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Prime Minister's visit to the Soviet Union, Spring 1987

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From the Private Secretary

27 March 1987

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION: PARTICIPATION IN THE TALKS

I enclose a copy of a personal telegram which I have received from HM Ambassador in Moscow, together with my reply. I should be grateful if it could be despatched promptly.

Charles Powell

Lyn Parker Esq
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Following personal for Ambassador from Charles Powell, No.10 Downing Street

Your tel. no. 488: Prime Minister's visit: participation in talks.

1. I have discussed this with the Prime Minister. Her priority is that the discussion with Gorbachev should be as candid as possible. She would not therefore wish to put the Russians in a position where they felt they had to have Zamyatin (or anyone else) present. She recognises, with regret, that this may mean that you are unable to take part. In that event, she would probably want to have her own interpreter. We can discuss this on arrival.

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YOUR TELNO 408: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: MEETING WITH REFUSENIKS

1. REUTERS HAVE NOW PUBLISHED BEGUN'S INFORMATION ON THE PROPOSED MEETING, INCLUDING THE DATE AND TIMING. THE BBC HAVE ALSO CONTACTED US ASKING FOR CONFIRMATION. FOR THE MOMENT WE ARE SIMPLY RESPONDING ON THE LINES OF TUR.

2. GRATEFUL FOR AN UPDATED LINE TO TAKE WITH THESE AND ANY OTHER PRESS ENQUIRIES.

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ARRIVAL

28 March

1710	KGB Major V N Sotskin
1810	Norman's baggage train
1830	HMA and Embassy Reception Committee arrive at Vnukovo II No detectives present (check) Soviet host (Ryzhkov) and reception committee arrive.
1910	Prime Minsiter's plane stops. HMA and Ambassador Chernyshev enter plane. HMA introduced Ambassador Chernyshev to PM.
	Prime Minister walks down steps with Chernyshev who introduces her to Ryzhkov and other senor members of Soviet reception committee.
	Stand by aeroplane for photocall.
	Ryzhkov, Chernyshev and PM walk towards guard of honour
	Secretary of State and senior British officials (Wicks, Ingham, Powell, Galsworthy, Horne) descend steps and are introduced to senior Soviet officials. They stand at foot of steps by aircraft.
	Ryzhkov, Chernyshev and PM stand by Guard of Honour, one rank of soldiers. Senior British officials take their places in receiving line.
	Members of British party not involved in ceremony walk round behind Guard of Honour and into waiting cars.

Ryzhkov, Chernyshev and PM continue along receiving line ending with Embassy receiving party. Turn and assume places for march past of Guard of Honour officials saluting.

Ryzhkov, Chernyshev and PM walk through terminal building to waiting cars. Senior officials follow.

Motorcade moves off in following order:

Motor cycles
PM (Zil)
ecurity (Volga)
Secretary of State (Zil)
Senior Soviet Officials (Chaikas)
British Delegation (Chaikas, Volgas)
Police vehicle

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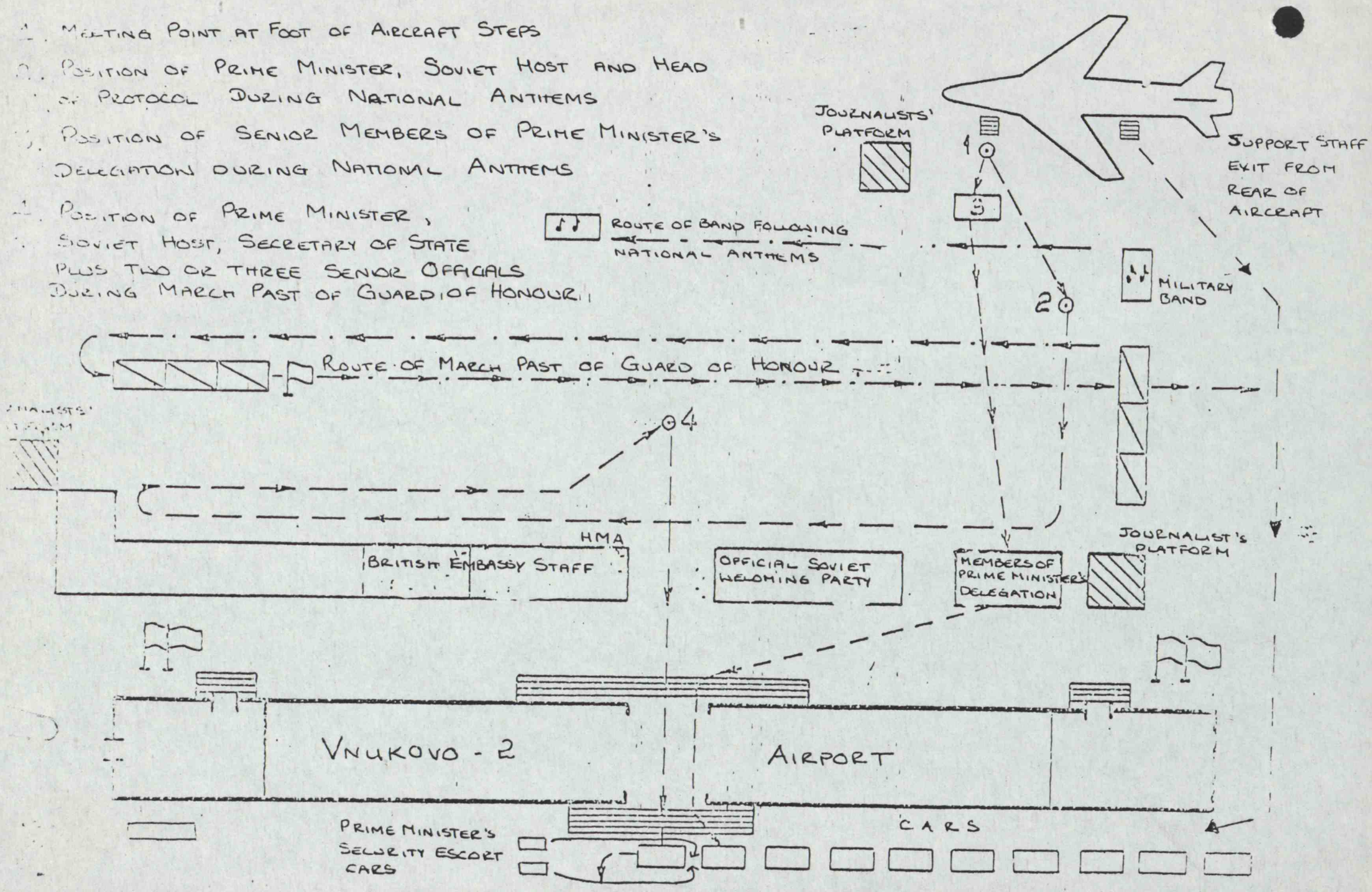
PLAN OF GREETING CEREMONY

1. MEETING POINT AT FOOT OF AIRCRAFT STEPS
2. POSITION OF PRIME MINISTER, SOVIET HOST AND HEAD OF PROTOCOL DURING NATIONAL ANTHEMS
3. POSITION OF SENIOR MEMBERS OF PRIME MINISTER'S DELEGATION DURING NATIONAL ANTHEMS
4. POSITION OF PRIME MINISTER, SOVIET HOST, SECRETARY OF STATE PLUS TWO OR THREE SENOR OFFICALS DURING MARCH PAST OF GUARD OF HONOUR



PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT - DRAFT CAR PLAN

Number	Type	Occupant
Unnumbered	Zil	Prime Minister (and Soviet host when he is travelling)
Unnumbered	Zil	Secretary of State (and Soviet host when he is travelling)
1	Chaika	Mr Wicks
2	Chaika	Mr Powell and Mrs Ponsonby
3	Chaika	Mr Ingham
4	Chaika	Mr Galsworthy
5	Volga	Mr Horne, Mr Smith COI
6	Volga	Mr Pollack (when not interpreting) Miss Davis
7	Volga	Miss Bowers (duty clerk), Miss Ross (duty clerk)
8	Volga	Superintendent Waller, Chief Inspector Butler, Inspector Holmes (this car a spare when Detectives are on duty in Soviet security service car)
9	Volga	Inspector Strevens, Sgt Corsie, Constable Blake (this car to be used as spare for Detectives [redacted] not on duty in Soviet security service car).
10	Volga	Mrs Ailes, Mrs Lambert
11	Volga	Miss Hayter, Miss Williams

LEGEND
A. International Trade Centre
B. M.F.A. Guest House
C. Intourist Hotel
D. Bolshoi Theatre
E. Tomb of the Unknown Warrior
F. Rossiya Hotel
G. British Embassy
H. M.F.A. Press Centre
I. Institute of Crystallography
J. Road to Zagorsk
K. Road to Vnukovo Airport
Central Army Park
Belorussia Station
Leningrad Station
Yaroslavl' Station
Kazan' Station
Kursk Station
Kiev Station
Paveletskiy Station
Bauman Park
Zoo
KREMLIN
Red Square
Gor'kiy Park
MOSKVA
Luzhniki
Lenin Central Stadium
Donskoy Monastery
Danilovskoye Cemetery
New Tretyakov Gallery
Moscow Department Store
Foreign Ministry
Kotel'nicheskaya Hotel
Ukraina Hotel
Krasnopresnenskaya Zastavy Pl.
Kutuzovskiy prosp.
Kalinina prospekt
Arbat
Leninskiy Prospekt
Komsomol'skiy Prospekt
Vorob'yevskoye shosse
60 Letiya Oktyabrya prospekt

1. Reconnaissance Party:

British: Supt Waller
Mr Horne
The MacLaren
Mr Carr

Russian: Maj Sobkin
Lt Col Balikovskiy
Mr Zotikov (Protocol Dept)
Mr Kryukov (Press Dept)

2. Time to reach Zagorsk @ 90 kph was about 1 hour.

3. Arrival.

a. The PM's Zil will drive into the Lavra. The other cars will remain outside.

b. The PM will be met by "the head of the monastery" and the Rector of the Academy.

c. Press will have to be in position early because there will be no hanging around for the PM's party, to avoid crowds developing.

4. Programme. The PM will be shown the public area of the Monastery at a steady walk. She will see:

Trinity Cathedral and the sepulchre of St Sergius, the founder of the Monastery.
The Residence of the Patriarch, to include
The house-church of the Patriarch
His Throne Room
His Banqueting Hall
The Blue Room
The collection of gifts received by the Patriarch from foreign dignitaries.
The Refectory Church. (There will be a chance to pause here at the high altar to pray and light a candle if she wishes.)

The PM will then be shown the historical museum containing a fine collection of icons (including one dating from 9th c) and paintings, coins, Easter eggs, 16th C Russian printed bibles, and other works. In the same building there is a lecture hall, a room dedicated to the memory of Patriarch Aleksei (1945-1970, when he died aged 92. He is the only Russian to have been awarded 4 times the Order of the Red Banner, for his work in Leningrad during the siege.), and an art museum. The building was constructed in the 17th C as a royal palace.

The PM will then be taken to the Seminary/Academy for lunch. (We were told that the seminary has 3 times as many students now than it had 20 years ago.)

5. Administrative Notes.

a. Dress. The inside of the Monastery grounds are icy and snowy: On March 29th, the going under foot could be wet and dirty. As the PM will be entering the Cathedrals, she may wish to conform to local custom by wearing something on her head.

b. Loos. Arrangements will be made for the PM to use a lavatory in the Seminary before lunch.

c. Coats. She will retain her coat (as far as we were able to discover) until she reaches the Museum where she will be invited to take off her coat at the top of the entrance stairs. She will put it on again before leaving the building and will take it off again on entering the Seminary.

6. Departure. Her car will be parked inside the Lavra near the Seminary. She will leave straight after lunch.

7. Names of dignitaries to be met: we were unable to find out for sure who would be there on the day. We had the following guides:

Monastery: Fr Yuri Mirskoy (Ph)
Seminary: Fr Nikolai
Lunch: The Rector, but not introduced, nor did our Soviet officials seem to know who he was.

8. The Press will not be allowed into churches or The Residence: They will be required to stay in the open air. A few may be allowed into the museum and the Seminary.

19 March 1987

RJ Carr

1926, and was a delegate in 1930, 1931, and 1932 to the Round Table Conferences on Indian reforms in London. In 1931–32 he was president of the All-India Muslim League. He led the Indian delegation to the League of Nations in 1939. From 1941 to 1947 he served as a judge of the Federal Court of India.

Upon the independence of Pakistan, Zafrulla Khan became the leader of its delegation to the UN (1947–54), establishing himself as his country's spokesman in its dispute with India. From 1954 to 1961 he served as a member of the International Court of Justice at The Hague. He again represented Pakistan at the United Nations in 1961–64, serving as president of the UN General Assembly in 1962–63. Returning to the International Court of Justice in 1964, he became its president in 1970. He was knighted in 1935 and is the author of *Islam: Its Meaning for Modern Man* (1962).

Zagal, el-, 15th-century Naṣrid sultan, Muslim ruler of Granada, Spain.
·Boabdil's futile rebellion **17**:419a

Zaganos, 15th-century Ottoman vizier.
·Mehmed's advisers and foreign conquest **11**:859h

Zagazig (Egypt): *see* Zaqāzīq, az-.

Zaghlūl, Sa'd 19:1118, more completely SA'D ZAGHLŪL PASHA IBN IBRĀHĪM (b. July 1857, Biana, Egypt—d. Aug. 23, 1927), statesman whose leadership of Egypt after World War I led to the termination of the British protectorate and set his country on the road to independence.

Abstract of text biography. Educated at the Muslim university of al-Azhar in Cairo and at the Egyptian School of Law, Zaghlūl began a career in law and government. He took a leading role in the nationalist movement of 1918–19, which led Britain to give Egypt nominal independence in 1922. He was elected prime minister in 1924, but was forced out of office by the British in the same year.

REFERENCES in other text articles:
·Afghānī's political circle **10**:20d
·Egyptian movement for autonomy **6**:498a

Zaglossus (mammal): *see* echidna.

Zagorsk, city, Moscow *oblast* (administrative region), western Russian Soviet Federated Socialist Republic, northeast of Moscow city. The city, known as Sergiyev until 1930, developed around the fortified walls of the Trinity-St. Sergius monastery, founded there in 1337–40 by St. Sergius of Radonezh. A theological seminary founded in 1742 remains the principal seminary of the U.S.S.R. The monastic buildings, much visited by tourists, include the Trinity Cathedral (1422–23), containing the tomb of St. Sergius and icons attributed by some scholars to the medieval artist Andrey Rublyov, who painted his "Old Testament Trinity" for the monastery; the Church of the Holy Spirit (476–77), with its later tower; Cathedral of the Assumption (1559–85), containing frescoes of 1684; the late-17th-century refectory; and the 18th-century bell tower. There is a toy museum in the monastery. Modern Zagorsk has engineering and diverse light industries. Pop. (1970) 92,000.
56°18′ N, 38°08′ E

Cathedral of the Assumption in Zagorsk, Russian S.F.S.R.
Sovfoto

Zagoskin, Lavrenty Alekseyevich (1807–90), Russian explorer who made expeditions along the Koyukuk, Yukon, and Kuskokwim rivers in Alaska (1842–44).

Zagoskin, Mikhail Nikolayevich (1789–1852), Russian author.
·Russian literature of the 19th century **10**:1208c

Zagreb, capital of Croatia and second city of Yugoslavia, on the slopes of Medvednica Mountain (Zagrebačka Gora) and the Sava River floodplain. The city has many open squares and parks. As the cultural centre of Croatia, Zagreb is the seat of the Yugoslav Academy of Sciences and Arts and of the University of Zagreb. Several art galleries have both old and modern collections, and there are various museums and academies of art, theatre, and music. Many buildings survive from the Middle Ages.

The Cathedral of St. Stephen (top right), Zagreb, Yugos.
W. Lenmann—Bruce Coleman Inc.

The old town consists of two medieval settlements on the hill: Grič, the civil settlement, which was renamed Gradec (Fortress) when encircled by walls against the Turks in the 13th century; and Kaptol, the ecclesiastical settlement fortified in the 16th century. These continued as rival entities until the 19th century, when a spate of new building joined them together and expanded south onto the Sava floodplain, with a rectilinear new town of squares and public buildings. Rapid growth occurred from 1860 to 1914. Development in the 20th century proceeded eastward and westward, and after 1945 new residential construction went up on the right (south) bank. North of Medvednica Mountain is the Zagorje region of woodlands, vineyards, picturesque villages, and ancient châteaus.

The site was first documented in 1093, when a Roman Catholic bishopric was established there. After the Tatar invasion of 1242, Gradec became a royal free town and was fortified; several of the towers have survived. As a political centre, Zagreb played an important role in the history of Croatia, first against Turkey and later against attempted germanization by Austria. At the time of the Croatian national revival in the 19th century, it was the centre of a pan-Yugoslav movement and of a Croatian independence movement.

In October 1918 the Croatian Diet, meeting in Zagreb, severed all links with Austria-Hungary, proclaiming Croatia, Slavonia, and Dalmatia an independent state. In December the new Croatia entered into a state union with Serbia, Slovenia, and Montenegro. Between World Wars I and II serious differences continued between aspirants for Croatian national autonomy and Serbian tendencies toward centralization, and Zagreb was a centre of urban membership in the Croatian Peasant Party. In April 1941, during World War II, Zagreb became the capital of a puppet Croatian state under rule of the Axis powers. It collapsed shortly after the surrender of Germany.

