

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Dear Bill:

Sometimes in driving the ship of state, I get the impression that even at right-full-rudder, the course may only change one or two degrees in a given term. In recent days, however, you have given me the confidence that sometimes you really can "win a big one." I am referring, of course, to the miracle you pulled off over the course of the past year in persuading our NATO allies of the wisdom of limiting their reliance on Soviet gas and of developing the Norwegian fields. This is an enormous accomplishment, Bill. Probably few people realize what a profound change this represents, but when you think back just two years at the odds then, the recent conclusions at the IEA meeting stand as truly a watershed event.

I just wanted you to know how deep is my personal gratitude and respect. And hang in there; who knows, maybe we can do it again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronald Reagan". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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