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MESSAGE FROM CHARLES POWELL, NO.10 DOWNING STREET:  
TO ROBERT GATES, ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND DEPUTY FOR  
NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS.

+DEAR BOB,

CHARLES HAS SHOWN ME YOUR VERY KIND AND GENEROUS MESSAGE. IT HAS BEEN THE GREATEST IMAGINABLE PRIVILEGE TO HAVE WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE UNITED STATES UNDER THREE PRESIDENTS IN SO MANY COMMON CAUSES. I KNOW HOW MUCH YOU PERSONALLY HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THOSE YEARS, AND TO THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE POLITICAL LANDSCAPE IN THE FORMER COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. WE ARE ALL GRATEFUL TO YOU.

WITH WARM REGARDS,

MARGARET THATCHER +  
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Please pass the following to Robert Gates, Assistant to the President and Deputy for National Security Affairs from Charles Powell, No.10 Downing Street:

"Dear Bob,

Charles has shown me your very kind and generous message. It has been the greatest imaginable privilege to have worked closely with the United States under three Presidents in so many common causes. I know how much you personally have contributed to the achievements of those years, and to the transformation of the political landscape in the former Communist countries. We are all grateful to you.

With warm regards,

Margaret Thatcher"

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