The city is now an important junction of roads and rail lines from west and central Europe to the Adriatic and the Balkans; its airport has services to most of Europe. Zagreb is the biggest industrial and manufacturing centre in Yugoslavia, manufacturing heavy machinery, rolling stock, electrical and metal consumer products, cement, textiles, footwear, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, paper and newsprint, and foods. Zagreb hosts an international Trade Fair. Pop. (1971 prelim.) 566,084.
45°48′ N, 15°58′ E
·map, Yugoslavia **19**:1100

Zagreb National Council (1918), proclaimed the independence of Yugoslavia.
·South Slav's cooperation **2**:632h

Zagros Mountains, a range, in southwestern Iran, extending northwest–southeast from the Sīrvān (Diyala) River to Shīrāz, about 500 mi (900 km) long and over 150 mi (240 km) wide. Peaks rise above 12,000 ft (3,600 m) and have permanent snow. Passes are best used for reaching the fertile intermontane plains, the vines of which grow at elevations of over 5,000 ft (1,500 m). Rivers are strong and perennial, flowing through enclosed plains or ravines. Rainfall is about 40 in. (1,000 mm) annually.

The Zagros Mountains, Iran
Fred J. Maroon—Photo Researchers

33°40′ N, 47°00′ E
·Alpine System division **6**:45e
·Greek conquests and Hellenistic kingdoms maps **8**:374

1855 Arrival of PM and delegation into main entrance. Ascend main stairs to the right to large reception hall behind Royal Box.

Take off coats outside Royal Box.

Prime Minister

Enter Royal Box and proceed to greet Soviet host. While shaking hands spotlight will illuminate PM and Soviet host. National Flags will hang on outside wall of Royal Box.

Remain standing for National Anthems (UK followed by Soviet)

P.M., Secretary of State and senior officials take seats (cards to be provided on front row seats to assist placement.

Performance begins.

Interval

Proceed with Soviet hosts out of Royal Box turning right to reception room. Soviet host will invite PM to sit for light snacks and drinks. Informal ~~toast~~.

Final Curtain

Two attendants will walk onto stage from wing with one basket of flowers each from PM and Soviet host for presentation to principal dancers. PM's basket should contain her visiting card.

PM's basket to be purchased locally (MFA to advise on procedure and cost).

Bid farewell to Soviet host in Royal Box. Collect coat and proceed turning left out of Royal Box down stairs and out of theatre to awaiting cars.

/Other

Other Members of the Delegation

Members of the delegation not seated in the Royal Box which holds 16 comfortably will be placed in boxes either side, seating 20 and 25 respectively. They will proceed to their seats before the PM. During the interval they will take refreshments in the reception area to the left as they emerge from their boxes.

Embassy Staff

There will be plenty of seats for Embassy staff and aircrew. In order to arrive in good time for the Ambassador's reception all Embassy staff attending the Bolshoi should leave during the 2nd interval.

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WREATH LAYING AT THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER

MONDAY 30 MARCH AT 1030 HRS

1030 Prime Minister and delegation arrive at entrance to tomb of unknown soldier.

Met by senior Soviet host (probably Ryzhkov) and Military Commandant of Moscow.

Commandant explains ceremony to Prime Minister (interpreter to be present).

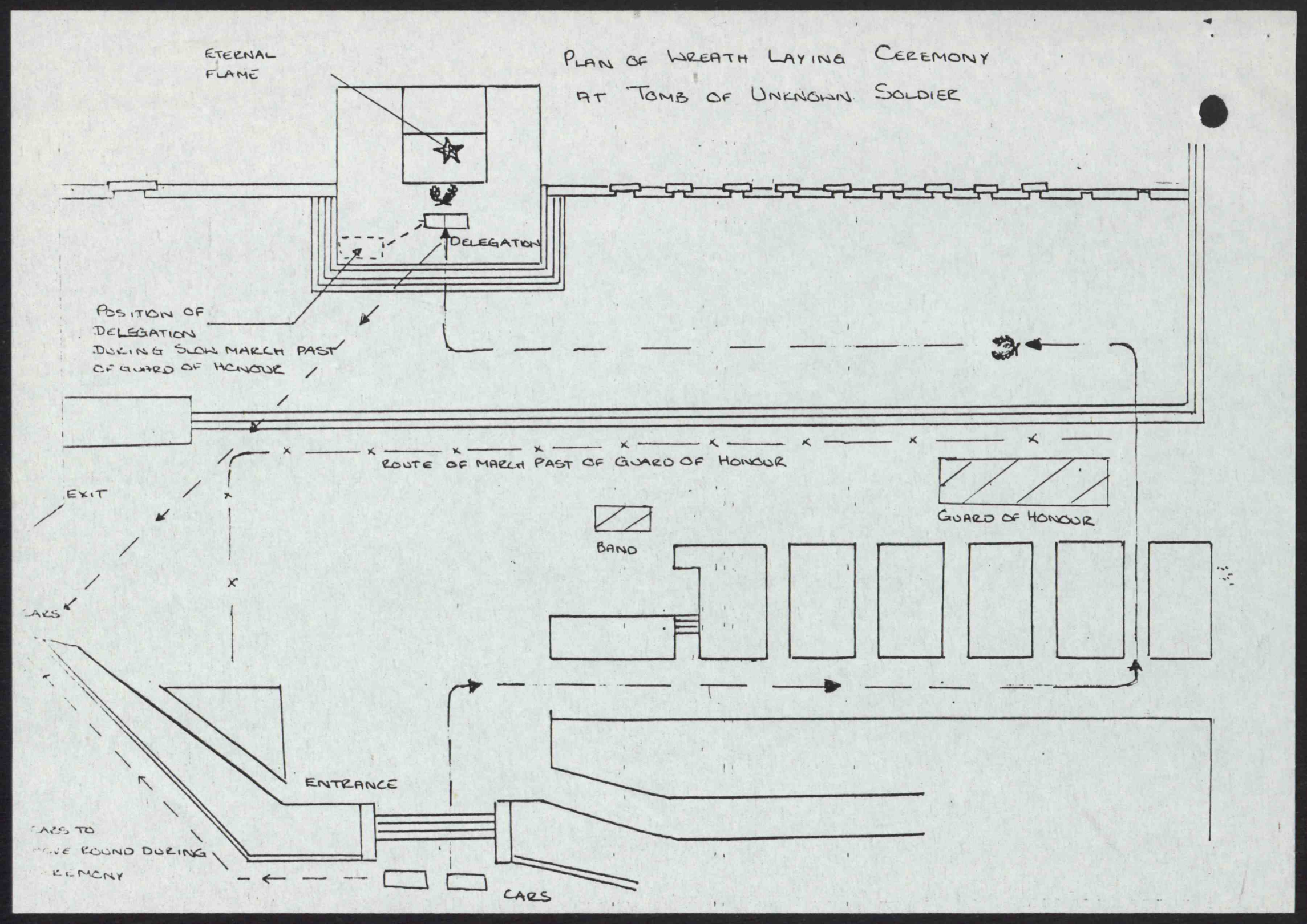
Proceed to the right around the front of the tomb and follow wreath back up steps onto platform in front of eternal flame (see diagram).

Delegation follow and stand at foot of platform (immediately behind Secretary of State will be HMA and the Defence, Naval and Military Attaches in uniform).

Wreath placed on stand in front of eternal flame. Prime Minister steps forward, adjusts wreath ribbon and steps back one pace to stand at attention for one minute's silence. National anthem played.

Prime Minister and Soviet host turn round to face away from eternal flame. March past by guard of honour and military band (delegation standing at foot of platform move aside to leave unrestricted view for Prime Minister). Prime Minister escorted to car at exit of tomb of unknown soldier.

Protocol Department have informed us that this ceremony takes between 15 and 18 minutes.


ETERNAL FLAME
PLAN OF WREATH LAYING CEREMONY AT TOMB OF UNKNOWN SOLDIER
DELEGATION
POSITION OF DELEGATION DURING SLOW MARCH PAST OF GUARD OF HONOUR
ROUTE OF MARCH PAST OF GUARD OF HONOUR
EXIT
GUARD OF HONOUR
BAND
CARS
ENTRANCE
CARS TO MOVE ROUND DURING CEREMONY
CARS

Supt Waller

RECONNAISSANCE NOTES TUESDAY 17 MARCH

Security Conference in the Kremlin.

Action

1. Supt Mike Waller and I were taken by Major Vladimir SOBKIN to a meeting in the Kremlin (in the former Kremlin Theatre building, now an office block) with:

Col TITKOV - Deputy Chief of the (Kremlin?) Security Department

Col V V ALEINIKOV - Foreign Dignitaries Protection Division

Lt Col Nikolai BALIKOVSKIY - I/C PM's security throughout the visit, including visit to Tbilisi
+ 1(NK) additional KGB officer who was not introduced

SOBKIN was interpreter and will be deputy to BALIKOVSKIY on PM's protection

2. PM's Arrival Col TITKOV will be at Vnukovo 2, as will BALIKOVSKIY and SOBKIN who plans to be there 2 hours before her arrival. (Col ALEINIKOV will be overseas on protection duty for a travelling Soviet VIP.) Col TITKOV said that there was no known special security threat to this visit: we confirmed that we were not aware of a particular threat.

3. Security arrangements will be:

a. Convoy PM's car is a Zil - will have KGB security. British security (2 men) will travel in the "tail car" behind/to the side. The PM will sit on the RH side of the Zil rear seat

Warn briefing officer ?

b. Weapons will not be carried by Supt Waller's team. If brought at all, they will be left in the VC 10 (This is at the KGB's request)

c. Embassy While the PM is in the Embassy, a KGB security team with a car will reinforce the Militsia outside the Embassy.

/d. ...

Action

d. PM Walking from the Embassy Supt Waller thought this was unlikely but undertook to warn KGB outside if it was about to happen. (NB Supt Waller will be accommodated with SSO but 2 of his men will be on duty at all times, and one of these will take this action if necessary.)

PSO to check arrangements

e. Aircraft to special holding area. KGB perimeter: RAF to guard under and in aircraft (Afternote: it was later agreed the RAF security guard could have a vehicle under the aircraft for guard facilities

Passes will be need so a list of those needing access to t aircraft - crew, security, drivers e + vehicle numbers should be passed to Protocol Dept MFA. Action: Asst Air Attache

4. KGB asked how the delegation could be identified. I described how we would issue temporary passes in lieu of passports and lapel badges with delegates names on. KGB would like to see examples of these

Action: PSO/SSO wit Mr Whitting to send samples to Protocol Dept

5. Radios Supt Waller said he hoped to bring Stornophone pocket radios: KGB were happy but said we should tell Protocol the frequency so that the Ministry of Communications could be informed (Afternote: the frequency is 452.325 MHz)

Action: Mr Whittin to Protocol Dept please

6. Programme We commented that:

a. The PM's walkabout on Sunday 29th had turned into a driveabout. The KGB said they were happy for her to walk: opportunity would occur during the drive anyway

b. No mention had been made of any arrangements for a separate programme for S of State. The KGB took the point and undertook to clarify arrangements for him.

7. PM's departure for Tbilisi We confirmed that we understood that she was to travel by Soviet aircraft.and that the VC 10 would travel separately. The KGB agreed that the RAF would be responsible for checking the security of all baggage whether it went on the VC 10 or the Soviet aircraft.

Action:

a. AAA to tell RA

b. Mr Whitting to tell Protocol this is agreed

/8. ...

Action

8. Security in Tbilisi Half the KGB security group will travel ahead of the PM and half with her on the plane. Local security would be involved in Tbilisi too.

9. Press We explained that we had no control at all over those outside the VC 10 party: this the KGB accepted (with regret!). The KGB said members of the press would be searched before entry to protected areas (eg the Kremlin). The KGB also made the point that not all 130(?) could necessarily be admitted to the Grand Kremlin Palace.

The MacLaren and Mr Horne to note

10. Admin Supt Waller told the KGB:

a. The PM is healthy. Her blood group is A Rh Pos

b. The PM resented car travel as wasted time but was otherwise happy in a car. (Mineral water will be supplied in the car by the Soviet side)

c. The PM hated sirens: the KGB confirmed that lights would be used but no sirens.

d. That the total British team was: PM - 4, S of S - 2. They would work in shifts (A list of the Security team was passed to the KGB)

Notes on Reconnaissance Visit to VNUKOVO 2
(This was a large party on the British side: Mr Zotikov from Protocol Dept joined the party)

11. Protocol wish our meeting convoy to be at the airport terminal building:

a. Baggage vehicles 1 hour before arrival to park off the E side of the arrivals pad

Mr Hide

b. Personnel 40 minutes before arrival to the W of vehicle park plus bus for journalists

/12. ...

Action

12. The VRN of baggage vehicles and the names of crew should be given to Protocol Dept MFA — Mr Whitting

13. Supt Waller confirmed that the whole of the PM's security team would travel in the VC 10. He thought Sgt Courcey of S of S's team might travel in the advance party — Mr Brind to note: 1 seat for detective in mee convoy?

14. Passports

a. PM's party - to be handled by Mr Brind — Mr Brind

b. Journalists - to be handled by the MacLaren — The MacLaren

c. RAF Crew - to be handled by AAA — AAA

Mr Brind and the MacLaren would have to board the aircraft to collect them

15. Departure of VC 10 from Moscow Major SOBKIN advised that luggage should be delivered to the VC 10 1 hour before it was due to depart. (The time of departure and the side of Vnukovo from which it would leave were not certain.) — Mr Brind AAA to note

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Notes on Reconnaissance Visit to Institute of Crystallography

16. We agreed to pass the PM's CV to the Director of the Institute. — H of C

17. We predicted that the PM's delegation would total about 8 in all.

18. Press would be concentrated outside to witness the PM's arrival and departure. Press coverage inside would be strictly limited to about 8 journalists in each of 2 locations

19 March 1987

RJ Carr

INSTITUTE OF CRYSTALLOGRAPHY LENINSKY SQ

1430 Pm accompanied by Interpreter, Wicks, Powell, Ingham, HMA, Garden Room Girl, Detective, Horne, arrives. Met in entrance hall by Academician Marchuk, Preside of the USSR Academy of Sciences, Academician Skryabin, Academic Secretary of USSR Academy of Sciences, Acadmician Vainshteyn, Director of Institute.

1435 To 5th floor by lift (capacity 6 persons) for general discussion on Science in the USSR in Director's office with Academicia Marchuk and other members of the reception committee.

1505 Descend by stairs to ground floor halting in various laboratories en route to observe experiments. Presentation of a crystal (inexpensive modest) by Institute Director.

Walk through to Annexe to view laser and crystal growing laboratories.

1540 Rejoin cars (which have moved to position outside Annexe)

Drive to MFA Press Centre Zubovsky Boulevard (7 minute Journey Duration 11 minutes in heavy traffic).

Press Arrangements

Because of the cramped nature of the building a pooling arrangement will operate with 2 photographers and 2 TV crew, from each side allowed beyond the entrance hall. They will be called in for photocalls at various stages during the visit.

The

MFA PRESS CENTRE

1530 Amanda Ponsonby to arrive
(accompanied by member of the Embassy?)

1600 PM to arrive at main entrance. Proceed to ante room for make up.

TV Recording } Mr Horne and The Mac-
Press Conference } Laren know detailed arrangements.

Action for Soviet Side

Kryukov, MFA Information Dept, to ensure make up facilities available and check whether interviewers will be wearing make up in order to avoid any obvious televisual contrast between their colouring and that of the PM.

PRIVATE DINNER

Tuesday 31 March

1?30 Dinner given by Mr and Mrs Gorbachev at Alexei Tolstova 18.
Greeted by the Gorbachevs in the "Bugayevskiy Room" for pre dinner drinks.

Dinner served in the "Fireplace Room".

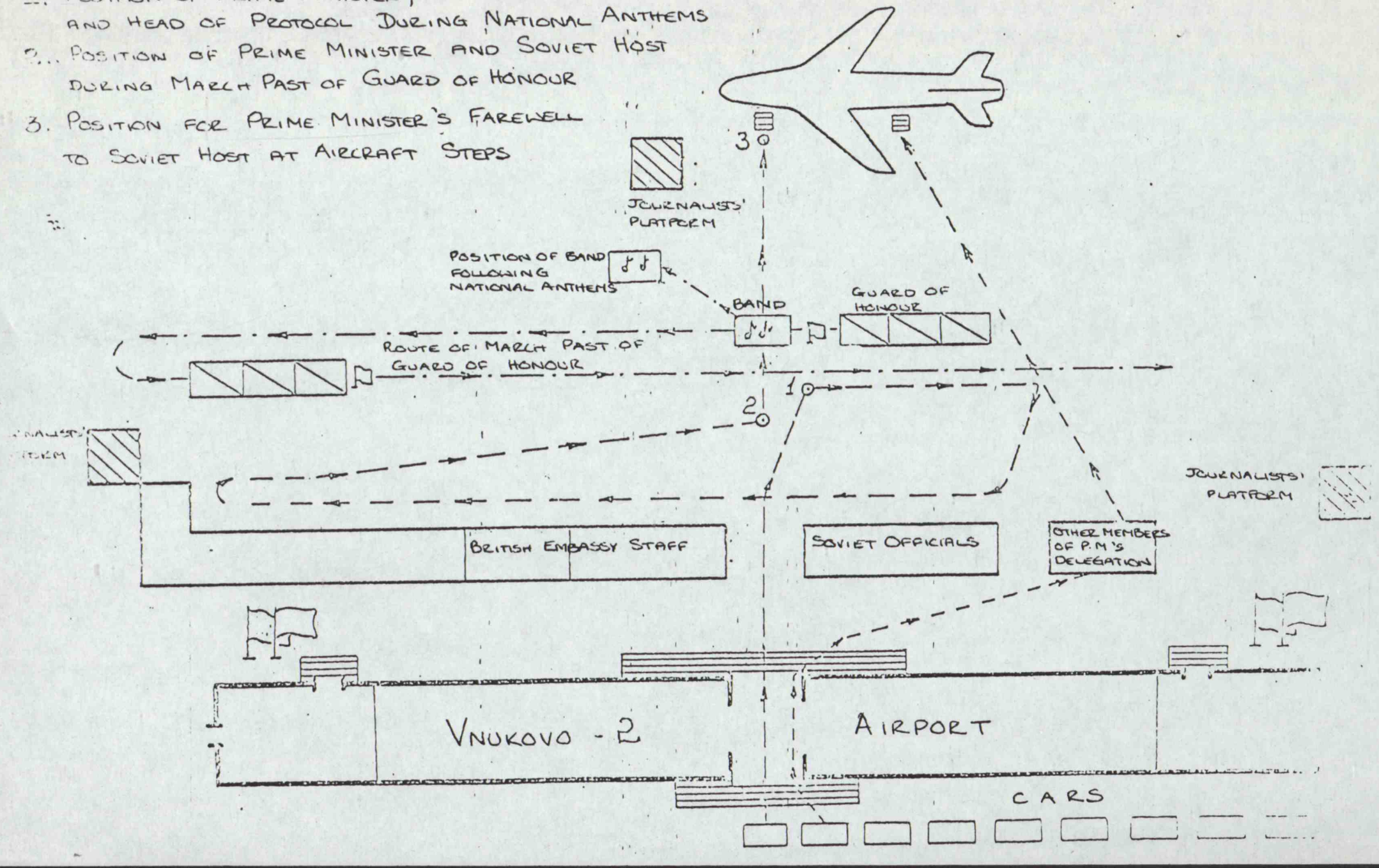
Return to the "White Room" for coffee (Room used by Eden and Molotev in 1941 to discuss lendlease etc).

