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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 6, 1983

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MEMORANDUM FOR KENNETH M. DUBERSTEIN

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK *WPC*

SUBJECT: Williamsburg Summit Follow-Up: Talking Points
for Bipartisan Leadership

Attached as per your request are suggested talking points (with prefatory background) for your use in preparing the President's briefing paper for his meeting with the Congressional bipartisan leadership later this week.

Tab A Talking Points

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June 6, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

THROUGH: PETER R. SOMMER *Pen*

SIGNED

FROM: JIM RENTSCHLER *Jim*

SUBJECT: Williamsburg Follow-Up: President's Meeting with Congressional Bilateral Leadership

Mike Deaver chaired a short meeting this afternoon which addressed a number of follow-up chores from the Williamsburg summit, among them the President's meeting later this week with the Congressional bipartisan leadership. I was tasked with providing Duberstein with very brief recommended talking points for that occasion. Your memo to Duberstein at Tab I gives him the material he specifically requested.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memo to Duberstein at Tab I.

Approve *RMS* Disapprove _____

Tab I Memo to Duberstein

Tab A Talking Points

PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH BIPARTISAN LEADERSHIP

Background

The Williamsburg Economic Summit was a clear success from the U.S. viewpoint and, we believe, for all the participants. It sent a positive message of hope to the world. Our assessment is best expressed in the President's final statement after he read the Williamsburg Declaration on behalf of his Summit partners: "Our meeting has shown a spirit of confidence, optimism, and certainty - confidence that recovery is underway, optimism that it will be durable, and certainty that economic policy and security ties among us will be strengthened in the future." The need now is to maintain the momentum of the constructive spirit emerging from the Williamsburg discussions and translate our commitment to progress into appropriate legislative action.

Talking Points Keyed to Legislative Needs

- Must tackle budget deficits, and must do it by limiting the growth of government expenditures;
- Must continue to oppose quick fixes of protectionism (such as legislation along lines of Local Content Rule);
- Must strengthen the IMF (World Bank) as means of providing adequate resources to meet compelling needs of the developing countries; goal is a 47% increase in IMF quotas, of which U.S. share would total \$8.5 billion (\$5.8 for Bank, \$2.7 contribution for General Borrowing Arrangements);
- Must move further in the direction of bringing the domestic economic policies of the Summit countries into convergence, which will improve prospects for stable, non-inflationary growth.

Optional (to provide Williamsburg presentation with lead-in to arms negotiations)

- The issuance of a statement on Peace and Security was a significant "first" at Williamsburg (never before in Economic Summit history have the Summit partners so explicitly asserted the close links between economic priorities and security imperatives).

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable
Judge William P. Clark, Jr.
Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs

FROM: Charles Z. Wick
Director *CW*

SUBJECT: EUROPEAN PUBLIC OPINION ON SOME
WILLIAMSBURG SUMMIT ISSUES

I thought you would be interested in some of the findings of our late-April USIA public opinion surveys in Western Europe and Japan on selected economic issues for the Williamsburg Summit.

In six participating countries (excluding Canada):

- o Economic pessimism abounds in all countries. Jobs are the greatest concern in Europe by far, and most people see no drop in unemployment in the coming year.
- o Public expectations for economic growth are bleak, except in Britain.
- o Other than the Japanese and Italians, publics tend to lack confidence in wise U.S. economic leadership.
- o Publics everywhere widely endorse free trade principles over restrictive practices.
- o West Europeans decisively favor agricultural subsidies to prevent foreign sales losses of their farm products. And, except in Britain, the U.S. is seen as uncooperative in such sales to third countries.

These and other results are attached.

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May 11, 1983

PUBLIC OPINION ON SOME WILLIAMSBURG SUMMIT ISSUES

USIA-commissioned national public opinion surveys taken during April in the participating countries, except Canada, show:

THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SITUATION

PUBLIC CONCERNS: Pessimism Abounds.

Everywhere, majorities consider their country to be in poor economic health. The figures for Italy (89%), France (80%) and Japan (67%) are particularly striking.

Jobs, by far, rank as the biggest economic concern in Europe. And large majorities foresee no appreciable drop in unemployment in the coming year.

Expectations for economic growth are predominantly bleak, except in Britain. There a plurality expects it to be higher a year from now.

Overwhelmingly, deficits are considered a serious problem. Only in France, however, does prevailing opinion endorse reducing government deficits at the expense of cuts in social welfare benefits.

PROBLEMS FOR THE U.S.: U.S. Premises Questioned

Recognition of the ongoing U.S. recovery lags. The West German and Japanese publics predominantly perceive the U.S. economy as ailing. British as well as French opinion is divided.

