

Unofficial translation

His Excellency
Ronald W. Reagan,
President of the
United States of America
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

Thank you for your congratulations on my having been elected Chairman of the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet.

Taking this opportunity, I would like to emphasize once again that the Soviet Union, mindful of its high responsibility for the destinies of mankind, is prepared to conduct affairs with the United States on the basis of equality, equal security and non-interference in each other's internal affairs in the interests of removing the nuclear threat, curbing the arms race and strengthening the international peace.

Sincerely,

K. CHERNENKO

Kremlin, Moscow
May 7, 1984