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MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

FOLLOWING FOR FRANK CARLUCCI FROM CHARLES POWELL.

I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE
TO PRESIDENT REAGAN FROM THE PRIME MINISTER.

DEAR RON,

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR MESSAGE OF 16 MAY ABOUT BERLIN.

I WELCOME YOUR SUGGESTION THAT THE THREE PROTECTING POWERS
SHOULD TAKE THE LEAD, IN CONJUNCTION WITH OUR GERMAN PARTNERS,
IN INITIATIVES TO HELP BRIDGE THE SEPARATION BETWEEN EAST AND WEST
BERLIN. YOUR VISIT ON 12 JUNE WILL BE AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO
PROMOTE THIS. LIKE YOU, I BELIEVE THAT WE PARTICULARLY NEED
TO GET ACROSS TO GERMANS WHO ARE TOO YOUNG TO REMEMBER THE
CONSTRUCTION OF THE WALL, STILL LESS THE AIR LIFT, WHERE THE
OBSTACLES TO INCREASED EAST/WEST LINKS REALLY LIE. WE HAVE TO
CONVINCE THEM THAT, IN MAINTAINING THE STATUS OF BERLIN, WE ARE
NOT DEFENDING ABSTRACT CONCEPTS OF WESTERN INTEREST AND SECURITY,
BUT SAFEGUARDING THE FREEDOM OF TWO MILLION GERMANS AND THE
PROSPECTS FOR EVENTUALLY OVERCOMING THE CURRENT ARTIFICIAL
DIVISIONS IN EUROPE.

I BELIEVE WE SHOULD BE CHALLENGING THE RUSSIANS TO PUT THEIR
RHETORIC ABOUT NEW THINKING IN FOREIGN POLICY AND EUROPE AS
A COMMON HOME INTO PRACTICE BY DISMANTLING THE WALL. I MADE
THIS POINT IN A MESSAGE TO THE BERLINERS WHICH I RECORDED
RECENTLY TO MARK THE CITY'S 750TH ANNIVERSARY.

I WELCOME YOUR PROPOSALS FOR EVENTS THAT COULD BE SHARED BETWEEN

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THE EASTERN AND WESTERN PARTS OF THE CITY. BERLINERS ARE RIGHTLY DISAPPOINTED ABOUT THE LIMITED EXTENT - BECAUSE OF SOVIET OBSTRUCTION - TO WHICH THE 750TH ANNIVERSARY IS LIKELY TO LEAD TO ANY REAL NEW FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AND CONTACTS. I ALSO WELCOME YOUR IDEA OF MENTIONING IMPROVEMENTS IN AIR TRAVEL TO BERLIN. GIVEN THE LIKELIHOOD THAT THE SOVIETS WILL BE RELUCTANT TO CO-OPERATE, IT WOULD NOT BE RIGHT TO RAISE HOPES UNDULY. NOR WOULD WE WANT TO CAST DOUBT ON THE VIABILITY OR SAFETY OF THE EXISTING ALLIED AIR SERVICES. I KNOW THAT YOU WILL HAVE SUCH CONSIDERATIONS IN MIND.

I AM SURE THAT THE BEST WAY FORWARD WILL BE, AS YOU SUGGEST, FOR OUR OFFICIALS, TOGETHER WITH THE FRENCH AND WEST GERMANS, TO WORK OUT SPECIFIC PROPOSALS WHICH MIGHT BE PUT TO THE RUSSIANS.

WARM REGARDS,
MARGARET

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