. We, consequently, should make him pay a price for ridding himself of a very bad bargain in Afghanistan.

Sincerely,



The Honorable
Julian Amery, M.P.

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*The Prime Minister did himself
+ the West proud in Moscow,*

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Prime Minister

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Dear Margaret,

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I wrote a piece in the Sunday Telegraph some time ago in advance of your expedition to Moscow. I wrote it on the lines of the notes I sent you before you went there.

I sent a copy of the article to Richard Nixon. It occurs to me you might like to see a copy of his comments.

Julian

Julian Amery

The Rt. Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, MP