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REYKJAVIK: PRESIDENT'S CONVERSATION WITH THE PRIME MINISTER

1. THE NEW YORK TIMES OF 17 OCTOBER REPORTS REGAN AS HAVING SAID ON 16 OCTOBER THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD GIVEN THE PRIME MINISTER A PRIVATE ACCOUNT ON THE TELEPHONE OF THE REYKJAVIK SUMMIT.

2. REGAN SAID THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD GENERALLY GIVEN AN OPTIMISTIC REPORT AND HAD TOLD THE PRIME MINISTER THAT, IN HIS VIEW, THE REYKJAVIK MEETING HAD CLEARED THE WAY FOR AN AGREEMENT ON INF DESPITE SOVIET INSISTENCE ON LINKAGE. THE PRESIDENT HAD NOTED THAT UK AND FRENCH NUCLEAR SYSTEMS WOULD NOT BE INVOLVED. REGAN SAID THAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAD BEEN ~~VERY SUPPORTIVE~~ ABOUT EVENTS IN REYKJAVIK AND HAD WANTED TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THEM.

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