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"The Right Honourable
Mrs. M. Thatcher, MP
Prime Minister of
Great Britain

PRIME MINISTER'S

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Dear Mrs. Thatcher,

We together with Raisa Maximovna are very impressed by your attention, hospitality and benevolence. We felt them everywhere - from the details of protocol to the seriousness and depth, which marked your approach to the major political problems.

I would like to tell you once again of my highest appreciation of your desire to get to the essence of changes, which are happening in our country. It has great importance for mutual understanding and thus, - for the world politics.

As usual, negotiations and personal contacts with you gave food for new thoughts and in general - for optimism.

I am left with a feeling, that Soviet-British relations have now entered a steady path and acquired even greater possibility to influence for the better the international situation.

I hope that our economic ties will also develop more energetically.

Please, convey ours with Raisa Maximovna's regards and gratitude to Mr. Denis. Thank you for your affecting souvenirs.

With sincere respect and the best of wishes,

M. Gorbachev
R. Gorbacheva"

1. The negotiations confirmed that a solid political basis does exist in Soviet-British relationship. Despite all the differences in approaches, there exists readiness of both countries for cooperation in search of solutions to international problems.

2. The visit showed that an intense political work, which has been done in recent years jointly, is getting transformed into new level of understanding, dialogue and trust in bilateral relations. It opens up good prospects for interaction of two countries in general context of East-West relations, solutions to global problems, cooperation in European affairs.

3. The visit confirmed that Great Britain is, though not easy, but useful partner, relations with which could be of large-scale and mutually beneficial character.