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PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE

Dear Margaret,

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The Right Honourable Margaret Thatcher, M.P.
Prime Minister of the United Kingdom
10 Downing Street
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- Both sides agree that a nuclear war cannot be won.
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- Both sides understand the need for improved techniques of crisis management.
- Both sides are conscious of the awesome consequences of being the first to use force against the other.
- Both sides have an interest in increasing security while reducing the cost.
- Both sides have an interest in avoiding the spread of nuclear weapons to other countries, so-called horizontal proliferation.
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I know that you share my hope that relations between East and West will soon improve significantly, so that the stage may be set for substantive movement in the long process of freeing all mankind from the threat of nuclear war.

Yours sincerely, *personal regards.*

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June 4, 1984

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Mr. John Coles
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Dear Mr. Coles,

We have been asked to pass on to Prime Minister Thatcher the following letter from Prime Minister Trudeau concerning the ten principles Mr. Trudeau believes could form common ground and a basis on which both East and West could build in the current situation. We would ask you to bring this to your Prime Minister's attention, while we await the arrival of the original of the letter which is coming by diplomatic bag.

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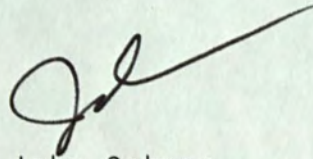
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Yours sincerely,

Pierre"

We have taken the liberty of passing a copy of the letter to Mr. Nigel Broomfield of the Soviet Department, Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'J. Schram', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

John Schram
Counsellor



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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

4 June 1984

I write to thank you for your letter of today's date enclosing a message to the Prime Minister from the Prime Minister of Canada. I shall bring this to Mrs. Thatcher's attention.

A. J. COLES

Mr. John Schram.



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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

4 June 1984

CANADA: ARMS CONTROL

I enclose a copy of a letter which I have received from the Counsellor of the Canadian High Commission, which transmits the text of a message to the Prime Minister from the Canadian Prime Minister.

I shall be most grateful if you could let me have a brief on Mr. Trudeau's proposals by close of play on Wednesday, 6 June.

I am copying this letter and enclosure to Richard Mottram (Ministry of Defence).

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A. J. COLES

Roger Bone, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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