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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 AMERICA'S FRIENDS WHO CAN CONTINUE TO HAVE THE FULLEST CONFIDENCE IN YOUR NATION'S 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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*From the Private Secretary*

7 November, 1984.

President Reagan's Re-election

BF I enclose a message of congratulations which the Prime Minister wishes to send to President Reagan. I should be grateful if it could be telegraphed to Washington for very early delivery. We shall be releasing the text here.

I also enclose, strictly for the personal information of the Foreign Secretary and of H.M. Ambassador, Washington, a copy of a further personal message from the Prime Minister to the President which is being despatched on the direct teleprinter link. This will not of course be made public.

Charles Powell

Len Appleyard, Esq.,  
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MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT REAGAN FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

DEAR RON,

What a victory! I cannot tell you how delighted I am. It will be a great tonic and reassurance for all America's friends who can continue to have the fullest confidence in your great Nation's 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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6 November 1984

Dear Charles,

Message to President Reagan

/ I enclose the draft of a possible message for the Prime Minister to send to President Reagan on the assumption that he is re-elected. We have taken it that the content of the message will remain confidential.

The first paragraph may well require revision in the light of the results of the Congressional elections, since in practice the strength of the President's mandate to pursue the policies in which he believes will depend heavily on the extent to which those sympathetic to his views are returned to Congress. The outlook on this point is far from clear, as is brought out well in Sir Oliver Wright's telegram no 3277 of 3 November (enclosed).

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Yours ever,

Colin Budd

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DRAFT MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT REAGAN FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

I send you warm congratulations on your remarkable election victory. It must be a matter of great satisfaction to you that across the land the American people have given such a strong endorsement both of their confidence in you personally and of the values for which you stand.

Your victory and the future policies of your new Administration also have a significance for many people and nations beyond the shores of the United States, and your re-election comes at an opportune moment in international affairs, when there are prospects for progress on a number of pressing questions. You can count on Britain to work closely with you in meeting the challenges which lie ahead.

A unique degree of consultation and co-operation have been the hallmark of Anglo-US relations for over 40 years and I look forward to maintaining and indeed extending this tradition with your new Administration.

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PRIME MINISTER

President Reagan's Re-election:  
Messages

I suggest that you should send two messages: a formal message of congratulations to be delivered through the Embassy and intended for publication, and a private one to be sent on the hot line. I attach drafts of both.

C.D.P.  
Bob Ahmed  
Thompson.  
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6 November 1984

P.S. You will also want to consider telephoning him tomorrow.  
C.D.P.