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MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO  
TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

**PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE**  
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FOLLOWING FOR GENERAL POWELL FROM CHARLES POWELL, NO. 10  
DOWNING STREET.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER  
TO THE PRESIDENT ABOUT THE PROPOSAL TO HOLD A HUMAN RIGHTS  
CONFERENCE IN MOSCOW.

"DEAR RON

IF THE PRESENT VIENNA CSCE MEETING IS TO BE CONCLUDED DURING  
YOUR ADMINISTRATION, AS I BELIEVE IS YOUR HOPE, WE SHALL HAVE  
TO REACH A DECISION VERY SOON ON WHETHER TO AGREE TO A HUMAN  
DIMENSION CONFERENCE IN MOSCOW.

SINCE MY MESSAGE OF 20 OCTOBER OUR EXPERTS HAVE KEPT IN CLOSE  
TOUCH ON THE PRIOR CONDITIONS WHICH ARE ESSENTIAL. A GOOD DEAL  
OF FURTHER PROGRESS HAS NOW BEEN MADE:

- A NUMBER OF FAMILY REUNIFICATION CASES HAVE BEEN RESOLVED.
- THE CONDITIONS ON WHICH REFUSENIKS ARE ALLOWED TO EMIGRATE HAVE  
BEEN EASED AND VISAS ARE BEING ISSUED
- PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE ARE BEING RELEASED
- OVERALL JEWISH EMIGRATION FIGURES ARE WELL UP ON RECENT YEARS.
- THE JAMMING OF WESTERN BROADCASTS TO THE SOVIET UNION HAS  
CEASED.
- PRESIDENT GORBACHEV HAS ALSO GIVEN THE MOST PUBLIC ASSURANCES,  
IN HIS UN SPEECH, ABOUT THE REFORM OF THE SOVIET CRIMINAL CODE AND  
OTHER LEGISLATION AFFECTING HUMAN RIGHTS.

BUT THERE IS MUCH STILL TO BE PUT RIGHT. I REMAIN WORRIED THAT  
BY AGREEING NOW TO A MOSCOW CONFERENCE, WE WOULD BE THOUGHT TO  
HAVE LET DOWN THOSE WHO HAVE CAMPAIGNED SO BRAVELY FOR HUMAN  
RIGHTS IN THE SOVIET UNION. WE MUST ALSO GUARD AGAINST THE  
SOVIETS BACK-SLIDING ON THEIR COMMITMENTS IN THE INTERVAL UNTIL  
1991 WHEN THE PROPOSED CONFERENCE WOULD TAKE PLACE.

WE MUST THEREFORE FIND A WAY OF KEEPING THE SOVIET UNION UP TO  
THE MARK. WE MUST MAKE IT CLEAR TO MOSCOW, PUBLICLY AND PRIVATELY,  
THAT OUR AGREEMENT TO ATTEND A MOSCOW CONFERENCE IN 1991 IS  
STRICTLY CONDITIONAL ON CONTINUED PROGRESS MEANWHILE, WHICH WE  
WILL MONITOR CLOSELY; AND THAT WE SHALL NOT REACH A FINAL  
DECISION ON ATTENDANCE UNTIL IT IS CLEAR THAT THE RUSSIANS HAVE  
ACTUALLY IMPLEMENTED THEIR UNDERTAKINGS. I FEEL SURE THAT YOU  
WILL AGREE THAT THIS IS A VITAL POINT.

WITH WARM REGARDS AND EVERY GOOD WISH TO YOU AND NANCY FOR  
CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR FROM US BOTH.

YOURS EVER

MARGARET''

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