The Mansion was built by Mr Savva Morozov a textile millionaire and friend of the Bolsheviks. He hid revolutionaries in the Mansion as it was being searched by the police. Built towards the end of the 19th Century - reflects the period's interest in things Gothic - detail reminiscent of the Palace of Westminster.

the Architect was Franz Schechtel (1959-1926) who designed the houses which now occupy the Gorky Museum and Australian Embassy and the Yaroslavl Station (striking Art Nouveau structure).

PLAN OF FAREWELL CEREMONY

1. POSITION OF PRIME MINISTER, SOVIET HOST AND HEAD OF PROTOCOL DURING NATIONAL ANTHEMS
2. POSITION OF PRIME MINISTER AND SOVIET HOST DURING MARCH PAST OF GUARD OF HONOUR
3. POSITION FOR PRIME MINISTER'S FAREWELL TO SOVIET HOST AT AIRCRAFT STEPS



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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO TBILISI

PROGRAMME DETAILS

1405 Plane touches down. Prime Minister and party exit front doors. Press exit rear. Prime Minister greets local dignitaries at the bottom of steps. Photocall. Party gets into cars and drives off. No National Anthems or Guard of Honour. No more than 10 in group of dignitaries.

A room can be set aside at the airport with a telephone (No. 41 1442) to maintain contact between VC10 and main party.

1430-1515 At Georgian State Residence Prime Minister will have room of her own. Secretary of State next door. Downstairs 4 rooms:

Room 1: Soviet security

Room 2: Two Private Secretaries

Room 3: Two Press Secretaries

Room 4: Garden Room Girls (Private Office will be set up here throughout)

Remainder of party will be accommodated in building 20 metres away. Tea and light refreshments to be taken with local dignitaries downstairs in Prime Minister's building.

Access to telephone (No. 99 9699). Possible to get London through operator or to Moscow direct or to airport.

Action

Action for Georgians

To confirm list of dignitaries and protocol order throughout visit via Protocol Department, Soviet MFA.

1530-1630 The Georgians are happy for the Prime Minister to stop whereever she likes. Metekhi Plateau offers view of old quarter of town. Abanotoubani offers opportunity to meet painters and artists and to mingle with the crowd. Opportunity to see wedding in progress at Palace of Festivities.

It is possible that the Georgian Prime Minister will not be present during the sightseeing on this schedule. (Deputy Prime Minister will accompany instead). If Council of Ministers' meeting at1515 then Georgian Prime Minister accompanies throughout.

1645-1730 Meeting with Georgian Prime Minister will consist of a general talk on the Republic, its history, culture, achievements and problems

1730-1800 Georgian State Museum of Fine Arts contains many fine exhibits of Icons and jewellery of the Christian era. The Georgian State Museum contains older material. Only the Treasuries of both museums will be visited.

/1845-1900

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1845-1900 (Plan attached). Wreath laying takes place in the Victory Park. Cars draw up at fountain. Party walk up righthand side of cascade (4 minutes). Lt. Cdr Turner walks up steps with two soldiers holding wreath. Prime Minister pays her respects and steps back with the Georgian Prime Minister. Three National Anthems and March Past. The rest of party (including Georgian and Soviet officials) line up behind the Prime Minister and part afterwards to let her through to waiting cars. Ceremony, 10 minutes.

Action by British Side

Wreath to be paid for by advance party on 31 March. Ribbon and card to be provided then.

1915-1945 Rest at Residence. Time to change for concert and dinner.

2000-2045 Concert consists of special performance of folk music and dance. Prime Minister either in Box (which holds 8) or in Amphitheatre of main hall. Georgian Prime Minister to sit next to her. Interpreter behind, who can explain significance of concert if necessary. Bouquet from Prime Minister to be presented after performance.

/Action

British Side

[illegible] to be paid for by advance party on 31 March.

Extra ribbon and card required from London.

2100-2200 Prime Minister may like to walk from the Opera House to the dinner assuming the venue to be the restaurant of the Tbilisi Hotel. No speeches. Toasts by Georgian Prime Minister. Informal reply by the Prime Minister if desired. Interpretation on the spot.

Private Office to pack up and be taken separately to airport.

Action by Georgian Side

To provide telephone number of dinner venue.

2230 Cars draw up at plane. Farewells. Photocall. Departure.

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OTHER DETAILS

SOVIET PARTY

The Soviet party will be headed by Kamentsev and a Deputy Foreign Minister (unidentified). We will be informed in due course of other offiicals.

GEORGIAN DIGNITARIES

The following Georgians (in protocol order) will be involved subject to confirmation:

1.	O E Cherkesia	-	Prime Minister
2.	(to be decided)	-	Deputy Prime Minister
3.	S T Rigvava	-	Head of Economic Directorate
4.	Z P Makharadze	-	Chief of Staff of Council of Ministers
5.	N B Roukhadze	-	Head of Protocol of Council of Ministers
6.	G D Javakhishvili	-	Foreign Minister
7.	T N Gordeladze	-	Deputy Foreign Minister
8.	G L Gorgiladze	-	Head of Protocol of Georgian Foreign Ministry

BRITISH PARTY

The whole party will be accommodated at the Residence. Food to be provided for the duty staff. All who want to go to the dinner are invited. Tours for off duty personnel difficult to organise since various parts of Tbilisi will be closed off for the Prime Minister's programme. The Residence is, however, situated in spacious and attractive grounds.

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The 24 journalists on board the Prime Minister's plane will be transported by minibuses. The programme is very fast moving and the remainder will therefore not be able to keep up with the party. Provisionally it has been arranged to divide them into 2 groups, allowing each group to go to alternate venues. Transport arrangements to be made through Intourist.
Journalists will not be permitted inside the Council of Ministers, or to the Dinner. Room is extremely limited in the museums (maximum of 5 selected journalists only). The 24 chosen ones will be invited by the local Union of Journalists for dinner in the evening. The rest fend for themselves.

GIFTS

The whole of the British delegation will receive gifts. There will be no formal exchange of gifts, this being done at a convenient time behind the scenes. There were no suggestions from the Georgians as to what might be appropriate in return.

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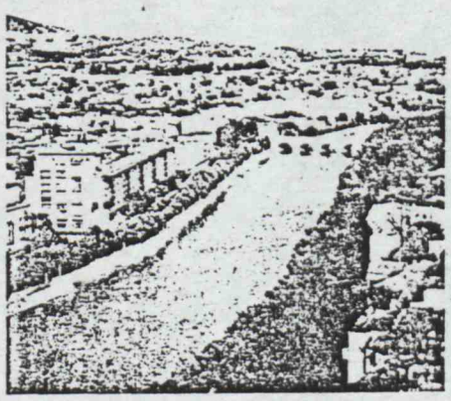
Tbilisi, formerly TIFLIS, capital of the Georgian Soviet Socialist Republic, on the Kura River at its dissection of the Trialeti and Kartliysky ranges. Founded in AD 458 (in some sources, 455), when the capital of the Georgian kingdom was transferred there from Mtskheta, the city has a strategic position, controlling the route between western and eastern Transcaucasia, that gave Tbilisi a stormy history. It was often captured and sacked and knew many masters: Persians in the 6th century, the Byzantine Empire and the Arabs in the 7th. In 1122 David II the Builder of Georgia captured Tbilisi and restored it as a capital; but in 1234 it fell to the Mongols and in 1386 it was sacked by Timur Lenk (Tamerlane). The Turks captured the city on several occasions, and in 1795 it was burned to the ground by the Persians. Finally in 1801 Tbilisi was captured by the Russians, who improved its communications by building the Georgian Military Highway across the Great Caucasus from Vladikavkaz (now Ordzhonikidze) to Tbilisi. In 1872 it was linked by rail to Poti on the Black Sea and in 1883 to Baku on the Caspian. Since then its administrative and industrial importance has steadily grown: in 1921 it was made capital of the Georgian republic.

Modern Tbilisi is an attractive city: the Kura, lined on the right bank by a boulevard, lies partly in a steep gorge and is made broader by the Ortachalskaya hydroelectric plant in the city. Beside the river, the old town, with narrow, winding streets, is dominated by the ruins of the old fortress and the huge, symbolic figure of Georgia on a ridge above it. In the old town are the Sioni Cathedral, dating from the 5th century and often reconstructed, the Metekhi Palace of the Georgian kings, and the 6th-century Anchikhati Church. Newer parts of the city, with a regular gridiron pattern of tree-lined streets and imposing modern buildings, lie beneath Mt. Mtatsminda, accessible by a funicular rail line. North of the city is a large reservoir, fed by irrigation canals.



Tbilisi on the Kura River, Georgian S.S.R.

Tbilisi is a major cultural and educational centre, with the Academy of Sciences of the Georgian S.S.R., a university, 10 other higher institutions of education, and over 100 research establishments. There are several theatres and museums. The city is also one of the principal industrial centres of the U.S.S.R. Engineering is most important, producing electric locomotives, machine tools, agricultural machinery, and electrical equipment and repairing locomotives and rolling stock. Other industries make textiles, leather goods and footwear, furniture, beer, wine and spirits, and a range of foodstuffs. In 1966 the first stage of an underground railway was opened in Tbilisi. Pop. (1970 prelim.) 889,000.

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MIPT: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: SECRETARY OF STATE'S PROGRAMME

1. CHERNYSHEV ALSO GAVE ME THE DETAILS OF YOUR PROGRAMME FOR THE VISIT. IT IS AS FOLLOWS: (ALL TIMES ARE LOCAL).

SATURDAY 28 MARCH

ARRIVAL AT VNUKOVO II AIRPORT.
OFFICIAL WELCOMIANG CEREMONY AT THE AIRPORT.
SHEVARDNADZE, ZAMYATIN AND KOVALEV WILL ALL BE PRESENT.

1930 DEPART FOR EMBASSY ACCOMPANIED BY ZAMYATIN

2100 BRIEFING MEETING AT EMBASSY

2200 SUPPER.

SUNDAY 29 MARCH

0930 DEPART FROM EMBASSY ACCOMPANIED BY ZAMYATIN. VISIT ZAGORSK.

1500 DEPART ZAGORSK

1545
APPROX TOUR OF NEW EMBASSY SITES. MET ON SITE BY DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER CHAPLIN AND THE HEAD OF UPDK, SEPELEV.

1900 ATTEND PERFORMANCE OF SWAN LAKE AT THE BOLSHOI THEATRE. YOUR HOST WILL BE KOVALEV IN A BOX ADJACENT TO THE CENTRAL ONE RESERVED FOR THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE GORBACHEVS.

2200 RECEPTION AT EMBASSY FOR BRITISH COMMUNITY

MONDAY 30 MARCH

1030 WREATH LAYING AT TOMB OF UNKNOWN WARRIOR. ZAMYATIN TO ATTEND

1100 TALKS WITH SHEVARDNADZE AT THE MFA. SOVIET SIDE TO INCLUDE KOVALEV AND ZAMYATIN

1100 TALKS WITH SHEVARDNADZE AT THE MFA. SOVIET SIDE TO INCLUDE KOVALEV AND ZAMYATIN

1330 LUNCH (AS FOR PRIME MINISTER)

1730 ATTEND PLENARY SESSION OF PRIME MINISTER'S TALKS IN ST CATHERINE'S HALL OF THE KREMLIN.
COMMENT: I REITERATED TO CHERNYSHEV THE PROBABLE NEED, GIVEN THE LENGTH OF THE AGENDA, FOR YOUR TALKS WITH SHEVARDNADZE TO CONTINUE AT 1600 AFTER WHICH YOU AND HE COULD JOIN THE PLENARY SESSION. HE UNDERTOOK TO CHECK WHETHER THIS WOULD BE POSSIBLE.

1900 OFFICIAL DINNER IN THE FACETTED HALL OF THE KREMLIN PALACE, HOSTED BY MR GORBACHEV.

TUESDAY 31 MARCH

0930 TALKS IN THE KREMLIN WITH THE PRIME MINISTER AND MR RYZHKOV

1130 DOCUMENT SIGNING CEREMONY IN ST VLADIMIR'S HALL OF THE KREMLIN. YOU AND SHEVARDNADZE TO SIGN.

1200 ATTEND OPENING OF THE MOSCOW OFFICE OF THE BRITISH/SOVIET CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

1330 LUNCH AS FOR PRIME MINISTER

1430 INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH BRITISH STUDENTS AND TEACHERS IN THE CULTURAL SECTION OF THE EMBASSY

1600 BRIEFING FOR EC AMBASSADORS AT THE EMBASSY

1715 ATTEND PRIME MINISTER'S PRESS CONFERENCE AT MFA PRESS CENTRE.

1930 PRIVATE DINNER WITH SHEVARDNADZE (DETAILS TO BE ADVISED)

WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL

0945 DEPART EMBASSY

1015 FAREWELL CEREMONY AT VNUKOVO II AIRPORT

1030 DEPART FOR TBILISI, ACCOMPANIED BY KOVALEV AND ZAMYATIN

1425 ARRIVAL IN TBILISI [illegible]

1030 DEPART FOR TBILISI, ACCOMPANIED BY KOVALEV AND ZAMYATIN

1405 ARRIVAL IN TBILISI. MET BY GEORGIAN PRIME MINISTER MR O E CHERKESIA AND FOREIGN MINISTER MR JAVAKHISHVILI.

1430-
1515 PRIVATE LUNCH

1530 MEETING AT COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE GEORGIAN SSR HOSTED BY THE GEORGIAN PRIME MINISTER.

1630-
1700 ATTEND WREATH LAYING AT THE GRAVE OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER.

1715-
1745 SIGHT SEEING AND WALK IN OLD TBILISI.

1800-
1830 VISIT TO GEORGIAN STATE MUSEUM OF FINE ART AND HISTORY.

1830-
1900 GEORGIAN STATE RESIDENCE TO FRESHEN UP.

1915-
2000 ATTEND CONCERT AT THE GEORGIAN STATE OPERA HOUSE.

2015-
2140 OFFICIAL DINNER HOSTED BY THE GEORGIAN PRIME MINISTER

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MY TELNO 367: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: PROGRAMME

1. ON 27 MARCH CHERNYSHEV, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, PRODUCED THE FINAL VERSION OF THE SOVIET PROGRAMME FOR THE VISIT. IT IS AS FOLLOWS, WITH ALL TIMES LOCAL:

SATURDAY 28 MARCH

1910 ARRIVAL AT VNUKOVO II AIRPORT.
OFFICIAL WELCOMING CEREMONY AT THE AIRPORT: RYZHKOV, SHEVARDNADZE, ZAMYATIN AND CHERNYSHEV HEAD OF PROTOCOL WILL BE PRESENT

1930 DEPART FOR EMBASSY ACCOMPANIED BY RYZHKOV
(N.B. THE PRIME MINISTER AND RYZHKOV COME FIRST TO THE EMBASSY BEFORE GOING TO THE KREMLIN)

2010 OFFICIAL WELCOMING CEREMONY IN ST GEORGES HALL OF THE KREMLIN WITH MR AND MRS GORBACHEV

2045 BRIEFING SESSION AT EMBASSY

2200 SUPPER

SUNDAY 29 MARCH

0930 DEPART FROM EMBASSY ACCOMPANIED BY CHERNYSHEV AND KHARCHEV (COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS)

VISIT ZAGORSK (SOVIET HOST WILL BE METROPOLITEN JUVENALE).

