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THE PRIME MINISTER

Dear General Secretary

I was grateful for your message during the night of 7/8 April about the tragic loss of a Soviet submarine and your assurances about the negligible risk of nuclear contamination. May I express to you my condolences for the loss of life and ask that my sympathies be conveyed to the families of those concerned.

I am sorry that you should have returned from your very successful visit to the United Kingdom to confront this sad event. But I am sure you will have felt how very pleased everyone was to have you and Mrs. Gorbachev here, reflected in the genuine warmth of the welcome you received. It was a great occasion and an important step forward in Anglo-Soviet relations.

With warm good wishes to you and Mrs. Gorbachev.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

President M. S. Gorbachev

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From the Private Secretary

8 April 1989

Dear Resident Clerk,

I enclose a copy of a message which the Prime Minister wishes to send President Gorbachev. I should be grateful if you could arrange for it to be telegraphed to Moscow for delivery as soon as possible.

*Yours sincerely,
Charles Powell*

CHARLES POWELL

The Resident Clerk,
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