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MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER
TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

DEAR RON,

WHAT A VICTORY EXCLAM. I CANNOT TELL YOU HOW DELIGHTED I AM. IT WILL BE A GREAT TONIC AND REASSURANCE FOR ALL AMERICAS FRIENDS WHO CAN CONTINUE TO HAVE THE FULLEST CONFIDENCE IN YOUR NATIONS LEADERSHIP. DENIS AND I SEND YOU AND NANCY OUR WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS.

WE ARE NOW BOTH IN A SECOND TERM AND CONFRONT MANY FORMIDABLE CHALLENGES. MY FONDEST HOPE IS THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO WORK AS CLOSELY TOGETHER AS WE HAVE OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS, AND CONSULT PRIVATELY AND WITH COMPLETE FRANKNESS ON ALL MAJOR INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS. WHEN I SAW GEORGE SHULTZ IN DELHI, HE MADE AN INTERESTING SUGGESTION FOR A SMALL SEMINAR BETWEEN US, WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO ARMS CONTROL ISSUES; EARLY IN YOUR NEW ADMINISTRATION. I WOULD CERTAINLY BE READY TO GO ALONG WITH THIS IF YOU DECIDE TO PURSUE IT.

MORE IMMEDIATELY, I SHALL BE IN PEKING ON 20/21 DECEMBER TO SIGN THE HONG KONG AGREEMENT. IF YOU HAPPENED TO BE IN CALIFORNIA THEN, I COULD STOP OVER FOR AN HOUR OR TWO ON 22 DECEMBER ON MY WAY BACK TO LONDON. IT WOULD BE GOOD TO HAVE A TALK.

ONCE AGAIN MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES FOR YOUR SECOND TERM.

YOURS EVER,

MARGARET.

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