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27 November 1987

John Howe

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Dear Charles,

US/Soviet Summit

Thank you for your letter enclosing an amended version of the message to President Reagan. In the very short time available it has not been possible to consult the Secretary of State in Madrid. We do however have some suggestions:

- para 2: "recognition of Israel" should read "relations with Israel".
- para 4, second tiret: this could be misinterpreted as a move away from HMG's consistent support for a global CW ban.

we suggest that it should be amended to read "...until the establishment of a conventional balance and the global elimination of chemical weapons".
- para 5: President Reagan's recent speech (in Colorado) contains a passage which contradicts our view of the importance of nuclear deterrence. We suggest that the paragraph should simply begin "as regards SDI, I continue"

I am sending a copy of this letter to John Howe (MOD) and Trevor Woolley (Cabinet Office).

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From the Private Secretary

27 November 1987

Dear Lyn,

**US/SOVIET SUMMIT:
PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT REAGAN**

I enclose a copy of the Prime Minister's message to President Reagan about the forthcoming Summit in the form in which it issued.

I am copying this letter and enclosure to John Howe (Ministry of Defence) and Trevor Woolley (Cabinet Office).

Yours sincerely,
C.D. Powell

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From the Private Secretary

27 November 1987

US/SOVIET SUMMIT

Thank you for your letter of 26 November covering draft messages from the Prime Minister to President Reagan and Mr. Gorbachev about the forthcoming US/Soviet Summit.

BF || I enclose an amended version of the message to President Reagan which has been approved by the Prime Minister. I should be grateful if you could let me have any comments by close of play today. We will then send it by the direct line to the White House.

The Prime Minister has decided against a message to Mr. Gorbachev, preferring to reserve the points until her meeting with him on 7 December.

I am copying this letter and enclosure to John Howe (Ministry of Defence) and Trevor Woolley (Cabinet Office).

(CHARLES POWELL)

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