LUNCH AT ZAGORSK

1500 DEPART ZAGORSK

1530 WALKABOUT IN NEW MOSCOW SUBURB OF KRYLATSKOYE, TOGETHER WITH THE MAYOR OF MOSCOW ZAIKIN. THE PRIME MINISTER WILL BE SHOWN SHOPS AND A FLAT AND WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH MUSCOVITES IN THE STREET

1715 ARRIVE AT EMBASSY

1850 DEPART EMBASSY

1900 ATTEND PERFORMANCE OF 'SWAN LAKE'. SOVIET HOSTS MR AND MRS GORBACHEV

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2145 DEPART BOLSHOI THEATRE

2155 ARRIVE AT EMBASSY

2200- ATTEND HM AMBASSADORS RECEPTION FOR BRITISH EMBASSY STAFF
2300 AND BRITISH COMMUNITY

MONDAY 30 MARCH

1030 WREATH LAYING AT THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN WARRIOR. MET BY DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER KAMENTSEV

1100 RESTRICTED SESSION OF TALKS IN THE KREMLIN. SOVIET SIDE: GORBACHEV AND CHERNAYEV (AIDE TO GORBACHEV)

1330 LUNCH HOSTED BY HM AMBASSADOR. SOVIET GUESTS

1600 FURTHER RESTRICTED SESSION OF TALKS WITH GORBACHEV FOLLOWED BY

1730 PLENARY SESSION TO INCLUDE RYZHKOV AND SHEVARDNADZE IN THE ST CATHERINE'S HALL OF THE KREMLIN PALACE

1900 OFFICIAL DINNER IN THE FACETTED HALL OF THE KREMLIN PALACE, HOSTED BY GORBACHEV. SPEECHES

TUESDAY 31 MARCH

0930 PLENARY SESSION WITH RYZHKOV FOLLOWED BY

1130 SIGNING CEREMONY IN ST VLADIMIR'S HALL. GORBACHEV WILL BE PRESENT AT THIS CEREMONY AND BOTH FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL SIGN THE DOCUMENTS

1200 OPENING OF THE OFFICE OF THE BRITISH/SOVIET CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTRE FOLLOWED BY ATTENDANCE AT THE SIGNATURE OF COMMERCIAL CONTRACTS BETWEEN BRITISH FIRMS AND SOVIET FOREIGN TRADE ORGANISATIONS. SOVIET HOST DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER KAMENTSEV

1330 PRIVATE LUNCH HOSTED BY HM AMBASSADOR. SOVIET GUESTS: ACADEMICIAN SAKHOROV AND MRS BONNER

1430 VISIT TO THE INSTITUTE OF CRYSTALLOGRAPHY OF THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES. SENIOR SOVIET HOST: ACADEMICIAN MARCHUK, PRESIDENT OF THE USSR ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

1600 RECORDING OF TV DISCUSSION PROGRAMME AT THE MFA PRESS CENTRE

1715 PRESS CONFERENCE

1850 ARRIVE EMBASSY

1930 PRIVATE DINNER AT THE MFA GUEST HOUSE WITH MR AND MRS GORBACHEV (POWELL AND POLLOCK TO ATTEND)

WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL

0830 PRIVATE ENGAGEMENT AT EMBASSY

0930 OFFICIAL FAREWELL CEREMONY IN THE ST GEORGES HALL OF THE KREMLIN (A MIRROR IMAGE OF THE WELCOMING CEREMONY)

0930 OFFICIAL FAREWELL CEREMONY IN THE ST [illegible]GES HALL OF THE KREMLIN (A MIRROR IMAGE OF THE WELCOMING CEREMONY)

1015 FAREWELL CEREMONY AT VNUKOVO II AIRPORT

1030 DEPART FOR TBILISI

1405 ARRIVAL IN TBILISI. MET BY GEORGIAN PRIME MINISTER MR O E CHERKESIA

1430- PRIVATE LUNCH
1515

1530 MEETING AT COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE GEORGIAN SSR HOSTED BY THE GEORGIAN PRIME MINISTER

1630- WREATH LAYING AT THE GRAVE OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER
1700

1715- SIGHT SEEING AND WALK IN OLD TBILISI
1745

1800- VISIT TO GEORGIAN STATE MUSEUM OF FINE ART AND HISTORY
1830

1830- RETURN TO GEORGIAN STATE RESIDENCE TO CHANGE
1900

1915- ATTEND CONCERT AT THE GEORGIAN STATE OPERA HOUSE
2000

2015- OFFICIAL DINNER HOSTED BY THE GEORGIAN PRIME MINISTER
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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: ARRIVAL

1. ARRIVAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1910 VC10 ARRIVAL

I WILL TAKE CHERNYSHEV UP FRONT STEPS OF VC10 TO GREET PRIME MINISTER INSIDE AIRCRAFT. ARRIVAL CEREMONY ON TARMAC (DETAILS OF CEREMONY HELD BY HORNE (NO. 10 DOWNING ST), INCLUDING NATIONAL ANTHEMS.

(THOSE INVOLVED: PRIME MINISTER, SECRETARY OF STATE, HM AMBASSADOR, MR WICKS, MR POWELL, MR INGHAM, MR GALSWORTHY MR HORNE AND THREE DETECTIVES)

REMAINDER OF PARTY, PLUS PRESS, DISEMBARK BY CENTRE DOOR, AND WALK ROUND BEHIND AIRPORT BUILDING TO AWAITING CARS

EMBASSY MINIBUS WILL BE AT FOOT OF AIRCRAFT STEPS TO RECEIVE NO 10 AND FCO BOXES.

CAR ALLOCATION FROM THE AIRPORT WILL THEN BE:

PRIME MINISTER RYZHKOV SOVIET INTERPRETER DETECTIVE	ALL TO EMBASSY	U/N CAR
SECRETARY OF STATE ZAMYATIN DETECTIVE		2
HM AMBASSADOR MR POWELL		4
MR INGHAM MR HORNE		5

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MR WICKS		3
MR MARSHALL		
MRS PONSONBY		
MR GALSWORTHY		6
MR BISHOP		
MR HEMANS		
MRS AILES		9
MRS LAMBERT		
MRS HAYTER		12
MISS DAVIS		
TWO NO 10 DETECTIVES		10
1 SECRETARY OF STATE'S DETECTIVE (I.E. THOSE DETECTIVES NOT ON DUTY IN KGB PROTECTION VEHICLE)		11
MISS BOWERS		EMBASSY
MISS ROSS		MINIBUS
MISS WILLIAMS		
2 EMBASSY SECURITY OFFICERS		
BOXES		
OFFICIAL PRESS PARTY WILL PROCEED FROM THE AIRPORT DIRECT TO INTOURIST HOTEL		
MR BRIND (WITH PASSPORTS)		EMBASSY SIERRA
LUGGAGE FOR PARTY AND PRESS	TO EMBASSY THEN TO INTOURIST HOTEL	LUGGAGE VAN

2. GRATEFUL IF PRIME MINISTER'S DETECTIVES CAN PLACE PRIME MINISTER'S LUGGAGE IN HER CAR. SECRETARY OF STATE'S LUGGAGE SHOULD BE PLACED IN BACK OF HIS CAR.

3. LUGGAGE FOR MEMBERS OF THE PARTY STAYING IN THE HOTEL ROSSIYA WILL BE TAKEN TO THE EMBASSY IN THE FIRST INSTANCE AND THEN PUT IN RESPECTIVE CARS. LUGGAGE FOR INGHAM HORNE AND MEMBERS OF THE PRESS WILL BE TAKEN TO THE INTOURIST HOTEL WHERE IT SHOULD BE

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COLLECTED FROM A MEMBER OF THE EMBASSY WAITING AT THE RECEPTION.

4. MISS BOWERS SHOULD GIVE ALL PASSPORTS TO MR BRIND. CREW PASSPORTS WILL BE PROCESSED BY SQUADRON LEADER LASSETER. PLEASE ADVANCE TO PS/NO 10 DOWNING STREET, NO 10 PRESS OFFICE, PS/SECRETARY OF STATE, SOVIET DEPARTMENT AND CONFERENCE SECTION, PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT.

5. AS YOU WILL SEE FROM THE ABOVE, THE ENTIRE PARTY WILL NOW PROCEED DIRECT FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE EMBASSY, WHENCE RYZHKOV WILL SUBSEQUENTLY ESCORT THE PRIME MINISTER TO THE KREMLIN FOR THE WELCOMING CEREMONY.

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: PARTICIPATION IN TALKS

1. WHEN I HAD A FINAL DISCUSSION OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S PROGRAMME WITH CHERNYSHEV (CHIEF OF PROTOCOL) TODAY, 27 MARCH, IT EMERGED THAT THE SOVIET WISH IS THAT AT THE RESTRICTED SESSIONS OF TALKS BETWEEN THE PRIME MINISTER AND GORBACHEV ON 30 MARCH, A.M. AND P.M., AND AT THE SMALL DINNER ON 31 MARCH SHE SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED ONLY BY YOU (AND PERHAPS BY POLLACK AT THE SMALL DINNER). I TOLD CHERNYSHEV THAT, AS I HAD MADE CLEAR FROM THE BEGINNING, THE PRIME MINISTER'S WISH WAS THAT I TOO SHOULD BE WITH HER. I SAID THAT THIS WAS NOT SO MUCH BECAUSE OF MY POSITION AS AMBASSADOR BUT BECAUSE SHE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SOMEBODY WITH HER WHO KNEW BOTH THE SOVIET UNION AND THE RUSSIAN LANGUAGE. CHERNYSHEV TOOK NOTE AND UNDERTOOK TO REPORT.

2. THE MOST LIKELY EXPLANATION FOR GORBACHEV'S APPARENT WISH TO EXCLUDE AMBASSADORS IS THAT HE WOULD PREFER NOT TO HAVE ZAMYATIN (BY NO MEANS A ''NEW THINKER'') PRESENT AT THE TALKS. IT IS INDEED PROBABLE THAT THE DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE LESS CANDID IF ZAMYATIN WERE THERE. IF, HOWEVER, THE PRIME MINISTER STILL DOES INDEED WISH ME, AS WELL AS YOU, TO ACCOMPANY HER, SHE SCOULD MAKE THIS REQUEST DURING THE BRIEF DISCUSSION WITH GORBACHEV WHICH IS LIKELY TO TAKE PLACE AT THE FORMAL WELCOMING CEREMONY IN THE KREMLIN ON THE EVENING OF 28 MARCH. GORBACHEV WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY ASK HER ON THAT OCCASION WHETHER SHE IS SATISFIED WITH THE PROGRAMME ARRANGED FOR HER AND THIS WOULD GIVE HER THE LEAD-IN. SHE COULD, IF SHE WISHED, SAY SOMETHING TO THE EFFECT THAT SHE SEES NO NEED FOR PRECISE SYMMETRY ON THE TWO SIDES DURING THEIR DISCUSSIONS: THIS WOULD LEAVE IT OPEN TO GORBACHEV TO HAVE A THIRD PERSON ON HIS OWN SIDE MORE TO HIS TASTE THAN ZAMYATIN.

3. I DO NOT WISH TO PUSH THIS FOR ITS OWN SAKE: FOR MY OWN PART I SHALL BE ENTIRELY HAPPY WITH WHATEVER THE PRIME MINISTER DECIDES TO DO.

4. SO FAR AS THE KREMLIN WELCOME ITSELF IS CONCERNED, THE SOVIET POSITION IS THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR USUAL PRACTICE (WHICH, I CAN CONFIRM, WAS FOLLOWED FOR PRESIDENT MITTERAND), THE PRIME MINISTER SHOULD BE COMPLETELY ALONE FOR THE CEREMONY, AT WHICH SHE WILL BE WELCOMED ONLY BY THE TWO GORBACHEVS. I ENTERED A PLEA THAT, AT THE VERY LEAST, YOU SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO WAIT IN AN ANTE-ROOM WHILE THE FORMAL SHAKING OF HANDS IS BEING FILMED AND THEN TO SLIDE IN IN ORDER TO SIT WITH THE PRIME MINISTER FOR THE SHORT INFORMAL DISCUSSION WHICH IS THEN ENVISAGED. I MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD CERTAINLY WISH TO HAVE SOMEBODY WITH HER AT THAT POINT. CHERNYSHEV UNDERTOOK TO REPORT.

5. WE ARE REPORTING SEPARATELY BY TELEGRAM ON THE DETAILS OF THE PROGRAMME WHICH EMERGED DURING MY TALK WITH CHERNYSHEV THIS MORNING: BUT I THOUGHT YOU WOULD WISH TO HAVE ADVANCE NOTICE OF THESE TWO PARTICULR POINTS.

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT

A MISCELLANY OF BACKGROUND POINTS FOR THE BRIEFING:-

1. GLASNOST (LATEST MANIFESTATIONS)

A. THIS WEEK'S MOSCOW NEWS HAS PUBLISHED SEEMINGLY IN FULL A LETTER FROM TEN PROMINENT SOVIET EMIGRE DISSIDENTS TO LE FIGARO, CONDEMNING THE SOVIET SYSTEM AND IDEOLOGY AND DISCUSSING PERESTROIKA AS LARGELY COSMETIC. IT APPEARS TO BE A LONGER VERSION OF THE TIMES ARTICLE ON 16 MARCH. THE EDITOR YAKOVLEV GIVES A REPLY MORE IN SORROW THAN IN ANGER SAYING THAT CURRENT CHANGES ARE WHAT THESE DISSIDENTS ONCE HAD DEMANDED. CIRCULATION IN RUSSIAN IS ABOUT 200,000.

B. IZVESTIA OF 26 MARCH REPORTS SYMPATHETICALLY A SERIES OF MEETINGS AND DEMONSTRATIONS IN LENINGRAD IN PROTEST AT THE DEMOLITION OF THE OLD ANGLETERRE HOTEL. THE ARTICLE WAS CRITICAL OF THE LENINGRAD AUTHORITIES AND WAS UNDER THE RUBRIC ''LEARNING DEMOCRACY''

C. THE SAME IZVESTIYA GAVE A FAVOURABLE REVIEW TO AN EXHIBITION OF 67 AVANT GARDE ARTISTS MANY OF WHOM HAVE BEEN IN DISFAVOUR FOR YEARS.

2. GEORGIAN AVALANCE AND FLOOD DISASTER

IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY THERE WERE EXTREMELY HEAVY SNOW FALLS AND TORRENTIAL RAIN IN GEORGIA. 6 MONTHS' WORTH OF PRECIPITATION FELL IN FOUR DAYS. THE SPRING THAW HAS BROUGHT AVALANCHES AND FLOODS. ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL SOURCES 110 PEOPLE WERE KILLED. MOST CASUALTIES HAVE OCCURRED IN THE MOUNTAINOUS MESTIA REGION, 250 KILOMETRES NORTH WEST OF TBILISI, WHERE 81 PEOPLE WERE KILLED. THE DAMAGE TO THE REPUBLIC'S ECONOMY SURPASSES THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY MILLION ROUBLES. NEARLY 4,500 HOUSES HAVE BEEN DESTROYED/DAMAGED SEMICOLON 80,000 HECTARES OF PLOUGHED LAND, TEA AND CITRUS FRUITS PLANTATIONS HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY THE AVALANCHES AND FLOODS SEMICOLON AND 8,200 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN EVACUATED FROM HIGHLAND AREAS. RELIEF AND RECONSTRUCTION WORK IS UNDER WAY BUT THE THREAT OF FURTHER AVALANCHES, MUD SLIDES AND FLOODING REMAINS.

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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GEORGIAN COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, OTAR CHERKEZIYA, WHO WILL BE THE PRIME MINISTER'S HOST, IS A MEMBER OF THE GOVERNMENT COMMISSION SET UP TO DEAL WITH THE DISASTER.

3. WEATHER

THE FORECAST FOR THE WEEK-END AND MONDAY IS BETWEEN MINUS ONE AND MINUS FIVE CENTIGRADE AND CLOUDY, WARMING BY TUESDAY TO BETWEEN PLUS ONE AND PLUS SEVEN.

4. TIME

CLOCKS GO FORWARD HERE BY ONE HOUR AT 0200 LOCAL ON SUNDAY 29 MARCH. MOSCOW TIME WILL THEN BE GMT + 4.

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MIPT: MOU ON INFORMATION, CULTURE AND EDUCATION

FOLLOWING FROM LLEWELLYN SMITH

1. I HAVE DISCUSSED THE NEW SITUATION WITH THE AMBASSADOR, WHOSE VIEWS THIS REFLECTS.

2. THE SOVIET MOVE IS, OBVIOUSLY, PROFOUNDLY UNHELPFUL AT THIS STAGE. IT MAY BE THAT USPENSKY GENUINELY WENT FURTHER IN EARLIER DISCUSSION THAN HIS POLITICAL MASTERS WOULD STOMACH. IT MAY BE THAT ZAMYATIN, WHO WAS VISIBLE IN THE CORRIDORS, IS MAKING HIS INFLUENCE FELT. WE HAVE LEFT USPENSKY IN NO DOUBT OF OUR SURPRISE AND DISPLEASURE.

3. ON THE SUBSTANCE, ''FREE'' IN PARA 4 SEEMS IN EFFECT AS GOOD AS WORD AS ''UNIMPEDED''. NOR DOES THE JARGON ''ON AN EQUAL BASIS'' RAISE, AS SEEN FROM HERE, ANY PROBLEM OF PRINCIPLE, UNLESS THE RUSSIANS HAVE IN MIND SOME MEANS OF FACILITATING RECEPTION OF SOVIET BROADCASTS IN THE UK WHICH ESCAPES US. THE EXPERTS WILL WANT TO LOOK AT IT WITH THIS IN MIND.

4. IN PARA 11, AGAIN ''FREE'' SEEMS ACCEPTABLE, THOUGH I RECOGNISE THAT THE WORD ''UNIMPEDED'' WOULD BE PREFERABLE IN BOTH PARAS IN THE CSCE CONTEXT. THE REFERENCE TO ''STATUS'' IS UNACCEPTABLE SINCE IT WOULD ENABLE THE SOVIET SIDE, FOR EXAMPLE, TO QUERY ACCESS TO THE EMBASSY ON THE GROUNDS OF ALLEGED INCOMPATIBILITY BETWEEN THE MOUNTING OF SOME EVENT THERE AND THE EMBASSY'S STATUS. THE REFERENCE TO ''INTERNAL REGULATIONS'', AS EXPLAINED BY USPENSKY SEEMS JUST TOLERABLE.

5. AS SEEN FROM HERE, WE WILL NOT GET ''UNIMPEDED'' BACK WITHOUT AN ARGUMENT BY MINISTERS DURING THE VISIT, AND POSSIBLY NOT THEN. THERE IS NO POINT HAVING SUCH AN ARGUMENT IF WE CAN AVOID IT AND STILL OBTAIN OTHERWISE SATISFACTORY LANGUAGE. I JUDGE THAT THERE IS A FAIR CHANCE OF DOING SO. BUT WE HAVE TO RECOGNISE NOW THAT BECAUSE OF THE NEW SOVIET MOVE, WHICH POSES AT LEAST ONE UNACCEPTABLE WORD, DISCUSSIONS MAY RUN ON INTO THE VISIT ITSELF.

