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NOVEMBER 19, 1983

DEAR MARGARET:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE DELIVERED BY SIR OLIVER. WE HAVE COMPLETED A VERY THOROUGH REVIEW OF THE SITUATION IN LEBANON WITH REGARD TO ACTIONS AGAINST THE TERRORISTS. I HAVE DECIDED NOT TO TAKE ANY MILITARY ACTIONS AT THIS TIME. WE WILL CONTINUE TO COLLECT ALL POSSIBLE INTELLIGENCE ON TERRORIST PLANS WITH A VIEW TOWARD PREVENTING OR DISRUPTING A FUTURE ATTACK. WE WILL KEEP OPEN THE POSSIBILITY OF CARRYING OUT A FUTURE ATTACK ON VERY SHORT NOTICE AGAINST SUITABLE TARGETS IF I BELIEVE WE CAN PREEMPT OR DETER ATTACKS. I WOULD OF COURSE CONSULT WITH YOU AND THE OTHER MNF CONTRIBUTORS AHEAD OF TIME.

I WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW MUCH I APPRECIATE YOUR FRANK VIEWS ON THIS VERY DIFFICULT MATTER. BEST WISHES ON YOUR COMMONWEALTH MEETING IN DELHI.

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SINCERELY,

NLRR M07-041 #3573
BY CJ NARA DATE 2/2/08

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