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THE PRIME MINISTER

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**PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE**
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Dear Mr. President,

I am writing immediately on my return from the Soviet Union to thank you most warmly for your kindness and hospitality during my visit. It was very good of you to go ahead with it, despite having only just returned from your enormously successful Summit in the United States. But I think it was valuable to be able to discuss further some of the issues which you dealt with there: and I feel that by talking them through we are getting steadily closer to solutions.

My visits to Kiev and Leninakan were of great interest and I was very kindly received in both places. There is no doubt about the vitality of political life in the Republics: and while inevitably there are problems, I think it must be a long-term strength for the Soviet Union.

It was a particular pleasure as always to see Mrs. Gorbachev, and please give her our warm regards, as well as our thanks for the very generous gifts.

Lastly, may I say that you are always a welcome visitor to the United Kingdom, and we hope very much that you will return for a further visit before long.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely

His Excellency Mr. M.S. Gorbachev

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