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6. THE TIME AVAILABLE TO COMPLETE DISCUSSIONS IS NOW SHORT, AND THERE MAY BE A SCAMBLE TO AGREE AND COMPARE TEXTS. THIS FACTOR, SO LONG AS THE LINKAGE BETWEEN THE MOU AND THE SPACE AND HOTLINE DOCUMENTS IS KEPT IN PLAY, SHOULD WORK IN OUR FAVOUR.

7. I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE ONE FURTHER ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEMS ON THE FOLLOWING LINES.

PARAGRAPH 4: ACCEPT ''FREE''. REJECT ''ON AN EQUAL BASIS''.

PARAGRAPH 11: ACCEPT ''FREE''. ARGUE FOR '' THE TWO SIDES RECOGNISE THAT FREE ACCESS SHOULD BE ENSURED TO CULTURAL AND INFORMATION EVENTS AND ARRANGEMENTS OF THE OTHER SIDE IN KEEPING WITH THE AIMS OF THIS MEMORANDUM.''

AS BOTTOM LINE, I WOULD LIKE AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT ALL THE NEW SOVIET LANGUAGE ON PARA 4 PLUS THE ABOVE LANGUAGE OR A VARIANT ON IT AT PARAGRAPH 11. I WOULD LIKE ALSO AUTHORITY TO AGREE TO SOME FORM OF WORDS MEETING THE SOVIET POINT ABOUT INTERNAL REGULATIONS, BUT PREFERABLY IN MORE INDEFINITE LANGUAGE. THE WORD ''PROCEDURES'' INSTEAD OF ''REGULATIONS'' MIGHT HELP.

8. I WOULD SAY THAT THIS IS A PACKAGE WHICH I HAVE AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT. I WOULD MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THIS WAS THE LIMIT OF MY INSTRUCTIONS, AND THAT IF THIS LANGUAGE WAS UNACCEPTABLE TO THE SOVIET SIDE I EXPECTED THAT THE QUESTIONS WOULD HAVE TO BE RESOLVED ''AT THE POLITICAL LEVEL'' DURING THE VISIT ITSELF. I WOULD SAY ALSO THAT ARRANGEMENTS FOR SIGNATURE OF OTHER AGREEMENTS MUST REMAIN IN SUSPENSE UNTIL WE REACH A SATISFACTORY TEXT OF THE MOU (THOUGH TECHNICAL PREPARATION OF THE OTHER TEXTS CAN PROCEED). NOR WOULD WE BE ABLE YET TO HAND OVER THE TEXT OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH (YOUR TELNO 410).

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9. GRATEFUL FOR INSTRUCTION IF POSSIBLE BY 271400Z, ENABLING FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS THIS EVENING.

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MY TELNO 477: MOU ON INFORMATION CULTURE AND EDUCATION

FOLLOWING FROM LLEWELLYN SMITH

SUMMARY

1. THE POSITION OUTLINED IN MY TUR WAS A LITTLE TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE. LAST MINUTE SOVIET ATTEMPT AT CLAWBACK.

DETAIL

2. THE SOVIET SIDE PULLED A LAST MINUTE FAST ONE BY CALLING US IN AT 2130 LOCAL TIME. USPENSKY SAID HE HAD REPORTED TO THE ''POLITICAL LEVEL'' (WHICH MAY BE DEPUTY MINISTER KOVALEV). HE PUT FORWARD NEW LANGUAGE FOR PARAGRAPHS 4 AND 11 SAID TO BE REQUIRED AT THIS LEVEL.

3. THE LANGUAGE OF PARA 4 IS UNCHANGED EXCEPT THAT IT NOW ENDS ''THE TWO SIDES WILL FACILITATE FAVOURABLE CONDITIONS FOR THE FREE RECEPTION (SVOBODNOGO PRIEMA) OF SUCH BROADCASTS ON AN EQUAL BASIS ON THEIR RESPECTIVE TERRITORIES''

4. THE LANGUAGE OF PARA 11 IS AS FOLLOWS ''THE TWO SIDES RECOGNISE THAT FREE ACCESS SHOULD BE ENSURED IN THEIR COUNTRIES TO CULTURAL AND INFORMATION EVENTS AND ARRANGEMENTS OF THE OTHER SIDE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE PRESENT MEMORANDUM AND RESPECTING THE STATUS AND INTERNAL REGULATIONS OF THE ORGANISATIONS CONCERNED''. (PRI UVAZHENII STATUSA I VNUTRENNEGO USTAVA TEKH ORGANIZATSII, KOTORIKH ETO KASAETSYA).

5. USPENSKY SAID THAT THE AIM OF THE NEW PARA 11 WORDING WAS TO PROVIDE FOR THE SITUATION IN WHICH AN EVENT IN EITHER COUNTRY WAS HELD IN PREMISES TO WHICH THERE WAS NO FREE ACCESS TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. (HE GAVE AS EXAMPLES SOVIET MATERIAL DISPLAYED IN A PRIVATE CLUB IN BRITAIN OR AN EXHIBITION OF BRITISH ART WHICH HE POSTULATED MIGHT BE HELD IN THE SUPREME SOVIET BUILDING IN RETURN FOR THE SOVIET EXHIBITION HELD IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS). HE EXPLAINED THE SWITCH TO ''FREE'' FROM ''UNIMPEDED'' IN PARA 4, AS EFFECTIVELY REQUIRED BY SOVIET FACE. THERE MUST BE NO IMPLICATION THAT THERE HAD BEEN IMPEDIMENTS (SINCE NEITHER THE IMPOSITION NOR THE END OF JAMMING HAD EVER BEEN ANNOUNCED). ''UNIMPEDED'' WAS ABSOLUTELY UNACCEPTABLE.

6. USPENSKY ASKED THAT THIS BE REPORTED AND SAID THE SOVIET SIDE HAD GONE TO THE LIMIT. I SAID I WAS VERY SURPRISED THAT THE SOVIET SIDE HAD SET ASIDE THE LANGUAGE ON WHICH THEY HAD BEEN NEGOTIATING - WE HAD ASSUMED WITH AUTHORITY - ON AND OFF, FOR SEVERAL DAYS, WHEN CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE. THIS WAS NOT THE RIGHT WAY TO DO BUSINESS. I UNDERTOOK TO REPORT, WITHOUT GIVING ANY INDICATION THAT THE NEW LANGUAGE WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE.

7. COMMENT IN MIFT

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PRIME MINISTER

Attached is a complete list of the gifts you will be taking to Russia with notes attached where relevant.

There is no formal exchange of gifts either in Moscow or Tbilisi.

The exception may be your personal gifts to the Gorbachevs, but Charles will have to find this out on arrival in Moscow.

There is also to be a presentation of the Wedgwood book to Mrs. Gorbachev (see attached note). Again, Charles will have to find out on arrival how and when this is to be done.

Finally, Bryan Cartledge has suggested that if you want to give a gift to Mr. Sakharov when you see him a telephone answering machine would be a good idea. The FCO are making enquiries about this, but if it is not compatible with the Russian telephone system Charles feels that it is not strictly necessary for you to give him anything.

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(TESSA GAISMAN)

26 March 1987

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GIFTS FOR MOSCOW AND TBILISI

1. Personal gift for Mr. Gorbachev

   Pair of silver-backed hairbrushes engraved with his initials

2. Personal gift for Mrs. Gorbachev

   Black Cashmere shawl

3. Official gift for Mr. Gorbachev

   Silver bowl with inscription:

   "To His Excellency Mr. M.S. Gorbachev
   on the occasion of my visit to the
   USSR 28 March - 1 April 1987
   Margaret Thatcher, Prime Minister"

4. Official gift for Mrs. Gorbachev

   First edition of Vanity Fair. Red leather bound volume by George Bayntun of London. This is one of some twenty copies displaying a plate of "The Marquis of Steyne" and a history of the plate will accompany the book.

5. Mr. Ryzhkov

   Antique map of Muscovy. A letter of description about the map (in Russian) will accompany the map. I attach a copy in English for your interest.

6. Mrs. Ryzhkov

   Tartan Cashmere travelling rug from Johnstons of Elgin.

You are taking four rugs to Russia and I attach samples of the Tartans, although these are in wool and not cashmere.

Other gifts for Moscow are for heads of departments. We have not been given specific details, but have been asked simply to take a selection of "middle-ranging presents", up to 15 in number. These are as follows:

1 Blind Earl Bowl
2 Royal Garden Round Scallop Bowls
6 Pairs of Crown Derby Ashtrays
3 8" Octagonal Bowls - Crown Derby
3 Small Crown Derby Ginger Jars

7. Mr. Cherkesha (Prime Minister of Georgia)

Royal Worcester Coffee Set

You will not be meeting Mrs. Cherkesha at all during your visit to Tbilisi.

8. Foreign Minister of Georgia

Pair of Crown Derby Goblets

9. Deputy Prime Minister

Copy of "Royal Heritage"

10. Head of Economic Directorate

Copy of "Royal Heritage"

11. Chief of Staff of Council of Ministers

Copy of "Royal Heritage"

12. Head of Protocol (Georgian Council of Ministers)

Crown Derby Goblet

13. Deputy Foreign Minister

Crown Derby Goblet

14. Head of Protocol MFA

Crown Derby Goblet

In addition you will also be taking a large selection of leather goods, House of Commons Wedgwood ashtrays, House of Commons pens and spare sets of Crown Derby ashtrays as well as the usual photographs.

THE IMPERIAL RUSSIAN DINNER SERVICE

This vast dinner and tea service was commissioned by the Empress Catherine the Great from Josiah Wedgwood. They represent a major example of Britain's cultural heritage. They are now in The Hermitage.

Only one pictorial record, published in 1909, has ever been produced of this magnificent work. A copy of this rare volume has been located. The Prime Minister presents it to General Secretary Gorbachev on the occasion of her visit to the Soviet Union.

The General Secretary will be interested to know that a new pictorial record of the collection is being assembled and will be published, as the result of a joint Anglo-Soviet venture. The Soviet participant in the venture is the Leningrad art publisher Aurora. The British participant is the company "Andrew Nurnberg Associates".

Abraham Ortelius - Map of Russia

'Russiae Moscoviae et Tartariae Descriptio'. An early copperplate map of the Russian Empire produced by Abraham Ortelius and published in a Latin edition of his 'Theatrum Orbis Terrarum'.

Ortelius was the most important European mapmaker of his age. His 'Theatrum' was the first truly modern atlas, containing a uniformly-sized, systematic collection of maps of the world. These were compiled from the most up-to-date and reliable sources, and the atlas went through 42 editions between 1570 and 1612.

One of the leading lights of the Northern Renaissance, Ortelius was a humanist, working in Antwerp at a time when the city was the acknowledged capital of the book trade, and a close friend of the artist, Pieter Bruegel. He did visit England - perhaps seeking temporary refuge from religious persecution - but he used the work of only two Britons in his survey.

One of these was Anthony Jenkinson (1525 - 1611), a notable merchant and cartographer. Jenkinson was a member of the Mercers Company and was appointed leader of an expedition sent to Russia in 1557, to open up the eastern trade routes for the Muscovy Company. His remarkable journey took him as far as Bokhara, in Asiatic Russia, and he recorded his findings in a celebrated map of the country. This original map has, unfortunately, not survived, but its material was used by both Ortelius and his rival, De Jode, and it remained the principal source for Western cartographers until the following century.

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MOSCOW GIFTS

Number	Item	To whom given	Price Guide
1.	Silver bowl	Mr. Gorbachev (official gift)	
2.	Black shawl	Mrs. Gorbachev (personal)	
3.	Map of Muscovy	Mr. Ryzhkov	
4.	Travel rug (dress Stuart)	Mrs. Ryzhkov	£109.00
5.	Travel rug (Lindsay)		£109.00
6.	Travel rug (Black Watch)		£109.00
7.	Travel rug (Black Stuart)		£109.00
8.	First edition of Vanity Fair	Mrs. Gorbachev (Official gift)	
9.	Royal Heritage	Deputy Prime Minister	£14.75
10.	Royal Heritage	Hd. Econ. Directorate (Mr. S. T. Rigvava)	£14.75
11.	Royal Heritage	Chief of Staff, Council of Ministers (Mr. Z. P. Makharadze)	£14.75
12.	Blind Earl Bowl		£38.54
13.	Shoe cleaning kit for man		*

Number	Item	To whom given	Price Guide
14.	Shoe cleaning kit		*
15.	Shoe cleaning kit		*
16.	Shoe cleaning kit		*
17.	Stud box		*
18.	Stud box		*
19.	Stud box		*
20.	Stud box		*
21.	Stud box		*
22.	Stud box		*
23.	Leather cigarette box		***
24.	Leather cigarette box		***
25.	Leather cigarette box		***
26.	Leather cigarette box		***
27.	Leather desk set		***
28.	Not allocated		
29.	Black Morroccan leather wallet		*
30.	Royal Garden Round Scallop Bowl		£14.71

Number	Item	To whom given	Price Guide
31.	Royal Garden Round Scallop Bowl		£14.71
32.	Royal Worcs. Coffee Set	Mr. O. E. Cherkesia (P.M. of Georgia)	£136 - (1981)
33.	Pair Crown Derby Goblets	Foreign Minister of Georgia (Mr. G. D. Javakhishvili)	c£95.00
34.	Crown Derby Goblet	Hd. of Protocol - Georgian Council of Ministers (Mr. N. B. Roukhadze)	c£58.00
35.	Crown Derby Goblet	Deputy Foreign Minister (Mr. T. N. Gordeladze)	c£58.00
36.	Crown Derby Goblet	Hd. of Protocol MFA (Mr. G. L. Gordiladze)	c£58.00
37.	Crown Derby Goblet		c£58.00
38.	Crown Derby Ginger Jar		c£55.00
39.	Ginger Jar		c£55.00
40.	Ginger Jar		c£55.00
41. A-F	Crown Derby ashtrays		£21.75
42.	H/C Pens		£2.40
43.	H/C Wedgwood ashtrays		£3.50

Number	Item	To whom given	Price guide
44.	Pair Crown Derby Goblets	Deputy Prime Min. Kamentsev	c£95.00
45.	Crown Derby cup & saucer		£59.00
46.	Crown Derby cup & saucer		£59.00
47.	Crown Derby cup & saucer		£59.00
48.	Silver hairbrushes	Mr. Gorbachev (personal)	

* = not priced but lower range gift

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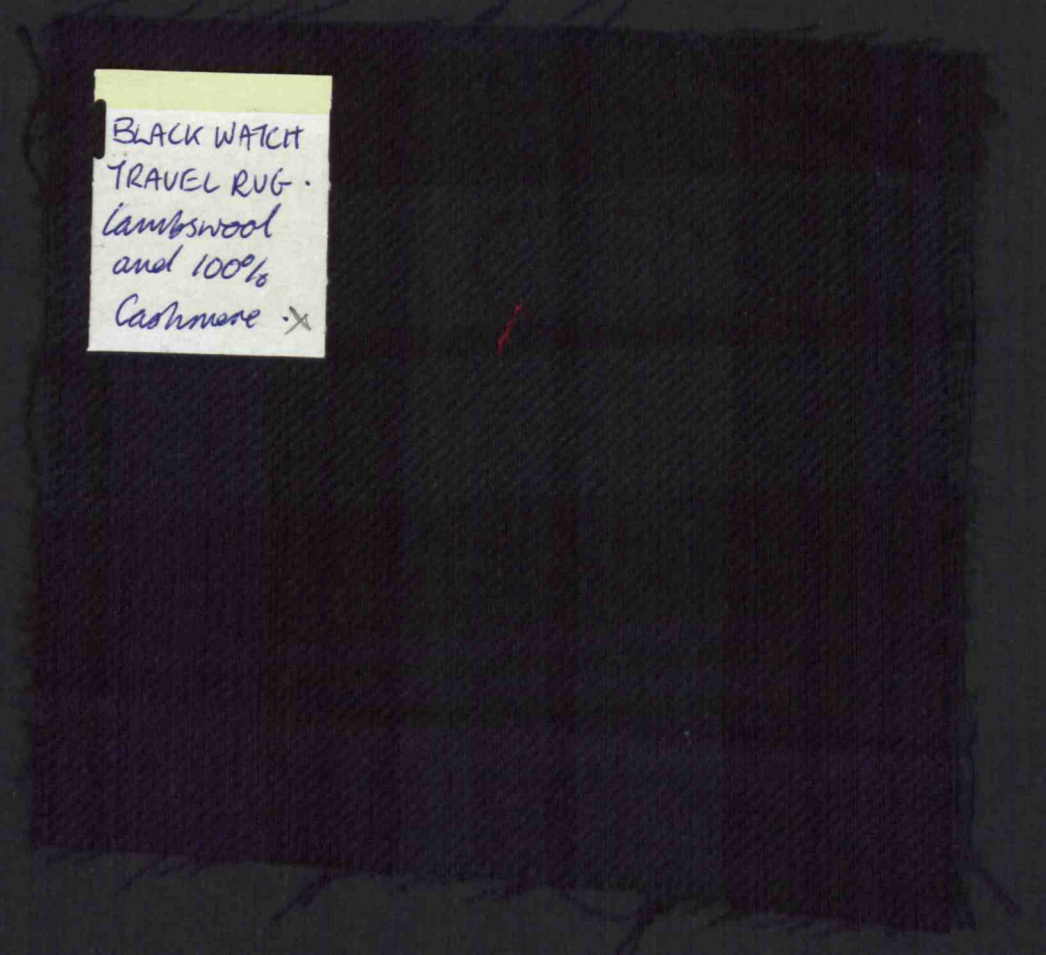
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Date: 25 March 1987

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PRIME MINISTER'S COMMUNICATIONS:
THE SOVIET UNION 28 MAR - 1 APRIL 1987.

