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PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT REAGAN
TO PRIME MINISTER THATCHER.

BEGIN TEXT

DEAR MARGARET,
YOUR MESSAGE REGARDING A MOSCOW HUMAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE WAS, AS
ALWAYS, EMINENTLY SENSIBLE AND TO THE POINT. I AGREE WITH YOU
FULLY THAT THE WEST MUST NOT BE HOODWINKED INTO SUCH A
CONFERENCE, PARTICULARLY IF THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP USES IT FOR
PROPAGANDA PURPOSES AND SELF-CONGRATULATION ON A STILL VERY
DEFICIENT HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD.

THE COURSE YOU HAVE OUTLINED, OF HAVING GEOFFREY HOWE AND GEORGE

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SHULTZ WORK OUT A DETAILED SET OF CRITERIA WHICH WE WOULD HOLD TO
FIRMLY AND PERSUADE OTHER ALLIES TO ACCEPT, IS THE RIGHT ONE. I
BELIEVE GEOFFREY AND GEORGE ARE ALREADY IN TOUCH ON THIS. I HOPE
THE CRITERIA WE AGREE ON CAN BE AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO THE
CRITERIA WHICH THE UNITED STATES GAVE THE SOVIET UNION A YEAR
AGO, AND WHICH COVERED PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE, EMIGRATION,
JAMMING AND BILATERAL CASES PLUS THE CREDIBLE GUARANTEES WE SEEK
FOR INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF REFORM.

YOU AND I SHOULD REMAIN PERSONALLY IN TOUCH ON THIS IMPORTANT
ISSUE. I AM CONVINCED, AS YOU ARE, THAT OUR COOPERATION IS
ESSENTIAL TO A FIRM ALLIANCE STAND THAT IS BOTH EXPECTED BY OUR
PUBLICS AND TRUE TO THE IDEALS WE HAVE LONG SUPPORTED.

BEST WISHES,

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THE RIGHT HONORABLE
MARGARET THATCHER, M.P.

PRIME MINISTER'S

PERSONAL MESSAGE

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Prime Minister
A helpful reply from
the President to your
message about the
proposal for a Human
Rights Conference in
Moscow.
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From the Private Secretary

28 October 1988

MOSCOW HUMAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE

I enclose a copy of President Reagan's reply to the Prime Minister's recent message about a conference on human rights in Moscow. Since it has come on the direct line, I should be grateful if it could receive only a very limited distribution.

(C. D. POWELL)

Stephen Wall, Esq.,
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