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THE PRIME MINISTER

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PERSONAL MESSAGE
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Y
ours sincerely

Raymond Habibe

His Excellency Mohamed Hosni Mubarak



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From the Private Secretary

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**PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION:
MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT MUBARAK**

I enclose a signed version of the Prime Minister's message to President Mubarak about her visit to the Soviet Union. I am afraid that it issued too late for the best wishes for today's elections to be included. I should be grateful if the text could be telegraphed to Cairo for delivery today.

(C. D. POWELL)

Robert Culshaw, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.



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May I take this opportunity to send you my very best wishes for a successful outcome to the election to the People's Assembly on 6 April. Your efforts to foster democracy in Egypt will, I am sure, contribute immensely to meeting the political and economic challenges which your Government will face in the coming months.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Mohamed Hosni Mubarak

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I think it would nonetheless be appropriate for you to reply to President Mubarak's message. I attach a draft. Agree to sign?

CHARLES POWELL

3 April 1987

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Arab/Israel: Message from President Mubarak

In my letter of 27 March, I undertook to provide a draft reply from the Prime Minister, after the Moscow visit, to the "oral message" addressed to her by President Mubarak of Egypt (Dr al-Baz's original text now enclosed).

I now enclose a draft message in the form of a telegram for transmission to Cairo if the Prime Minister is content. The draft mentions Egypt's Assembly elections on 6 April, and should therefore be sent before or during the weekend.

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21 ~~The Soviet leaders made no direct reply.~~

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23 I welcome your dialogue with the US Administration on an inter-
24 national conference. ^{in Washington next week} Geoffrey Howe will be giving George Shultz
25 ~~next week~~ an account of our talks in Moscow: ^{we} and will ^{continue to} encourage ^{him}
26 ^{Americans} to look actively for ways to take matters forward.

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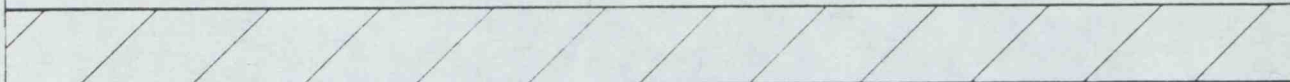
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