Outside of Italy, Europeans tend to lack confidence in wise U.S. leadership to solve global economic problems. Significantly, in Japan confidence prevails.

Only in Japan and in Britain, the U.S. is largely seen as cooperative in solving bilateral economic problems. Elsewhere, the opposite image exists. Moreover, in all countries U.S. economic policies tend to be perceived as more harmful than helpful to their own country.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE U.S.: Fertile Soil for Economic Cooperation

Very large majorities believe their economic health depends on the state of the U.S. economy.

TRADE

PUBLIC CONCERNS: Imports Are Evil.

By very substantial margins, European publics view imports as costing jobs rather than reducing domestic prices. In fact, competition from imports is seen as the first or second leading cause of current unemployment.

PROBLEMS FOR THE U.S.: Some Obstacles to Free Trade

Italians excepted, publics perceive the U.S. as impeding their country's sales of manufactured products to the U.S. market. Still Japan is considered much more culpable on this score.

West European public opinion decisively favors agricultural subsidies to prevent sales losses of their farm products abroad. And except in Britain, the U.S. is perceived as uncooperative on such sales to third countries.

The link between their own prosperity and the economic well-being of developing countries is widely recognized. Only one in 10, however, sees industrial world trade barriers as a major cause for the poorer countries' economic plight.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR U.S.: Protectionism Rejected

Public opinion everywhere widely endorses free trade principles over restrictive practices.

Contrary to their own preferences, the Japanese predominantly see their own government as favoring trade restrictions.

Some three Japanese in four agree that liberalizing agricultural imports would lower food prices. The public also favors liberalization but by a much narrower margin because of concern for Japanese farmers.

EAST-WEST ECONOMIC RELATIONS

PROBLEMS FOR U.S.: Divergent Assumptions

With respect to Soviet trade, the interests of their own country and those of the U.S. are widely perceived as dissimilar. In keeping with these perceptions, the U.S. is generally considered uncooperative on Soviet trade.

Outside of France, West Europeans clearly believe that more trade with the Soviet Union will reduce East-West tensions rather than increase their vulnerability to Soviet political pressure. The French are divided and uncertain about this.

On selling advanced technology to the Soviet Union, opinion is mixed. The Japanese and British public tend to favor restrictions, Italians tend to oppose them and the French and Germans are split on the issue.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE U.S.: Little Support for Going It Alone

Sentiment for coordinating Soviet trade policy with the U.S. over making separate deals prevails everywhere, except in Italy. Public support for coordinated policies, even at the risk of losing some trade, is particularly pronounced in Japan.

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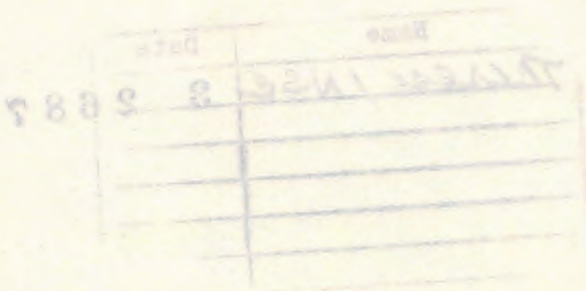
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE MALCOLM BALDRIGE
The Secretary of Commerce

SUBJECT: Williamsburg Public Diplomacy: Appreciation for
the Services of Dr. Marilyn Seiber

Now that the Williamsburg Economic Summit has scored such a resounding success for U.S. and Western interests, I want to convey my deep appreciation for your willingness to make available the services of Dr. Marilyn Seiber to Ambassador James M. Rentschler's Summit Public Diplomacy team.

Jim has given me a full report of the team activity throughout the Summit preparatory process, and it is clear that Commerce's Dr. Seiber played an indispensable role in that enterprise. Her keen grasp of the substantive issues, her ability to work harmoniously with a wide range of interagency personnel, and the good humor she indefatigably displayed provided constant inspiration for Jim Rentschler's team and drove our public diplomacy along the constructive course from which we all benefitted.

It is true that many people participated in the success of this Summit and that the outcome was a triumph in the true sense of that term. Nevertheless, I take special satisfaction in the highly cooperative spirit which animated our key Cabinet players, and in that context I am particularly grateful to you and Lionel Olmer for your help in loaning us the exceptionally well-qualified assets we needed to accomplish our public diplomacy goals. Dr. Seiber is certainly one of those assets, and I would be pleased if the above recognition of her talents could be reflected in Commerce's performance evaluation process.