MOSCOW

1. The Party will be staying in the British Embassy and the normal FCO facilities will be used for classified communications. A direct telephone line has been requested between the Embassy and No 10 Switchboard for the duration of the visit. This can be used in a secure mode with the Brahms equipment held by the Embassy. The Duty Clerk will carry appropriate key material to allow the Brahms to be used to the STS in No 10 Downing Street and in the FCO.

Note: The Brahms in Moscow is contained within a screened room.

TBILISI

2. During the return journey on Wednesday 1 April the Party will visit Tbilisi. The VC10 is due to arrive at 1405 hrs and to depart at 2200 hrs. During this period a Private Office will be set up in a room at the airport. This will have a dial telephone. Access may be difficult and in the event it is difficult to contact the Party a request should be made to the Embassy to ask them to try to relay a message - they might find it easier than direct from London. This may be used for unclassified messages only. Appropriate telephone numbers will be provided by the FCO.

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YOUR TELNO 480 : PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT : ATTENDANCE

1. WE HAVE DISCUSSED TUR WITH NUMBER TEN. FOLLOWING IS AGREED RESPONSE.
SATURDAY 28 MARCH
ARRIVAL :
1. YOUR PARA 2 AGREED.
THE KREMLIN WELCOME :
2. AGREED. INGHAM AND HORNE WILL WISH TO GO TO THE KREMLIN. POLLOCK SHOULD BE PRESENT IN CASE HE IS NEEDED.
BRIEFING MEETING AT THE EMBASSY :
3. THESE OCCASIONS TEND TO BE USEFUL IN INVERSE PROPORTION TO THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE PRESENT. YOUR PROPOSED ATTENDANCE IS LIKELY TO MAKE IT TOO CUMBERSOME. IT IS NOT NECESSARY FOR WALLER TO BE PRESENT IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM. THERE IS ALSO NO NEED FOR POLLOCK. NUMBER TEN WOULD LIKE EMBASSY ATTENDANCE TO BE LIMITED TO YOURSELF, MARSHALL, HEMANS AND MURRELL. CHASE MACLAREN AND WHITTING TO STAND BY IN CASE THEY ARE NEEDED TO DISCUSS ANY PARTICULAR POINTS.
PRIVATE SUPPER :
4. YOUR PARA 5 AGREED. NUMBER TEN THINK THAT IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR MORE THAN ONE DUTY CLERK AND MORE THAN ONE GARDEN

ROOM GIRL TO BE ON DUTY ON THE FIRST EVENING. THEY WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF FOOD COULD BE AVAILABLE FOR TWO CLERKS AND TWO GARDEN ROOM GIRLS.

SUNDAY 29 MARCH

ZAGORSK :

5. NUMBER TEN UNDERSTAND THE NEED TO LIMIT ATTENDANCE. MRS PONSONBY CAN BE DROPPED, BUT WICKS SHOULD BE ADDED. IF ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY BISHOP COULD ALSO BE DROPPED THOUGH WE SHOULD PREFER HIM TO BE PRESENT. OTHERWISE YOUR PARAS 7 TO 9 AGREED.

WALKABOUT :

6. YOUR PARA 10 AGREED. PLEASE ADD WICKS TO THE PARTY TO ACCOMPANY THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO VISIT THE NEW EMBASSY SITE.

THEATRE :

7. YOUR PARA 12 AGREED. NUMBER 10 WOULD LIKE IF POSSIBLE FOR ALL THEIR STAFF TO BE ABLE TO GO. THIS WOULD MEAN THE EMBASSY MANNING THE TELEPHONE DURING THE PERFORMANCE. WE HOPE YOU CAN MANAGE THIS. IF THERE WERE ANY KIND OF PANIC GOING ON ON THE EVENING, IT MIGHT BE NECESSARY FOR A DUTY CLERK TO STAY BEHIND.

RECEPTION :

8. YOUR PARA 13 AGREED. HOWEVER, NUMBER 10 HOPE THAT ROOM COULD BE MADE FOR A POOL OF ONE WRITING JOURNALIST AND ONE PHOTOGRAPHIC JOURNALIST.

MONDAY 30 MARCH

WREATH LAYING :

9. YOUR PARA 14 AGREED. NUMBER 10 WOULD LIKE A DETAILED STEP-BY-STEP PLAN PREPARED.

TALKS :

10. YOUR PARAS 15 TO 17 AGREED. IF YOU WISHED, THE SECRETARY OF STATE WOULD BE HAPPY TO HAVE ONE OTHER EMBASSY MEMBER PRESENT, IN WHICH CASE GALSWORTHY WOULD BE ONLY TOO HAPPY TO SHARE THE RECORD-TAKING WITH HIM.

PRIVATE LUNCH :

11. YOUR TWO PARAS 18 BOTH AGREED. INGHAM SHOULD BE LEFT OUT SO THAT HE CAN BRIEF. WE LEAVE IT TO YOU WHETHER IT IS NECESSARY TO

INCLUDE BISHOP.
SECOND TALKS WITH GORBACHEV :
12. YOUR PARA 19 AGREED, BUT GALSWORTHY SHOULD ALSO ATTEND THE PLENARY.
FORMAL DINNER :
13. YOUR PARA 20 AGREED. IF THERE ARE ANY SPARE PLACES NUMBER 10 WOULD LIKE TO GET ONE GARDEN GIRL AND ONE DUTY CLERK IN. IF LLEWELLYN-SMITH IS STILL IN MOSCOW HE SHOULD BE INCLUDED. YOUR PARA 21 AGREED, THOUGH ATTENDANCE AS AMENDED ABOVE.
TUESDAY 31 MARCH
TALKS WITH RYZHKOV :
14. YOUR PARA 22 AGREED, BUT WICKS SHOULD BE ADDED.
SIGNING :
15. YOUR PARA 23 AGREED.
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE :
16. YOUR PARA 24 AGREED, EXCEPT THAT THE RECORD TAKER FROM RYZHKOV MEETING, PROBABLY WICKS, WILL PEEL OFF TO DO THE RECORD
PRIVATE LUNCH :
17. YOUR PARA 25 AGREED.
CRYSTALLOGRAPHY INSTITUTE :
18. YOUR PARA 26 AGREED.
TELEVISION INTERVIEW :
19. YOUR PARA 27 AGREED EXCEPT THAT MRS PONSONBY NEED PRESENT.
PRESS CONFERENCE :
20. YOUR PARA 28 AGREED.
PRIVATE DINNER :
21. YOUR PARA 29 AGREED.
WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL
FAREWELLS IN MOSCOW :
22. YOUR PARA 30 AGREED.
TBILISI :
23. PARAS 31 TO 33 AGREED. WICKS WILL CERTAINLY WANT TO ACCOMPANY THE PRIME MINISTER, BUT IT WILL BE USEFUL FOR INGHAM AND HORNE TO BE ABLE TO MOVE ABOUT FLEXIBLY. WE CONFIRM THAT ONE GARDEN GIRL SHOULD ALWAYS BE IN ATTENDANCE WHEREVER THE PRIME

MINISTER MAY BE. ARRANGEMENTS IN YOUR PARA 33 ARE ACCEPTABLE.

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THE PRIVATE SECRETARY

This is the tel. I had heard of. Pursuing the other. Most of the answers to this one can, I fear, only come from us.

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: ATTENDANCE AT EACH EVENT

1. WE NEED VERY QUICKLY TO TELL THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES WHOM FROM THE BRITISH SIDE WILL GO TO EACH EVENT AND ALSO TO DRAW UP THE CORRESPONDING CAR PLAN. THE FOLLOWING ARE MY SUGGESTIONS. GRATEFUL VERY EARLY INSTRUCTIONS.

SATURDAY 28 MARCH

THE ARRIVAL

2. THE FOLLOWING TO TAKE PART IN THE ARRIVAL CEREMONY. ALL OTHERS TO GO STRAIGHT TO CARS: PRIME MINISTER, SECRETARY OF STATE, WICKS, POWELL, INGHAM, GALSWORTHY, POLLOCK, HORNE, THREE DETECTIVES.

THE KREMLIN WELCOME

3. I HAVE REQUESTED ATTENDANCE BY THE PRIME MINISTER, SECRETARY OF STATE, MYSELF AND POWELL. IF THE RUSSIANS INSIST ON A TETE A TETE I SUGGEST THAT POWELL GO WITH THE PRIME MINISTER AS FAR AS THE ANTE-ROOM. THE CEREMONY WILL BE FILMED. INGHAM AND HORNE MAY THEREFORE WISH TO GO TO THE KREMLIN ALSO, BUT AS THEY COULD BE THERE AHEAD OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND THERE IS LITTLE THEY CAN DO THEY MAY PREFER TO COME STRAIGHT TO THE EMBASSY. DOES THE PRIME MINISTER WISH POLLOCK TO ATTEND ?

BRIEFING MEETING AT THE EMBASSY

4. SEATING IN OUR CONFERENCE ROOM IS LIMITED. I PROPOSE TO AIM AT A MEETING STARTING AT 9.45 PM OVER DRINKS WITH THE FOLLOWING PRESENT: PRIME MINISTER, SECRETARY OF STATE, WICKS, POWELL, INGHAM, GALSWORTHY, POLLOCK, WALLER AND FROM THE EMBASSY MYSELF, MARSHALL, HEMANS (H OF C), MURRELL (COUNSELLOR INTERNAL), CHASE (COMMERCIAL COUNSELLOR), MACLAREN (PRESS ATTACHE), WHITTING (PROTOCOL LIAISON OFFICER), AND LOWETH (MY PRIVATE SECRETARY).

PRIVATE SUPPER

5. THIS WOULD START AT 10.00PM WITH THE SAME ATTENDANCE AS FOR THE BRIEFING MEETING PLUS MRS ROBSONEY AND MY WIFE AND MINUS LOWETH.

6. THOSE STAYING IN THE HOTEL WILL EAT THERE EXCEPT FOR ONE DUTY

6. THOSE STAYING IN THE HOTEL WILL EAT THERE EXCEPT FOR ONE DUTY CLERK AND ONE GARDEN ROOM GIRL IF ON DUTY IN THE PRIVATE OFFICE WHO WILL BE GIVEN SUPPER BY STAFF LIVING IN THE COMPOUND.

SUNDAY 29 MARCH

ZAGORSK

7. THE HOST WILL NOW BE ARCHBISHOP ALEXANDER THE RECTOR. THE PATRIARCH MAY STILL APPEAR BUT HE IS 'VERY FRAIL'.

8. THE CHURCH AUTHORITIES WANT TO KEEP THE VISIT AS SMALL AS POSSIBLE. WE CANNOT THEREFORE INCLUDE JUNIOR MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION. I SUGGEST: THE PRIME MINISTER, SECRETARY OF STATE, POWELL, GALSWORTHY, INGHAM, HORNE, POLLOCK, BISHOP, MRS PONSONBY (ONLY IF NEEDED PLEASE ADVISE) PLUS THREE DETECTIVES. FROM THE EMBASSY, MYSELF AND MY WIFE, MACLAREN, WHITTING (WHO WILL BE TRAVELLING EVERYWHERE WITH THE PARTY AT SOVIET REQUEST).

9. WE HOPE TO ARRANGE HOSPITALITY AND SIGHT SEEING FOR DELEGATION MEMBERS REMAINING IN MOSCOW. FOOD FOR THOSE ON DUTY IN THE EMBASSY WILL BE AVAILABLE.

THE WALK ABOUT (WHICH HAS BEEN CONFIRMED BUT NO DETAILS GIVEN)

10. THIS WILL BE MOST EFFECTIVE IF REDUCED TO MINIMUM NUMBERS. I SUGGEST: THE PRIME MINISTER, POWELL, MYSELF, POLLOCK, WITH INGHAM, HORNE AND MACLAREN CONTROLLING PRESS, PLUS TWO DETECTIVES.

11. THE SECRETARY OF STATE, GALSWORTHY, BISHOP AND DETECTIVE WOULD GO STRAIGHT TO THE NEW EMBASSY SITE AND THERE BE MET BY MARSHALL, MOREY (ADMIN COUNSELLOR) AND REPRESENTATIVES OF MOSK.

THE THEATRE

12. ALL DELEGATION MEMBERS ARE INVITED. MRS GORBACHEVA IS ATTENDING AS WELL. THE RYZHKOVS MAY WELL ALSO BE THERE. ALL EMBASSY PERSONNEL EXCEPT ME AND MY WIFE WILL LEAVE IN THE SECOND INTERVAL IN ORDER TO BE AT THE EMBASSY WHEN THE PRIME MINISTER ARRIVES FOR THE RECEPTION. SOVIET PROTOCOL KNOW THIS AND CONFIRM THAT IT WILL NOT CAUSE OFFENCE.

THE RECEPTION

13. WITH THE WHOLE BRITISH COMMUNITY AND MIXED PLUS THE WHOLE DELEGATION, NUMBERS DO NOT PERMIT THE INCLUSION OF THE 24 TRAVELLING JOURNALISTS WITHOUT MAKING IT TOO CROWDED FOR THE PRIME MINISTER AND SECRETARY OF STATE TO CIRCULATE.

MONDAY 30 MARCH

WREATH LAYING

14. I SUGGEST: PRIME MINISTER, SECRETARY OF STATE, POWELL, GALSWORTHY, INGHAM, HORNE, POLLOCK, THREE DETECTIVES. FROM THE EMBASSY, MYSELF, MARSHALL, THREE SENIOR SERVICE ATTACHES, MACLAREN, WHITTING. I PROPOSE THAT THE ATTACHES, IN UNIFORM, SHOULD PROCESS BEHIND THE PRIME MINISTER, SECRETARY OF STATE AND MYSELF AND AHEAD OF THE OTHERS.

TALKS

15. THE PARTY WILL SPLIT AFTER THE WREATH LAYING AND GO STRAIGHT TO TALKS IN THE KREMLIN AND MFA. THOSE REQUIRED FOR THE TALKS THEREFORE NEED TO BE AT THE WREATH LAYING. I HAVE ASSUMED THAT AT ALL TALKS THE FORMAL RECORD WILL BE TAKEN BY PRIVATE SECRETARIES

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TALKS WITH GORBACHEV

16. PRIME MINISTER, MYSELF, POWELL, TWO DETECTIVES, WHITTING (THESE LAST THREE TO BE WITH SOVIET LIAISON OUTSIDE THE TALKS).

TALKS WITH SHEVARDNADZE

17. SECRETARY OF STATE, MARSHALL, CALSWORTHY, POLLOCK, ONE DETECTIVE.

PRIVATE LUNCH

18. IF WE ARE TO KEEP THIS SMALL ENOUGH TO BE USEFUL IT WILL MEAN DROPPING SOME QUITE SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE TEAM. INGHAM MAY PREFER TO USE THE TIME FOR BRIEFING. FOOD FOR DELEGATION MEMBERS ON DUTY AT THE EMBASSY WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE COMPOUND.

18. FOR THE LUNCH I SUGGEST: PRIME MINISTER, SECRETARY OF STATE, POWELL, POLLOCK AND POSSIBLY BISHOP DEPENDING ON THE LINGUISTIC CAPABILITIES OF THOSE RUSSIANS ACCEPTING THE INVITATION. FROM THE EMBASSY, MYSELF, MY WIFE AND MURRELL.

SECOND TALKS WITH GORBACHEV

19. START AS FOR THE MORNING, WHEN IT CHANGES TO PLENARY, ADD THE SECRETARY OF STATE, WICKS, INGHAM, POLLOCK.

FORMAL DINNER

20. THIS IS STRICTLY 30 PER SIDE. I SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING: THE PRIME MINISTER, SECRETARY OF STATE, WICKS, POWELL, CALSWORTHY, INGHAM, HORNE, WALLER, POLLOCK, BISHOP, MRS DONOUGHUE. FROM THE EMBASSY, MYSELF (WITHOUT WIFE, ACCORDING TO SOVIET PROTOCOL), MARSHALL, THREE SENIOR ATTACHES, HERMAN, CHASE, GARRETT (SCIENTIFIC COUNSELLOR), MURRELL, MOREY, COE (CULTURAL ATTACHE), MACLAREN, WHITTING. TO THIS ADD MONCRIEFF OF PRESS ASSOCIATION TO MAKE 29. THE BALANCE TO 30 COULD BE MADE UP FROM OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION, INCLUDING ANY SENIOR OFFICIALS WHO MAY STILL BE ADDED: GRATEFUL FOR ADVICE ON THIS.

21. DINNER WILL BE OVER AT 9.40PM. I ASSUME THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WILL WISH A DELEGATION MEETING AT THE EMBASSY TO REVIEW THE DAY AND DESPATCH TELEGRAMS. IF SO, ATTENDANCE COULD BE AS FOR THE INITIAL BRIEFING MEETING.

TUESDAY 31 MARCH

TALKS WITH RYZHKOV

22. I SUGGEST: PRIME MINISTER, SECRETARY OF STATE, POWELL, INGHAM, CALDWORTHY, THREE DETECTIVES AND WHITTING (OUTSIDE). FROM THE EMBASSY, MYSELF, CHASE (COMMERCIAL COUNSELLOR) MURRELL (COUNSELLOR, INTERNAL AFFAIRS) MS GALLAGHER (1ST SECRETARY ECONOMIC).

THE SIGNING

23. THE RUSSIANS SAY THAT THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN NEGOTIATIONS WILL ATTEND FROM THEIR SIDE AND THAT WE SHOULD MATCH AS FAR AS POSSIBLE. ATTENDANCE COULD THUS BE THOSE WHO HAVE ATTENDED THE TALKS PLUS WICKS, MARSHALL, GARRETT, COE AND MOREY BUT MINUS CHASE, MURRELL AND MS GALLAGHER.

CHASE, MURRELL AND MS GALLAGHER.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

24. THE PREMISES ARE CRAMPED AND THERE WILL NOT BE ROOM FOR A BIG TEAM. I SUGGEST THEREFORE AS FOR RYZHKOV'S TALKS PLUS HORNE BUT MINUS MURRELL AND MS GALLAGHER.

