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PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. T25A/80

Your Excellency,

I have received your message of the end of last year in which you recommended the offer of the "Northern Engineering Industries" (N.E.I.) concerning our cooperation in producing nuclear equipment.

I would like to tell you that at present technical and economic talks are held on the basis of offers presented by several foreign firms. We will take into account the desire you have expressed that we pay appropriate attention to the offer presented by the British firm, N.E.I., but, undoubtedly, in choosing the final solution we will start from the most advantageous offers, technically and financially. At any rate, irrespective of the most acceptable offer, it is my desire to develop the Romanian-British bilateral cooperation and I am hopeful that we are going to explore and find in future fresh domains of economic, technical and scientific cooperation between our two countries.

I take this opportunity to share, in my turn, the satisfaction at the good relations existing between our countries and particularly at the growth of commercial exchanges and cooperation in production especially after the official state visit I paid to Great Britain in the month of June, 1978.

At the same time, I would like to let you know about Romania's concern, which is also my own, in connection with the tension recently created in international life.

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Her Excellency
Mrs. MARGARET THATCHER
Prime-Minister of the United Kingdom
of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

In our opinion, the present circumstances require for determined and responsible actions from the part of all governments, state leaders and parties in order that the worsening of the situation should be stopped and the course of events changed towards the continuation of the policy of détente, underlain by the observance of all States' independence and sovereignty, non-interference in internal affairs, renunciation of use of force and threat of force in international relations. Romania is determined to act for this purpose and we are willing to continue our collaboration with Great Britain for the promotion of a policy of peace and détente, for the political settlement, through negotiations, of all controversial issues and conflicts among States, for putting an end to the arms race and passing on to real measures of disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, for continuing and intensifying the endeavours devoted to the upbuilding of security and development of cooperation in Europe, for a better preparation of the Madrid Conference that should meet the expectations of peoples, be conducive to the creation of a climate of détente, understanding and cooperation and give a strong impetus to the translation into life of the commitments assumed under the Helsinki Final Act.

I am confident that, in the spirit of the talks we have had together in Bucharest and London, the Romanian-British relations, the collaboration between our States in international relations will witness a strong development and diversification which fully correspond to the interests of the two peoples, of détente, peace and cooperation in Europe and throughout the world.

Yours sincerely,

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Your letter to me of 14 February enclosed a message to the Prime Minister from President Ceausescu. I see no objection to the President's reply being copied to Mr. Holmer in Bucharest.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Stuart Hampson (Department of Trade).

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Dear Michael,

Prime Minister

Romania

Am

/ I enclose a reply from President Ceausescu to the Prime Minister's letter of 17 December. It was delivered to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on 12 February by the Romanian Embassy.

If you agree, we shall send a copy of the reply to HM Ambassador in Bucharest.

I am copying this letter with enclosure to Stuart Hampson (Department of Trade).

Yours etc

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