FOR THE PRESIDENT:

William P. Clark

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 15, 1983

The Honorable Paul Robinson
U.S. Ambassador
U.S. Embassy
Ottawa, Canada

Dear Paul:

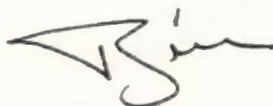
Now that the Williamsburg Economic Summit has scored an impressive success for U.S. and Western interests, I want to convey my personal thanks for the loan of Ms. Sandy Vogelgesang to Ambassador Rentschler's Summit public diplomacy team.

Jim has given me a full report on his team's activity, and it is clear that Ms. Vogelgesang played an indispensable role in the outstanding results of that enterprise. Her sure grasp of the substantive issues, her ability to field - accurately and efficiently - a wide variety of queries from the specialized press, and the indefatigable good humor she brought to our whole public diplomacy effort were critical elements in keeping the program on the constructive course from which we all benefitted.

I recognize how difficult it must have been for you to get along, even temporarily, without the services of such a talented FSO, and you are to be commended for recognizing the larger interests of our Summit priorities. In that context there is no doubt that Ms. Vogelgesang reflected great credit on Embassy Ottawa and on the leadership you have brought to our common objectives.

I have no doubt that Rick Burt and his people at State will be providing their own high assessment of Ms. Vogelgesang's contribution to our successful Summit outcome; I did want you to know, however, how much we in the White House valued her presence among us and how pleased we will be if our opinion of her superb work can be appropriately reflected in the Embassy's own performance evaluation process.

Sincerely,



William P. Clark

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE DONALD REGAN
The Secretary of the Treasury

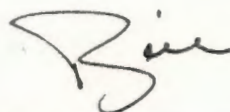
SUBJECT: Appreciation for the Services of
Ms. Pamela Bradley

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Jim has given me a full report of the team's activity throughout the Summit preparatory process, and it is clear that Treasury's Ms. Bradley played an indispensable role in that enterprise. Her keen grasp of the substantive issues, her ability to work harmoniously with a wide range of interagency personnel, and the good humor she indefatigably displayed provided constant inspiration for Jim Rentschler's team and drove our public diplomacy along the constructive course from which we all benefitted.

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FOR THE PRESIDENT:



William P. Clark

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

June 8, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM: JIM RENTSCHLER *Jim*

SUBJECT: Williamsburg Public Diplomacy: Bread-&-Butter
Notes for Key Cabinet Assistance

With an eye to the future, I think it would be highly useful if you could let Mac Baldrige, Don Regan, and Paul Robinson in Ottawa, know how much we appreciate the loan of their personnel to the Summit public diplomacy team. Your messages to Mac, Don, and Paul respectively single out our appreciation for the services of Commerce's Dr. Seiber, Treasury's Ms. Bradley, and Embassy Ottawa's Ms. Vogelgesang, and set the stage for possible future calls on those assets.

The people in question really were good and deserve our recognition.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the messages to Baldrige, Regan, and Robinson at Tabs A, B and C respectively.

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Attachment

- Tab A Message to Baldrige for signature
- Tab B Message to Regan for signature
- Tab C Message to Robinson for signature

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TO: WILLIAM P. CLARK
FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR.
SUBJ: APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

Time reserved for Bilaterals:

MEETING: April 14 -
11:00 am - 30 minutes - briefing - Oval Office
11:30 am - 30 minutes - meeting - Oval Office/Cabinet Room
12:15 pm - 75 minutes - luncheon - Residence
1:30 pm - 10 minutes - Departure Statements - Diplo. Entrance
DATE: The exact same time is reserved for Bilaterals on
the following additional dates:
TIME: April 28
May 13
DURATION: May 20
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May 26
LOCATION: May 27

REMARKS REQUIRED: Yes

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Chuck, what are these bilaterals in
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May 31, 1983

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I noticed with a great deal of pleasure that no one at the Williamsburg summit insisted on, or even advocated, higher taxes for an unbalanced budget. The argument against it is well set forth in this article by Louis Rukeuser, to which I referred in my column last Sunday.

Heaven knows, the unbalanced budget must be a source of concern to you, but you've got a lot of sound people on your side pointing out that increased revenue from taxes encourages more government spending.

The way to reduce the budget deficit is your way of reducing government expenses, just like you or I would have to do.

All the best,

Bill Hearst
William Randolph Hearst, Jr.

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Raising taxes is no way to reduce the rising deficit

By Louis Rukeyser
Syndicated Columnist

Picking the most dangerous fallacy now beguiling Congress could be a difficult job. Indeed, so many silly myths immediately spring to mind that the task might require six months of intensive task-force study, meanwhile paralyzing any other activity on Capitol Hill — a possibility that could make the effort worthwhile all by itself.

