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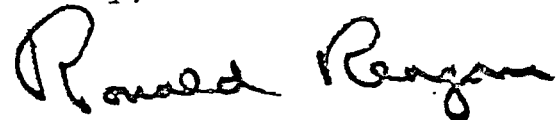
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Dear Mr. General Secretary:

I have asked General Brent Scowcroft to take advantage of his visit to Moscow to discuss with you my thinking on the issues before our countries. As I have noted in previous communications, I believe the time has come for us to examine closely how we can make progress in the relationship and particularly in the area of nuclear arms reductions. An informal exchange of views may assist us in this effort.

General Scowcroft has my full confidence and that of Secretary Shultz, and I shall welcome any informal comments or suggestions which you may wish to convey to me through him.

Sincerely,



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