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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Bryan,

I am immensely grateful to you and all your staff at the Embassy for all the hard work you put into making my visit to the Soviet Union such a significant and successful event. I am old hand enough to know that these visits cannot be really successful without careful preparation. You laid the groundwork very skilfully and effectively. The programme was very well judged and made it possible to fit in a very great deal. There are still some unanswered questions in my mind about why Mr. Gorbachev was so evidently determined to make the visit a success. And we shall need to think very carefully and thoroughly about the follow up to it. But success it was and for that I am sincerely grateful. I hope you will pass on my thanks also to all the members of your staff who helped make it so. I know what difficult conditions they work under.

Please also thank Ruth most warmly for her kind hospitality and for making me so comfortable. I very much enjoyed seeing you both again.

With warm regards,

Yours ever

Raymond

Sir Bryan Cartledge, KCMG.

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