PRIVATE LUNCH (THE SAKHAROVS)

25. I SUGGEST PRIME MINISTER, SECRETARY OF STATE, POWELL, MYSELF, MY WIFE, MISS HORNER (SECOND SECRETARY INTERNAL WHO KNOWS THE SAKHAROVS AND WILL BE BRINGING THEM TO THE LUNCH, AND CAN ALSO INTERPRET IF NECESSARY).

CRYSTALLOGRAPHY INSTITUTE

26. AGAIN THE PREMISES ARE VERY CRAMPED AND INVOLVE THE USE OF A SMALL LIFT. MINIMUM NUMBERS ONLY ARE REQUIRED. I SUGGEST: THE PRIME MINISTER, POWELL, INGHAM, ONE DETECTIVE INSIDE AND ONE DETECTIVE PLUS WHITTING OUTSIDE. FROM THE EMBASSY MYSELF AND GARRETT (WHO WOULD HAVE ARRIVED IN ADVANCE).

THE TELEVISION INTERVIEW

27. I SUGGEST: THE PRIME MINISTER, POWELL, INGHAM PLUS MRS PONSONBY, SMITH AND HORNE ALL OF WHOM WOULD HAVE ARRIVED IN ADVANCE. FROM THE EMBASSY, MACLAREN AND STIVEN (OTSD TO ASSIST SMITH).

THE PRESS CONFERENCE

28. AS FOR THE TELEVISION INTERVIEW PLUS SECRETARY OF STATE, WICKS, GALSWORTHY AND MYSELF.

THE PRIVATE DINNER

29. THE PRIME MINISTER, POWELL, POLLOCK, MYSELF (ON THE ASSUMPTION OF A SEPARATE DINNER FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO WHICH WOULD ALSO GO GALSWORTHY, MARSHALL AND BISHOP).

WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL

FAREWELLS IN MOSCOW

30. AS FOR ARRIVAL.

ALL ENGAGEMENTS IN TBILISI

31. ALL THE DELEGATION NOT REQUIRED TO REMAIN IN THE PRIVATE OFFICE. FROM THE EMBASSY, MYSELF, MY WIFE, WHITTING (WITH THE SOVIET PROTOCOL TEAM), LT CDR TURNER (ASSISTANT NAVAL ATTACHE AS ADVANCE LIAISON AND TO ATTEND THE WREATH LAYING), SAUNDERS-DAVIES (SECOND SECRETARY CHANCERY TO BE IN TBILISI IN ADVANCE AS PRIVATE OFFICE LIAISON AND RUSSIAN SPEAKER), SQN LDR LADSETER (ASSISTANT AIR ATTACHE IN THE VC10 AS AIRPORT AND AIR CREW LIAISON AND RUSSIAN SPEAKER).

32. GRATEFUL EARLIEST POSSIBLE INDICATION THAT THIS IS ON THE RIGHT LINES. I APPRECIATE THAT SOME MEMBERS OF THE TEAM WILL WISH TO MOVE ABOUT FLEXIBLY PARTICULARLY WICKS, INGHAM AND HORNE. THEY WILL HAVE THEIR OWN CAR ALLOCATED TO THEM AND WILL BE ABLE TO DO SO.

33. I UNDERSTAND THAT ONE GARDEN ROOM GIRL IS ALWAYS IN ATTENDANCE WHEREVER THE PRIME MINISTER MAY BE. GRATEFUL CONFIRMATION THAT

33. I UNDERSTAND THAT ONE GARDEN ROOM GIRL IS ALWAYS IN ATTENDANCE WHEREVER THE PRIME MINISTER MAY BE. GRATEFUL CONFIRMATION THAT WE SHOULD PLAN ON THIS AT EVERY ENGAGEMENT INCLUDING THE SESSIONS OF TALKS, BUT EXCLUDING THE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE CEREMONIES.

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FOR CONFERENCE SECTION

YOUR TELNO 369: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO TBILISI

1. INTERPRETER FOR PRIVATE OFFICE WILL BE Nick N SAUNDERS DAVIES (second secretary)
WHO WILL BE WAITING AT TBILISI AIRPORT TO MEET THE DELEGATION
AND WILL STAY WITH THE PRIVATE OFFICE THROUGHOUT.

CARTLEDGE

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cc Duty Clerk No 10

1 - Mr Powell cdp24/3 cc Mr Wicks

2 - PRIME MINISTER

MEDIA IN MOSCOW

You endorsed my earlier minute on your approach to the media on the 'plane and in Moscow and I attach it for convenience.

This note seeks clearance for interviews at the end of your visit immediately after your press conference.

I am sure you will wish to give the usual BBC radio and TV, ITN and IRN interviews. We may also have a request from Adam Bolton, of TV-AM, whom you like. But the important point about breakfast TV generally is that all your morning events up to noon will be meat and drink to them and may well go out live. This underlines the importance of giving the media something to work on early in the day.

Over and above the usual four (or five, including TV-AM) interviews, we have requests from Peter Sissons, Channel 4, whom you also like and did an excellent interview with you at the EuroParliament in Strasbourg; and Charles Wheeler, of BBC Newsnight - a perceptive chap who is a big improvement on Peter Snow.

This list of interviews will give you a heavy workload at the end of the Moscow leg but it will serve your domestic purpose if, as expected, the visit is a real success.

I have one further request and that is to give an interview to the BBC Radio 4 Today programme before you go to Tbilisi. You will of course be otherwise engaged from 8.30 that morning, but you could give John Humphreys (John Timpson's successor) five minutes at, say, 8am.

It goes without saying that I could arrange interviews for you as circumstances require at any time during the trip, but I think your interests will best be served by comments on the road, as it were, up to the press conference. The only reservation is that you might want to say something in Zagorsk, though I think you will be best advised not to get involved in formal, setpiece interviews before your talks with Mr Gorbachev.

I am of course operating on the basis that you do not intend to give interviews to foreign broadcasters (apart from your Russian interviewers). There is huge interest in the USA but your best interest will be served in looking after your position at home.

Finally, there is a lengthening queue of media wanting to interview you after the visit. I think your best interests would be served by giving priority to:

Press:

Express (Nick Lloyd and Paul Potts)
Mail (David English and Gordon Greig)
~~Independent (PeterJenkins) on the basis that you need to address that type of SDP opinion~~
Times

Radio/TV

Panorama (which you have not done for a long time)
J Y Programme

Content to:

1 - give the usual radio and tv interviews at the end of the Moscow leg, plus Channel 4 and BBC Newsnight?

2 - to give BBC Radio 4 Today programme an interview at 8am on the final day?

3 - to confine interviews to the British media on the basis that your priorities are domestic now?

4 - to give time on your return for effective follow up with a balance of interviews between popular and and more serious journals/audiences? (NB The Express should have priority because they have had a request in for a long time)

B Ingham
March 24, 1987.

CC AK
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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

24 March 1987

Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's Visit to Tbilisi: RAF VC10

Further to my letter of 19 March, the Embassy have now telegraphed the draft programme, which gives a departure time for the VC10 of 2230 hours local from Tbilisi. The RAF have asked for the VC10's departure from Moscow to be put back by one more hour, to keep within crew duty hours. On this basis, revised timings for the VC10 would be :

Wednesday 1 April

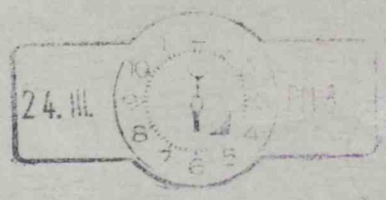
ETD Moscow	1330 local
ETA Tbilisi	1710 local
ETD Tbilisi	2230 local
ETA London Heathrow (Southside)	2335 local

I should be grateful for your agreement.

Yours ever,

(L Parker)
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
No 10 Downing St



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From the Private Secretary

24 March 1987

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO TBILISI: RAF VC10

Thank you for your letter of 24 March about the arrangements for the RAF VC10 to fly from Moscow to Tbilisi. I am content with the revised timings proposed.

C D POWELL

Lyn Parker, Esq.
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

10 DOWNING STREET
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From the Private Secretary

24 March 1987

Thank you for your letters of 10 and 17 March concerning the Prime Minister's forthcoming visit to the Soviet Union. The Prime Minister was very interested to learn of the Soviet Union's interest in the Langmuir Trough and well remembers her own research work into monomolecular thin films.

The Prime Minister would be happy to hand over to the Institute of Chemical Physics the Trough which I understand they have just purchased from your company. The British Embassy in Moscow are currently making the necessary arrangements and I would be grateful if you would continue to liaise direct with Mr. Stuart Thom, First Secretary Commercial.

CHARLES POWELL

S. J. Keat, Esq.

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From the Private Secretary

24 March 1987

Thank you for your letter of 23 March about the possibility of the Prime Minister presenting a Langmuir Mini-Trough to the Soviet Institute of Chemistry during her visit to Moscow.

I have no doubt the Prime Minister would be perfectly ready to do this provided it could be done in the course of one of her existing engagements, perhaps during her visit to the Institute of Crystallography. I do not think there is any room in her programme for an additional engagement. You subsequently confirmed to me that the presentation could indeed take place at the Institute of Crystallography. On this basis, I have written to Mr. Keat in the terms of the draft enclosed with your letter.

I am copying this letter to Lyn Parker (Foreign and Commonwealth Office).

CHARLES POWELL

Paul Steeples, Esq.,
Department of Trade and Industry.

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ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE VISIT OF THE PRIME MINISTER TO THE SOVIET UNION, 28 MARCH TO 1 APRIL 1987

1. DELEGATION

The Prime Minister, the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, accompanied by those at Appendix I, will visit the Soviet Union from 28 March to 1 April. A party of Press will travel on the Prime Minister's aircraft. Separate Administrative Arrangements are being issued to them.

2. PROGRAMME

The outline programme, as at present known, is attached at Appendix II.

3. TRAVEL (all times local)

London GMT (from 29 March GMT + 1)
Moscow GMT + 3 (from 29 March GMT + 4)
Tbilisi GMT + 4 (from 29 March GMT + 5)

Outward

a) The Prime Minister and party will travel in an RAF VC10, task no Ascot 1156.

b) The detailed itinerary, together with other relevant travel details, are shown at Appendix III.

c) The RAF VC10 will depart from London Heathrow (Southside) at 1230 hours on Saturday 28 March arriving Moscow at 1910 hours.

Return

a) The Prime Minister and party will return on Wednesday 1 April from Tbilisi arriving London Heathrow (Southside) at 2305 hours.

b) Departure arrangements for those travelling on the VC10 will be issued later.

4. TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AND HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

a) All those travelling must be in possession of a valid passport. Visas are required for the Soviet Union. Conference Section is arranging to obtain these for the official party.

b) There are no obligatory health requirements but inoculations against Tetanus, Typhoid and Polio are recommended.

c) It is essential for members of the party to know their blood group before going overseas.

Those wishing to find out their blood group should go to the Civil Service Occupational Health Service at Tilbury House, Petty France to have blood taken for this, and also if they wish to know if they have Hepatitis A antibodies. (For appointments telephone 213-4111). A Blood Group Card can be obtained from the Medical Adviser's Office, 3 Matthew Parker Street, one week after the test. Members of the party should carry this card with them when overseas.

5. MEDICAL

The Embassy Medical Officer will be on call throughout the visit. Members of the party should note that there is no Embassy dentist and Soviet dentists are not normally used. Anyone needing special medication should take their own supplies with them.

6. PERSONAL BAGGAGE

a) Those travelling on the VC10 may take with them up to 66 lbs of personal luggage.

b) The free baggage entitlement for those travelling on scheduled services is:

Club Class 66 lbs (30 kilos)

7. INSURANCE

A note on baggage and insurance regulations for those travelling on the VC10 is attached at Appendix IV.

8. BAGGAGE LABELS

Baggage labels are enclosed for those travelling on the VC10, colour-coded as follows:

a) Moscow

Residence and Embassy compound	BLUE
Delegation Hotel (to be advised)	RED
Intourist Hotel	
i) Mr Ingham and Mr Horne	MAUVE
ii) Press	GREEN
Official items	WHITE

b) Tbilisi — PINK

In addition all items to be cabin-loaded must bear a YELLOW label.

9. LIVING ACCOMMODATION

a) The Prime Minister, Mr Powell and Mrs Ponsonby will stay in the Residence; Mr Wicks, Mr Galsworthy and Superintendent Waller will stay in staff flats in the Embassy compound and other members of the party will be hotel accommodated.

b) Details of living accommodation as known at present are at Appendix V.

10. WORKING ACCOMMODATION

a) Moscow

i) The No 10 Private Office will be set up in the Ambassador's study. A sitting room in the Residence has been set aside for the Prime Minister's use.

ii) The Secretary of State's Private Office will be set up in the Minister's Office.

iii) A suite in the Intourist Hotel has been reserved for Press briefings.

b) Tbilisi

i) A room at the airport has been requested for use as a Private Office.

11. COMMUNICATIONS

a) Telegrams

i) A continuous watch will be maintained during the Prime Minister's visit to Moscow and until the RAF VC10 leaves Moscow for Tbilisi at 1230 hours local on 1 April.

ii) Precise timings and details will be notified to Moscow by COD.

iii) Telegrams should be addressed "Following for Prime Minister's Party" in which case they will be distributed to all senior members of the party. Telegrams should only be addressed "Following for Private Secretary" if it is intended that they should be given further distribution only on his authority. Telegrams addressed to the Private Secretary/Prime Minister will be distributed initially to the Principal Private Secretary, Private Secretary, Chief Press Secretary and Duty Clerk. Telegrams addressed to the Private Secretary/Secretary of State should be distributed initially to the Private Secretary and Personal Assistant. Telegrams addressed to individuals within the party should only be given to that person and should not be given any further distribution within the party without the prior consent of the person to whom it is addressed.

b) Telephones

i) The Embassy switchboard in Moscow will operate on a 24 hour basis throughout the Prime Minister's visit to the Soviet Union.

ii) Arrangements have been made to provide a private wire between No 10 Downing Street and the Embassy in Moscow.

iii) Two international direct dial telephones have been requested for the Private Office in Tbilisi.

iv) A list of useful telephone numbers is attached at Appendix VI.

12. SECURITY

a) Miss J Bowers will be appointed Special Courier for the No 10 party and Miss C Williams for the FCO party. Those taking confidential boxes, briefcases etc containing classified material should have them entered on the respective Courier's Waybills. Please contact Miss Swanston (270-2781) who will arrange this.

b) A suite of 4 safehand boxes will be brought out from London on the VC10.

c) London office passes should not be taken out of the United Kingdom.

13. TRANSPORT

Transport will be supplied by the Soviet Government, backed up by Embassy transport as necessary. Full details of all transport arrangements will be issued with the local Administrative Arrangements.

14. OFFICE MACHINERY AND STATIONERY

a) Electric typewriters will be taken by the Personal Assistants for use of the VC10.

b) Electric typewriters, photocopier and common-user stationery will be provided in the Private Offices in Moscow. Any special headed stationery will be brought out by the Personal Assistants.

c) Manual portable typewriters, stationery and carbon paper will be taken by the Personal Assistants for use in Tbilisi.

15. PRESS

The Press party travelling on the VC10 will be responsible for their own hotel bills, cost of transport, interpreters, etc.

16. NEWSPAPERS AND COI BULLETINS

a) Three sets of British newspapers will be purchased locally.

b) The COI daily press summary will be transmitted to the Embassy during the early hours of each morning of the visit.

17. CLIMATE AND CLOTHING

a) Moscow

i) The Embassy have advised that it can still be quite cold in Moscow at the end of March, certainly below freezing. All buildings are well heated so what is needed is warm clothing to put on for going outside (bearing in mind that an obligatory item is a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior where it can be very cold indeed). Thick overcoats, scarves, gloves and hats will be needed for all. For footwear most people wear boots or overshoes. Men can get by using ordinary shoes although that would be cold, uncomfortable and slippery, eg at Zagorsk or the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior. Ladies usually carry indoor shoes in a bag and change on arrival. The Russians will certainly make allowances for this and the Embassy have said that they will ask the Russians to provide a small room for the Prime Minister to change her shoes.

ii) The Embassy have advised that dress for formal events would be as for the smarter sort of non-black tie evening function in London with short dresses for ladies.

b) Tbilisi

i) The climate in Tbilisi in April is changeable alternating between sunshine and sudden cloud bursts. The average temperature is 13.4°C but temperatures of 20°C are not unknown.

ii) Like Moscow the official entertainment in Georgia will require dress as for a smartish event of London.

18. GIFTS

The Prime Minister will present gifts to Mr and Mrs Gorbachev and Mr and Mrs Ryzhkov during her visit. The Secretary of State will present a gift to Mr Shevardnadze.

19. DUTY FREE

Members of the party will be required to pay for their duty free by sterling cheque in Moscow.

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20. ELECTRICITY

The voltage in Moscow is 220 volts, 50 cycles.

21. FINANCE

a) The Management and Personnel Office will meet the costs of the No 10 party, Interpreter, COI Correspondent and Conference Officer. FCO costs will be charged to A1(1)(U)(2). Costs incurred by the Communications Officer will also be charged to this vote.

b) Common service costs, ie. gifts presented by the Prime Minister, installation of telephones etc, will be met by the Management and Personnel Office. Gifts presented by the Secretary of State will be charged to Vote A1(1)(U)(2).

c) Other costs will be borne by parent departments.

22. SUBSISTENCE

a) Members of the party accommodated in the Residence and in staff flats will receive Rb 7 per night.

b) The Soviet Government will meet the room costs of members of the party staying in hotels. Each person will then receive Rb 23 per night to cover all other expenses.

c) Mr Bailey, accommodated in a self-catering flat in the compound will receive Rb 23 per night.

d) The detectives will subsist themselves.

Rb 09823 = £1

(Note. Russian currency cannot be taken out of the country. Details regarding the credit in sterling of unused roubles will be given in the local Administrative Arrangements to be issued in Moscow).