But my own nomination this spring can be made more rapidly. It is the notion currently so popular with some politicians on both sides of the aisle, and with many of their media acolytes, that the sensible way to deal with the ugly deficits looming out to the far horizon is to resume raising taxes. From this, we get the smug assumption that it is somehow "responsible" to increase taxes and "irresponsible" to reduce them.

Well, sorry, gang, but: balderdash. There is no evidence in either the distant or recent past that overburdening the private economy with revenue demands is the route to a balanced budget. There is, on the contrary, abundant evidence that endless increases in taxes promote and expand endless deficits.

Consider: If raising taxes were truly the way to eliminate deficits, we would have had the biggest surpluses in U.S. history right through the 1970s.

Instead, we quite predictably produced the most horrendous series of budget deficits on record — as the gargantuan tax increases encouraged greedy legislators to spend all these bountiful new revenues — and more.

The worst of these tax increases was the most dishonest: the hidden tax known as "bracket creep," in which inflation pushed workers into higher tax brackets without

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any genuine economic elevation. Ordinary workers found their earnings taxed at rates originally intended for the affluent.

Congress, the chief beneficiary of this governmental con game, gleefully took advantage of these "inflation dividends," and then some. From 1970 to 1980, unlegislated increases in personal income-tax revenues totaled 176 percent.

Why, then, couldn't the government balance the budget during that decade of wind-fall tax increases? Because, Congress, characteristically, used this bonanza as one more excuse to avoid cutting spending; federal outlays from 1970 to 1980 bounded ahead by 194 percent — even faster than revenues.

The only way to keep that sort of political larceny from recurring in the next decade is to install the promised inflation indexing of the tax system, as promised, in 1985. No wonder so many of our noble legislators edge near apoplexy at the prospect of losing this perennial prop for profligacy. Their crusade to repeal indexing before it's too late — i.e., before the public

finally regains an honest tax system — becomes a highly useful litmus test of economic integrity.

So President Reagan is clearly right, resisting congressional efforts to undo the scheduled July 1 tax cut and/or to indexing the best tax benefits you never had. But my own sympathy for the embattled White House would be greater if its stonewalling on taxes had been more consistent.

In 1981, the president came on strong as a tax cutter. This was all to the good, though the three-year program was grossly over-sold; so many other taxes have increased that 1983 represents the year of authentic net reductions. (The cuts didn't "fail," they've barely started.)

But in 1982, the president turned around and endorsed a \$100 billion tax increase whose brilliance rates somewhere between counterproductive and suicidal.

And guess what? The projected deficit has grown since that loony bill was passed. Once again, a tax increase cannot reduce the budget deficit by a nickel. Lesson even a congressman might have learned by now.

Truth is, this economy is looking better and better. The chief threats now are inflation-based. The Federal Reserve has moderated the recent inflationary growth of money without overreacting and choking recovery. And Congress has to ease Fed's job, not by raising economically destructive taxes but by finally coming to grips with major reductions in federal spending.

Myths can be comforting in the false economic land of Washington. But in the real world, as we have had ample opportunity to discover, they can kill the goose.

Recession-proof retailer finds its niche

By Independent Press Service

Even in the depths of recession, Family was growing quietly, cutting a limited-price merchandise category. Merrill Lynch's Lawrence Rader thinks economic

States, selling on a cash-only basis a wide variety of goods, including clothing, toys, school and automotive supplies.

Rader notes that sales have expanded from \$87.1 million in 1973 to \$207.4 million in 1982. "We now feel confident that store sales can grow at least 5 percent during the next four to six quarters," said Rader, adding that 1983 sales could grow to \$250 million.

producing and selling a cornucopia of goods for the food industry. P recession hit deep into its division, lowering over San Francisco-based

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Editors: Following WRH Editor's Report is released for Sunday, May 20.

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By William Randolph Hearst, Jr.

Editor-in-Chief, The Hearst Newspapers

NEW YORK -- President Reagan achieved a notable personal triumph when the House of Representatives approved his plan to base 100 MX missiles in existing shelters under the plains of Nebraska and Wyoming. Then the Senate swiftly endorsed the plan. When you consider that only a couple of weeks before, the opposition was regarded as near-insurmountable, the approval for his House resolution, 239-to-186, must be chalked up by all factions as a major triumph for the president.

He used his powers of persuasion to the utmost, especially in arguing that the missile was essential leverage in the search for an arms control agreement with the Soviet Union which only recently resumed in Geneva. The urn-around in the vote unblocked a decision by Congress last year to deny funds for the mammoth weapon which can deliver 10 warheads on Soviet targets with extreme accuracy.

