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Some interesting and  
rather sensitive detail  
on the US negotiating  
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PRIME MINISTER

I sent a message to Mr McFarlane at the White House at the end of last week, letting him know that I should be in Washington later this week to brief the Administration on the Anglo-Irish Agreement, offering to visit him, but making it clear that I should understand if he was too preoccupied with preparations for Geneva to have time to see me.

2. My message produced the attached reply, which not only agrees to see me but gives some interesting background to the President's position on arms control.

3. You will see that this background is not being passed to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office or the Ministry of Defence.

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