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PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO PRIME  
MINISTER THATCHER.

FEBRUARY 3, 1986

DEAR MARGARET:

LAST NOVEMBER BUD MCFARLANE SPOKE TO YOU IN CONFIDENCE ABOUT  
OUR SHARING SOME OF OUR MOST SENSITIVE TECHNOLOGY WITH THE U.K.

I HAVE SINCE SPOKEN TO CAP ABOUT THE PROGRAM BUD MENTIONED,  
AND CAP IS PREPARED TO BRIEF YOU AND A VERY SMALL NUMBER OF U.K.  
OFFICIALS WHEN HE IS IN THE U.K. NEXT MONTH FOR THE NPG  
MEETING, OR HE COULD COME EARLIER IF YOU PREFER. I WOULD  
APPRECIATE HEARING FROM YOU WHETHER YOU HAVE TIME TO PURSUE  
THIS ISSUE WITH CAP IN LONDON SOMETIME THE WEEK OF 17 MARCH OR  
EARLIER.

CAP WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A SMALL GROUP OF EXPERTS. THESE  
EXPERTS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO BRIEF YOU AND THREE OR FOUR OTHERS  
(PERHAPS FROM YOUR MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, MILITARY AND RESEARCH  
ESTABLISHMENTS) ON OUR VIEWS OF HOW WE MIGHT WORK TOGETHER ON  
THIS MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE.

I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR HOLDING THESE BRIEFINGS AND THEIR  
SUBJECT MATTER IN THE STRICTEST OF CONFIDENCE BECAUSE OF THE  
GREAT NATIONAL SECURITY IMPLICATIONS FOR BOTH OUR COUNTRIES.  
TOWARDS THIS END, YOUR DISCUSSION WITH CAP AND THE BRIEFINGS TO  
THE U.K. OFFICIALS MENTIONED ABOVE SHOULD BE HELD IN AN  
APPROPRIATELY SECURED FACILITY.  
I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU SOON.

WARM REGARDS,

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