This measure now will release \$625 million for flight testing and engineering of the missile. Those funds were frozen last year by legislators who disagreed with an earlier program known as "dense pack." President Reagan started out way behind on the new plan. He called in congressmen to the White House, explaining what it means in detail to our national security. I rooted for him to make an impression but wondered if he hadn't left it a little too late.

But the president's strategy confounded all skeptics, supporters and skeptics alike. The House, remember, has a Democratic majority. Speaker Tip O'Neill, at first super-confident of a negative vote, began to wilt before noses were counted. He offered a lame excuse, suggesting that the MX was better than anything the Russians had but it would encourage them to try to outdo us.

Besides, declaimed the speaker, it was up to the president to cut back on military spending and reduce the national deficit. I'm not inclined to go along with big deficits but neither do I want to see American security vulnerable in any way. The House saw the issue in a few days wit out caustic references to deficits which don't hold water in the face of national survival.

A great debate in Washington is whether raising taxes can reduce the deficit or if it's the other way around. An intriguing answer to the tax-deficit question came recently from Louis Rukeyser who writes a column for the McNaught Syndicate. His father, Merryle Stanley Rukeyser, a famed economist, wrote for The Hearst Newspapers for years and was a personal friend of Pop's and mine. In the Gannet Westchester Newspapers the other day Louis wrote.

"Picking the most dangerous fallacy now beguiling Congress could be a difficult job. My one nomination this spring is the notion, currently so popular with some politicians on both sides of the aisle -- and with many of their media acolytes -- that the sensible way to deal with the ugly deficits flowing out to far horizon is to resume raising taxes. From this, we get the silly assumption that it is somehow 'responsible' to increase taxes and 'irresponsible' to reduce them."

Mr. Rukeyser's response to this assumption was quick, and blunt: "Well, sorry, gang, but balderdash."

Then he went on with these interesting observations:

"There is no evidence in either the distant or recent past that overburdening the private economy with revenue demands is the route to a balanced budget. There is, on the contrary, abundant evidence that endless increases in taxes promote and expand endless deficits."

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Then came this snapper from Mr. Rukeyser:

Consider: If raising taxes were truly the way to eliminate deficits, we would have had the biggest surpluses in U.S. history right through the 1970s.

Instead, we quite predictably produced the most horrendous series of budget deficits on record -- as the gargantuan tax increases encouraged greedy legislators to spend all these bountiful new revenues -- and more."

Mr. Rukeyser concluded with an optimistic note about the nation's economy. It is a note shared by most of the nation's economists, and increasingly by politicians of both parties:

Truth is, this economy is looking better and better.

The chief threats now are Washington-based. The Federal Reserve has to moderate the recent inflationary growth of money without overreacting and choking the recovery. And Congress has to ease the Fed's job, not by raising economically destructive taxes but by finally coming to grips with major reductions in federal spending.

Myths can be comforting in the fantasy economic land of Washington. But in the real world, as we have had ample opportunity to discover, they can kill the golden goose."

The vote approving President Reagan's plan for basing the MX represented a broad cross-section of the House. Joining 148 Republicans in support of the measure were 91 Democrats. That's the kind of bipartisanship, particularly on issues of national security and foreign affairs, the president seeks. A day after House acceptance, the Senate easily voted approval of the same funds for the MX, accentuating the president's dramatic triumph. The House has the whole issue now.

To be sure, partisan pols like Tip O'Neill haven't yet conceded. The speaker, trying to build up brownie points, emphasized that freeing the \$625 million was just the first obstacle facing the MX in coming weeks. Congress also must vote on bills to authorize and appropriate \$4.5 billion for actual procurement of the weapons. In the face of existing national deficits and how the Soviets will respond, argued Speaker O'Neill, the president's plan won't fly again. I suggest that Tip might review what President Reagan did this time, as he is bound to get directly involved again.

One comment bears repetition: "At stake is the future of arms reductions -- balanced, verifiable arms reductions that can make the world a safer place for all the earth's people."

The Congress heard the president loud and clear. I think it will again in the next round.

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According to Dave Fischer, everyone but Margaret Thatcher signed the attached letter.

Mike McManus gave it to the British to have Mrs. Thatcher sign. Her office will send to Kittinger.

(The attached are just extra copies.)

Sara Emery

July May 29 83 Thank you letter to Fred Batson, Jr. - President and Employees of the Kittinger Company for service at the 1983 Summit in Williamsburg from The President and other heads of state

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the original one
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Dear Ken:

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information was most helpful.

I was pleased to hear the Summit
proceeded smoothly and produced concrete
results.

With best wishes,

Cordially,


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