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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Jean Rodric.

Thank you very much for your hospitality during my visit to the Soviet Union, and for all the work which you and your staff put into the arrangements. They were three strenuous days but, I think, well worthwhile: and they would certainly not have been feasible without all the detailed preparation in Moscow, Kiev and Leninakan and your own excellent reports on the Soviet scene.

I remain in two minds about Gorbachev's prospects. The problems mount almost overwhelmingly, yet he maintains an aura of determination and energy, which is very impressive. He deserves support: and our fundamental interest is in seeing the policies which he represents continued and taken further, whether by him or others.

Please thank Jill for all her help. You must both be sated with visitors from London. Would you also tell all the members of your staff who were involved in the work on my visit how very grateful I am.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Sir Rodric Braithwaite, K.C.M.G.

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