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'MY DEAR GENERAL SECRETARY  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE ABOUT YOUR FORTHCOMING MEETING  
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REGISTER PROGRESS ON REGIONAL DISPUTES AND HUMAN RIGHTS  
PROBLEMS.

I SEND YOU BEST WISHES FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE MEETING.  
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THE PRIME MINISTER

3 October, 1986.

My dear General Secretary,

Thank you for your message about your forthcoming meeting with President Reagan in Reykjavik. I very much welcome the fact that you are coming together to prepare for a Summit, which I hope will be held before the end of this year. I believe that it should be possible to reach agreements then on reductions in arms, as well as to register progress on regional disputes and human rights problems.

I send you best wishes for the success of the meeting.

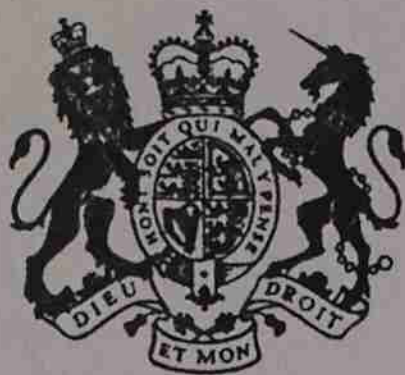
Yours sincerely

Ronald Reagan

His Excellency Mr. M. S. Gorbachev.

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10 DOWNING STREET  
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*From the Private Secretary*

3 October, 1986.

**US/SOVIET RELATIONS**

BT // Thank you for your letter of 2 October enclosing a draft reply. I enclose a revised version which the Prime Minister has signed. I should be grateful if the text could be telegraphed to Moscow for delivery this afternoon.

(C.D. Powell)

C.R. Budd, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER TO MR GORBACHEV

Thank you for your message about your forthcoming meeting with President Reagan in Reykjavik. I welcome this meeting as a constructive development and a step towards the Summit in the United States which we all want to see. I also regard it as a token of the wish on both the US and Soviet sides for a full Summit, as agreed in Geneva, with the aim of making real progress towards arms reductions, the solution of regional disputes and human rights' problems and the improvement of East/West relations.

With best wishes,

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

2 October 1986

Dear Charles,

*Terrible message  
a little better  
please*

*Prime Minister  
Agreed to  
attached reply to  
Mr. Gorbachev,  
as amended?*

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US/Soviet Relations

Further to my letter of 30 September, you requested a short draft interim reply for the Prime Minister to send to Mr Gorbachev. This is enclosed. A suggested substantive reply will follow in due course, once the Prime Minister has heard from President Reagan about his intentions over the Reykjavik Summit.

Monday 6 and Tuesday 7 October are public holidays in the Soviet Union. We should like therefore to instruct Sir Bryan Cartledge to deliver the reply before the weekend.

*Yours ever,*

*Colin Budd*

(C R Budd)  
Private Secretary

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the solution of regional disputes and human rights problems and the improvement of East/West relations.

With best wishes,

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