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INF: NATO'S NEW NEGOTIATING POSITION

YOUR LETTER OF 23 SEPTEMBER TO ME.

THE PRIME MINISTER HAS APPROVED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT, TO BE ISSUED IN HER NAME IN OTTAWA AND LONDON AS SOON AS THE PRESIDENT HAS SPOKEN IN NEW YORK.

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DRAFT STATEMENT TO BE RELEASED WHEN PRESIDENT REAGAN ANNOUNCES DETAILS OF NEW NATO PROPOSALS ON INF

I WELCOME THE NEW INITIATIVE WHICH THE UNITED STATES ARE TAKING IN THE GENEVA TALKS ON INF, AND WHICH PRESIDENT REAGAN DESCRIBED IN HIS SPEECH TO THE UNITED NATIONS TODAY. AS BEFORE THESE PROPOSALS ARE THE RESULT OF INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS WITHIN THE NATO ALLIANCE.

THIS NEW INITIATIVE IS THE THIRD MAJOR PROPOSAL MADE TO THE SOVIET UNION. IT UNDERLINES THE DETERMINATION OF PRESIDENT REAGAN AND THE NATO ALLIES TO ACHIEVE A LASTING AND EFFECTIVE AGREEMENT ON TERMS WHICH WILL ENHANCE EAST/WEST STABILITY AND PROTECT THE SECURITY INTERESTS OF BOTH SIDES. DESPITE THE KOREAN AIRLINER ATROCITY IT IS RIGHT THAT WE CONTINUE THE SEARCH FOR SUCH AN AGREEMENT.

THE NEW PROPOSALS TAKE ACCOUNT OF CONCERNS WHICH THE SOVIET UNION HAVE CONSISTENTLY EXPRESSED AT GENEVA. I VERY MUCH HOPE THAT THE SOVIET LEADERS WILL TAKE THEM FOR WHAT THEY ARE - A SINCERE EFFORT TO MOVE THE NEGOTIATIONS FORWARD - AND THAT THEY WILL RESPOND ACCORDINGLY. IF THEY ARE NOW PREPARED THEMSELVES TO NEGOTIATE SERIOUSLY AND SINCERELY IN GENEVA, CONCRETE RESULTS COULD BE QUICKLY ACHIEVED.

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PROGRESS NOW DEPENDS ON WHETHER THE RUSSIANS WILL SEIZE THE NEW OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED TO THEM AT THE TALKS: I WILL URGE THEM TO DO SO.

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~~DOUBT~~

But even thereafter we remain ready to negotiate balanced and verifiable reductions in the number of weapons.

Progress now depends on whether the Russians will seize the new opportunities offered to them at the talks; I urge them to do so.

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Now see my

telegram.

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INF: NATO's New Negotiating Position

President Reagan announced yesterday that new instructions had been given to Ambassador Nitze following the consultations within the Alliance (and with Japan). He has not yet revealed the details of the new proposals. He is expected to do this when he addresses the UN General Assembly on 26 September.

At the meeting of the NATO Special Consultative Group on 19 September the Americans particularly requested that allies should all make statements of support for the initiative once the details were announced. This wish has been now repeated personally by the President in his latest message to the Prime Minister about INF. Particularly in view of her forthcoming meeting with the President, the Foreign Secretary believes that it would be desirable for the Prime Minister to issue a statement personally and I enclose a draft text which could be put out in her name simultaneously in Ottawa and in London as soon as the President has spoken in New York.

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1. I wholeheartedly welcome the new initiative which the ~~United States~~ ^{As before,} Americans are taking in the Geneva talks on INF, ~~this~~ ^{These} proposals are the result of ~~has~~ resulted from intensive consultations within the NATO Alliance. ~~As ever,~~ ^{They're} the Americans have taken fully into account the interests and concerns of their European Allies.

^{This} is the third major proposal ^{made} to the Soviet Union. It 2. The new initiative ^{underlines} the determination of President Reagan and the NATO Allies ~~to do everything in our power~~ to achieve a lasting and effective arms control agreement on terms which will enhance East/West stability and protect the security interests of both sides. ^{it} ~~It~~ is absolutely right that we continue ~~in~~ the search for such an agreement ^{despite} the recent tragedy of the Korean airliner.

3. The new proposals ^{take account of} are designed to meet concerns which the ~~Russians~~ ^{Soviet Union} have consistently expressed at Geneva. I very much hope that ~~the Russians~~ ^{the Soviet leaders} will take them for what they are - a very sincere effort to move the negotiations forward ^{and that they will respond accordingly.} If they are now prepared ^{themselves} to negotiate seriously ^{and sincerely} in Geneva, concrete results could be ^{quickly} achieved ^{very} quickly.

4. ^{Our preference remains} We ~~still~~ wish to achieve an agreement banning all the longer range US and Soviet INF missiles ^{the zero option} of most concern to both sides or at least reduce them to the lowest possible level on a basis of warhead parity. If such an agreement

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and while the President Reagan described in his speech to the United Nations today,

cannot be reached before the end of this year NATO will
~~have to~~ ^{There should be no doubt about that.} begin the process of new deployments. ^{But the} ~~that~~
process ^{no could} can be halted and reversed and the weapons removed
again, ^{if a satisfactory INF} ~~just as soon as the necessary arms control agreement~~
^{was to} ~~can~~ be reached.

5. Progress now depends on whether the Russians will seize
the new opportunities ^{offered to} ~~we are offering~~ them at the talks;
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