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THE PRIME MINISTER

14 December 1987

Dear General Secretary,

Your brief visit to the United Kingdom on your way to Washington was very well received by people here, and I am most grateful to you and your senior colleagues for the time you devoted to discussions with us. For my own part, I found it very useful to be able to pick up the threads of our talks in Moscow earlier in the year. It was particularly gratifying to see these brought to fruition in the INF Agreement. I congratulate you once again on your own major contribution to the conclusion of this agreement, which represents a success for us all.

I am writing separately to thank Mrs. Gorbachev for so kindly undertaking the visit to the school, which gave great pleasure to the children and teachers and also led to some really enchanting pictures which I shall be sending her.

We followed your meetings in Washington with very great interest. The media created - as they always do - some exaggerated expectations of agreements. I remember that you yourself told me that there would be no surprises and this was borne out. But my own assessment of the outcome is a positive one. It was clear that your discussions with President Reagan were very thorough and productive, and have created a good basis for future progress in East/West relations. I hope that this will be reflected in further agreements next year.

Finally, may I thank you both very much for your kind and generous gifts. They were chosen with obvious care and thoughtfulness and very much appreciated.

My husband joins me in wishing you and Mrs. Gorbachev a happy and successful New Year. We all hope that you will both return for a longer official visit in the course of 1988.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely
Nayana Datta

Mr. Mikhail Sergeevich Gorbachev



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From the Private Secretary

14 December 1987

I enclose letters from the Prime Minister to Mr. Gorbachev, Mrs. Gorbachev and the Soviet Ambassador. Provided the Foreign Secretary is content with the texts, I should be grateful if they could be forwarded. I suggest that the texts for Mr. and Mrs. Gorbachev should be telegraphed to the Embassy in Moscow for delivery.

(C.D. POWELL)

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