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TO THE CABINET OFFICE

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NOVEMBER 5, 1985

DEAR MARGARET,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR QUICK MESSAGE OF SUPPORT FOR THE U.S. COUNTERPROPOSAL THAT I OUTLINED TO YOU ON OCTOBER 31. WE INTEND TO KEEP THE CENTER-OF-GRAVITY OF THE PROPOSALS AROUND THE STRATEGIC AND INF DEFINITIONS WITH WHICH BOTH THE WEST AND THE SOVIETS ARE WELL FAMILIAR. OUR NEW PROPOSALS SEEK A BRIDGE BETWEEN SOME OF THE NUMBERS AND PERCENTAGES THEY HAVE ON THE TABLE AND OUR OWN FORMULATIONS FOR DEEP REDUCTIONS.

THE IMPRESSIONS YOU PASSED FROM KADAR WERE ENCOURAGING. AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR VALUED COUNSEL, BOTH DURING OUR MEETINGS IN NEW YORK AND IN THIS LATEST EXCHANGE.

WITH WARM, PERSONAL REGARDS,

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: *Bill* BILL WRIGHT/PETER *Peter* SOMMER

SUBJECT: Response to Prime Minister Thatcher on the
Counterproposal

Prime Minister Thatcher has responded (Tab A) to the President's letter to Allied Heads of Government (Tab B) sent on October 31 providing them the details of the U.S. counterproposal which we were planning to table soon in Geneva.

Her comments, although preliminary, are very positive. She closes with observations provided by Hungarian communist party leader Kadar during a recent visit to Great Britain. He is optimistic about the prospects for success at the President's Geneva meeting.

We believe only an acknowledgement is in order at this point, thanking her for her counsel both in New York last month and in responding to this recent letter.

Recommendation

That you brief the President on the content of the Thatcher reply and obtain his approval for the reply at Tab I via privacy channels.

Approve *[Signature]*

Disapprove _____

Attachments

Tab I	Reply to Prime Minister Thatcher
Tab A	Prime Minister Thatcher's Cable
Tab B	Letter to Allied Heads of Government

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TO PRIME MINISTER THATCHER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

DEAR RON,

I WAS MOST GRATEFUL FOR YOUR MESSAGE OF 31 OCTOBER ON THE
NEGOTIATIONS AT GENEVA. THIS ADVANCE NOTICE WAS MOST VALUABLE
AND A FURTHER EXAMPLE OF THE SPLENDID WAY YOU HAVE KEPT YOUR ALLIES
IN TOUCH.

YOUR FURTHER PROPOSAL IS A MOST POSITIVE STEP, EXACTLY ON THE
LINES WE DISCUSSED LAST WEEK. IT PUTS YOU IN A VERY STRONG

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POSITION DIPLOMATICALLY AND WILL HAVE A FAVOURABLE IMPACT ON PUBLIC OPINION IN THE WEST. IT WILL HAVE MY FULL SUPPORT.

YOU WOULD NOT EXPECT ME TO COMMENT IN DETAIL AT THIS STAGE. BUT IT MAY BE HELPFUL TO GIVE YOU A FEW INITIAL IMPRESSIONS. ON OFFENSIVE WEAPONS, YOUR DETERMINATION TO BRING THE RUSSIANS BACK TO THE STRATEGIC AND INF DEFINITIONS WHICH THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY ACCEPTED IS ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. IT IS ONLY ON THIS BASIS THAT YOU CAN WORK TOWARDS SIGNIFICANT REDUCTIONS THAT PROVIDE FOR EQUAL LIMITS ON BOTH SIDES. IN THE INF CONTEXT, YOUR PROPOSALS HAVE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE DEPLOYMENT PROGRAMME IN EUROPE. THESE WILL NEED TO BE LOOKED AT IN THE APPROPRIATE NATO BODY. ON THE STRATEGIC DEFENCE SIDE, I HOPE THAT THE SUGGESTIONS I LEFT WITH YOU IN NEW YORK LAST WEEK ON THE LINE OF APPROACH YOU MIGHT

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

FOLLOW WITH GORBACHEV WILL PROVE HELPFUL.

I'VE JUST HAD A TALK ABOUT THESE ISSUES WITH KADAR, THE HUNGARIAN COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER, WHO IS HERE ON A VISIT. HE MADE THREE POINTS:

- GORBACHEV IS SINCERE IN WANTING MAJOR REDUCTIONS IN NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND IS READY FOR SUBSTANTIVE TALKS WITH YOU ON THIS:
- WHAT MATTERS MOST TO THE RUSSIANS IS BROAD EQUALITY WITH THE U S IN NUCLEAR STRENGTH:
- THE SOVIET UNION WILL GO AHEAD WITH DEVELOPING ITS OWN SDI, WHATEVER THE BURDEN ON THE SOVIET ECONOMY, IF YOU AND GORBACHEV ARE UNABLE TO AGREE ON PERMISSIBLE LIMITS ON SUCH WORK.

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ON BALANCE, HE WAS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR SUCCESS AT YOUR MEETING IN GENEVA. HE IS IN NO DOUBT THAT THE ALLIANCE IS FULLY BEHIND YOUR APPROACH AND WILL I HOPE PASS THIS MESSAGE ON TO GORBACHEV.

WITH MY WARM BEST WISHES FOR SUCCESS IN YOUR HISTORIC TASK.

YOURS,

MARGARET

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