23. ADMINISTRATION

Miss B Davis will travel to Moscow on Tuesday 24 March and will administer the party, in conjunction with the Embassy. Enquiries from the London end should be addressed to Miss C Gibson (tel. 210 6375). The Duty Officer for week-ending 28 March is Miss M Goldsmith

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B D Davis (Miss)
Protocol Department
210 6374

23 March 1987

APPENDIX I

VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER TO THE SOVIET UNION

COMPOSITION OF PARTY
(not in protocol order)

Serial No	Name	Designation
1	The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher FRS MP	Prime Minister
10 Downing Street		
2	Mr N L Wicks CBE	Principal Private Secretary
3	Mr C D Powell	Private Secretary
4	Mr B Ingham	Chief Press Secretary
5	Mr M J Horne	Assistant Press Secretary
6	Mrs A Ponsonby	Personal Assistant to the Prime Minister
7	Miss Julie Bowers	Duty Clerk
8	Miss Amanda Ross	Duty Clerk
9	Mrs D Ailes	Secretarial Assistant
10	Mrs E Lambert	Secretarial Assistant
11	Miss S Hayter	Secretarial Assistant
12	Supt M Waller	Detective
13	Chief Insp T Butler	Detective
14	Inspector J Holmes	Detective
15	Inspector B Strevens	Detective
Foreign and Commonwealth Office		
16	The Rt Hon Sir Geoffrey Howe QC MP	Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs
17	Mr A C Galsworthy CMG	Principal Private Secretary
18	Miss C P Williams	Personal Assistant

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19	Sgt M L Corsie	Detective
20	Constable B Blake	Detective
21	Mr R W W Pollock	Interpreter
Central Office of Information		
22	Mr M Smith	Radio Technician
Support Staff		
23	Miss B Davis MBE	Conference Officer
24	Mr M Bailey	Communications Officer

APPENDIX I (A)

PRESS PARTY

Charles Reiss	-	Evening Standard
Michael Jones	-	Sunday Times
Trevor Kavanagh	-	The Sun
Christopher Buckland	-	Today
Grania Forbes	-	News of the World
Paul Potts	-	Daily Express
Gordon Greig	-	Daily Mail
Julia Langdon	-	London Daily News
Alan Cochrane	-	Mail on Sunday
Anthony Smith	-	The Star
Christopher Moncrieff	-	Press Association
Robin Oakley	-	The Times
Geoffrey Parkhouse	-	The Glasgow Herald
Peter Murphy	-	IRN
Donald Macintyre	-	Sunday Telegraph
Sherry Dodds	-	Daily Mirror
Martin Dowell	-	The Scotsman
Colin McIntyre	-	Reuters
Peter Riddell	-	Financial Times
John Sergeant	-	BBC
George Jones	-	Daily Telegraph
Michael Toner	-	Sunday Express
Denis Paquin	-	Reuters (photographer)
Stephen Back	-	Daily Mail (photographer)

APPENDIX II

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION
OUTLINE PROGRAMME

(as at present known)

SATURDAY 28 MARCH

1230 Depart London Heathrow (Southside)

1910 Arrive Moscow Vnukovo 2 Airport
Official Welcoming Ceremony at Airport

Completion of Official Welcoming Ceremony in the St George's Hall of the Kremlin

Briefing Meeting in Embassy

Supper - Residence

SUNDAY 29 MARCH

0930 Depart Embassy for Zagorsk
Lunch at Zagorsk

1500 Depart Zagorsk

1600 - 1700 Sight-seeing tour of Moscow

1900 Attend performance of 'Swan Lake' at the Bolshoi Theatre Host: Mr Gorbachev

2200 Reception at the Embassy to meet the British Community and Embassy staff

MONDAY 30 MARCH

1030 Wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior

1100 Prime Minister's discussions with Mr Gorbachev in the Kremlin.

Secretary of State's meeting with Mr Shevardnadze

1330 Luncheon - Residence

1600 Discussions in the St Katherine's Hall of the Kremlin Palace

1900 Official dinner, in the facetted hall of the Kremlin Palace, given by 'the Soviet Leadership', with speeches

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TUESDAY 31 MARCH

0930 Discussions with Chairman of the Council of Ministers, Mr Ryzhkov, in the Kremlin, followed by signing of UK/Soviet documents in the Red Room of the Kremlin Palace

1200 Opening of the Offices of the British/Soviet Chamber of Commerce in the International Trade Centre

1300 Luncheon - Residence

1430 Visit to the Institute of Crystallography of the Academy of Sciences

1600 Interview with Soviet television, in the MFA's Press Centre

1730 Press conference for Soviet and foreign journalists, in the MFA's press centre

1930 Dinner given by Mr and Mrs Gorbachev in the Reception House of the Soviet Ministry of Foreign Affairs

2200 Press Conference for British journalists - HM Ambassador's study

WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL

0930 Farewell ceremony in the St George's Hall of the Kremlin (as for arrival)

1015 Farewell ceremony at Vnukovo 2 Airport (as for arrival)

1030 Departure from Moscow for Tbilisi

1405 Arrival in Tbilisi
Discussions with the Georgian Council of Ministers
Wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior

Sight-seeing in Tbilisi

Trip to Mtskheta (historic centre of Georgian Christianity)

Dinner given by the Government of the Georgian SSR (Speeches)

2200 Depart for London by RAF VC10

2305 Arrive London Heathrow (Southside)

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APPENDIX III

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS
(all times local)

London GMT (from 29 March GMT + 1)
Moscow GMT + 3 (from 29 March GMT + 4)
Tbilisi GMT + 4 (from 29 March GMT + 5)

Monday 23 March

Mr Bailey	BA 710	ETD LHR	0950
		ETA Moscow	1645

Tuesday 24 March

Miss Davis	BA 710	ETD LHR	0950
		ETA Moscow	1645

Thursday 26 March

D/Sgt Corsie	BA 710	ETD LHR	0950
Mr Smith		ETA Moscow	1630

Saturday 28 March

(not in protocol order)

Prime Minister	RAF VC10	ETD LHR	1230
Secretary of State	Task No	(Southside)	
Mr Wicks	Ascot 1156	ETA Moscow	1910
Mr Powell		(Vnukovo II)	
Mr Ingham			
Mr Galsworthy			
Mr Horne	Flying time: 3 hours 40 minutes		
Mr Pollock			
Mrs Ponsonby	Lunch, coffee, tea and biscuits to be served		
Miss Bowers			
Miss Ross			
Mrs Ailes			
Mrs Lambert			
Miss Hayter			
Miss Williams			
D/Supt Waller			
D/C/Insp Butler			
D/Insp Holmes			
D/Insp Strevens			
D/Cons Blake			
	= 20		
plus Press Party	= 24	Total 44	

APPENDIX III (cont'd)

Wednesday 1 April

Prime Minister	Soviet aircraft	ETD Moscow	1030
Secretary of State		(Vnukovo II)	local
Mr Wicks		ETA Tbilisi	1405
Mr Powell			
Mr Ingham	Flying time 2 hours 35 minutes		
Mr Galsworthy			
Mr Horne			
Mr Pollock			
Mrs Ponsonby			
2 Secretarial Assistants			
1 Duty Clerk			
D/Supt Waller			
D/C/Insp Butler			
D/Insp Holmes			
D/Insp Strevens			
D/Sgt Corsie			
D/Constable Blake			
Mr Smith	= 19		
plus Press Party	= 24	Total = 43	

1 Duty Clerk	RAF VC10	ETD Moscow	1230
1 Secretarial Assistant	Task No	(Vnukovo II)	local
Miss Williams	Ascot 1156	ETA Tbilisi	1610
Miss Davis			local
	Total = 4		
	Flying time: 2 hours 40 minutes		
	Luncheon will be served		

Prime Minister	RAF VC10	ETD Tbilisi	2200
Secretary of State	Task No		local
Mr Wicks	Ascot 1156	ETA LHR	2305
Mr Powell		(Southside)	local
Mr Ingham			
Mr Galsworthy	Flying time: 5 hours 5 minutes		
Mr Horne			
Mr Pollock	Night snacks will be served		
Mrs Ponsonby			
Miss Bowers			
Miss Ross			
Mrs Ailes			
Mrs Lambert			
Miss Hayter			
Miss Williams			
D/Supt Waller			

D/C/Inspector Butler
D/Inspector Holmes
D/Inspector Strevens
Mr Smith
Miss Davis
D/Sgt Corsie
D/Cons Blake = 23

plus Press Party = 24 Total = 47

Friday 3 April

Mr Bailey BA711 ETD Moscow 1740
ETA LHR 1845

APPENDIX IV

TRAVEL ON SPECIAL FLIGHTS

BAGGAGE AND INSURANCE REGULATIONS

1. BAGGAGE

(a) Those travelling by RAF aircraft are reminded that baggage should be left unlocked for the customary check. Butane gas lighter refills and matches, other than safety ones, may not be taken on the aircraft; certain aerosol sprays are now accepted on flights, provided they are not used on the aircraft. Any electrical items must be disconnected from their batteries.

(b) Those travelling in the VC10 may take up to 66 lbs of personal baggage.

2. INSURANCE

(a) No refund of insurance premium is payable from public funds for officers on short-term visits overseas.

(b) Those travelling by RAF aircraft are subject to the same statutory limits of compensation as apply to carriage by commercial airlines but international journeys to or from the UK with an agreed stopping place in the United States are governed by the provisions of the IATA/Montreal Agreement which include a compensation limit higher than the statutory one. Prospective travellers in RAF aircraft are advised to check whether their personal insurance policies provide cover for travelling by non-commercial flights and to consult their insurers if they are in any doubt about their position.

(c) When the personal property (other than money or luxury articles) of an officer sent overseas on a short-term visit is lost or damaged during transit to or from the UK or while he is in receipt of subsistence allowance (but not local allowances and DSA) during his stay overseas and the loss or damage is not covered by an existing insurance policy, and the officer himself has not been negligent, compensation may be paid at the discretion of PSD. The amount of compensation would be based on the current cost of replacing the articles less an amount for depreciation or, if less, the full cost of repair.

FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE

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APPENDIX V

LIVING ACCOMMODATION

Moscow

HM Ambassador's Residence (Tel 231 85 11 / 231 23 31)

Prime Minister
Secretary of State
Mr Powell
Mrs Ponsonby

Staff flats in Embassy Compound (Telephone extensions to be notifed)

Mr Wicks
Mr Galsworthy
Supt Waller
Mr Bailey

Intourist Hotel (Tel Number: 203 4008)

Mr Ingham
Mr Horne
Mr Smith
Members of the Press

Delegation Hotel (to be notified)

Mr Pollock
Miss Davis
Miss Bowers
Miss Ross
Mrs Ailes
Mrs Lambert
Miss Hayter
Miss Williams
Chief Inspector Butler
Insp Holmes
Insp Strevens
Sgt Corsie
Const Blake

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APPENDIX VI

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Direct Dial Code London - Moscow	010 70 95
Moscow - London dialing code	8 1044 1

British Embassy	231 85 11
and	231 23 31
Residence of Sir Bryan Cartledge KCMG	
Intourist Hotel	203 4008

Other numbers to be notified

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Mr D Wood, Finance Division, MPO

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APS/Secretary of State (2)
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Mr D M D Thomas
Mr D J E Ratford
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Mr A J Longrigg
Mr S Butt (3)
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Miss Swanston
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CTSD: Hanslope Park (Mr Honnor)
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News Dept: Press Facilities Unit
Mr Peter Nye
PUSD, c/o Room E 211
Mr A R Mooncie E 207
Protocol Dept (15)
Resident Clerks (2)
Security Dept: Mr H J Nicholls
Mr M J Harris, Room W1

Ministry of Defence
W/Cdr Johnson , Room 5166, Main Building
PM(2)(RAF) Metropole Building, Northumberland Avenue
S9 C1(Air)
MOVOPS (RAF) Desk Officer, Main Building (2), Room 5178

Scotland Yard
Det Chief Supt D Paton, Special Branch

BRITISH EMBASSY, MOSCOW (6)

EACH MEMBER OF THE PARTY

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ADDENDUM TO ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE VISIT OF THE PRIME MINISTER TO THE SOVIET UNION 28 MARCH TO 1 APRIL 1987

1. TRAVEL

The revised timings of the RAF VC10 from Moscow are as follows:

ETD Moscow	1330 local	(main party will travel by
ETA Tbilisi	1710 local	Soviet Government aircraft)
ETD Tbilisi	2230 local	
ETA London Heathrow (Southside)	2335 local	

2. PERSONAL INSURANCE

Members of the party travelling on the Soviet Government aircraft are advised to check whether their personal insurance policies provide cover for non-commercial flights and to consult their insurers if they are in any doubt about their position.

3. ACCOMMODATION

The Delegation hotel will be Rossiya Hotel (telephone number to be notified).

4. DELEGATION

Mr K A Bishop, Interpreter to the Secretary of State, has been added to the Delegation.

5. VISIT TO TBILISI

Telephone numbers (no direct dial facilities - all calls via Moscow and Tbilisi exchanges)

Georgian State Residence (Private Office)	Tbilisi 999699
Main Airport (air crew)	Tbilisi 411442

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DEPARTURE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE VISIT OF THE PRIME MINISTER TO THE SOVIET UNION 28 MARCH TO 1 APRIL 1987

1. TRAVEL DETAILS

(a) The Prime Minister, the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and those listed at Appendix I will depart London Heathrow (Southside) in an RAF VC10 Task No. Ascot 1156 at 1230 hours local on Saturday 28 March, arriving Moscow at 1910 hours local time.

(b) Flying time London Heathrow (Southside) to Moscow is 3 hours 40 minutes.

(c) Passengers are requested to arrive at London Heathrow (Southside) at the times shown at Appendix II.

(d) The VC10 will to return to London Heathrow (Southside) from Tbilisi on Wednesday 1 April at 2305 hours local.

London GMT (from 29 March GMT + 1)
Moscow GMT + 3 (from 29 March GMT + 4)
Tbilisi GMT + 4 (from 29 March GMT + 5)

2. BOXES, BRIEFCASES AND LUGGAGE

(a) FCO briefcases, boxes and suitcases (unlocked) can be left in Room W1, Security, Downing Street West any time up to 0800 on Saturday 28 March.

(b) Two FCO security vans have been reserved for the journey to Southside. The vans will depart from the FCO at 0925 and from No. 10 Downing Street at 0945 The Duty Clerks will travel in the vans. The main control post will open at 1030 hours.

3. TRANSPORT

Outward on 28 March

(a) Please see Appendix II for transport to London Heathrow (Southside)

Return on 1 April.

(b) Two security vans and cars will meet the party on their return to Southside on 1 April (see also Appendix II).

4. Any enquiries about these arrangements should be addressed to the undersigned.

Carlin Gibson

C S Gibson (Miss)
Protocol Department
210 6375

APPENDIX I

PASSENGER LIST OF THOSE TRAVELLING BY RAF VC10
(not in Protocol order)

OUTWARD

Saturday 28 March

Prime Minister	RAF VC10	ETD LHR	1230
Secretary of State	Task No	(Southside)	
Mr Wicks	Ascot	ETA Moscow	1910
Mr Powell	1156		
Mr Ingham			
Mr Galsworthy	Luncheon, coffee, tea and biscuits		
Mr Horne	will be served		
Mrs Ponsonby			
Miss Bowers	Flying Time - 3 hours 40 minutes		
Miss Ross			
Mrs Ailes			
Mrs Lambert			
Miss Hayter			
Mr Pollock			
Mr Bishop			
Supt Waller			
C/Insp Butler			
Insp Holmes			
Insp Strevens			
Miss Williams			
Con Blake			

= 21

Press Party

Mr Reis
Mr Jones
Mr Kavanagh
Mr Buckland
Miss Forbes
Mr Potts
Mr Greig
Miss Langdon
Mr Cochrane
Mr Smith
Mr Moncrieff
Mr Oakley
Mr Parkhouse
Mr Murphy
Mr Macintyre
Miss Dodds
Mr Dowell
Mr McIntyre
Mr Riddell
Mr Sergeant
Mr Jones
Mr Toner
Mr Paquin
Mr Back

= 24

Total = 45

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RETURN

Wednesday 1 April

Members of the party as for outward journey
plus
Mr Smith
Miss Davis
Sgt Corsie = 24
plus
Press Party
(24) = 48

RAF VC10 ETD Tbilisi 2230 local
Task No ETA LHR 2335 local
Ascot 1156 (Southside)

Snacks will be served

Flying time: 5 hours 5 minutes

APPENDIX II

TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS TO LONDON HEATHROW (SOUTHSIDE) ON SATURDAY 28 MARCH

Transport	Arranged by	Passengers	Leaving from/at	To arrive at LHR (Southside) no later than ... (VC10 departs at 1230)
Two FCO Security Vans	Conference Section	Duty Clerks + boxes etc	FCO at 0925 No 10 Downing Street at 0945	1045
Own Transport	Own Arrangements	Press	As directed	1035
No 10 Cars	No 10 Downing Street	Junior Staff and Detectives	As directed	1100
GCS Car No 1	Conference Section	Miss Williams		1100
No 10 Cars	No 10	No 10 Senior Staff	As directed	1130

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Transport	Arranged by	Passengers	Leaving from/at	To arrive at LHR (Southside) no later than ... (VC10 departs at 1230)
GCS Car No 2	Conference Section	Mr Galsworthy		1130
GCS Car No 3	Conference Section	Mr Bishop		1130
GCS Car No	Conference Section	Mr Pollock		1130
Own Car	Own Office	Secretary of State Detective	As directed	1215
Own Car	No 10	Prime Minister Private Secretary Detective	As directed	1220

RETURN - WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL

The RAF VC10 will return to London Heathrow (Southside) at 2335 on Wednesday 1 April.

(a) No 10 Downing Street will arrange own cars

(b) The FCO Private Office will make arrangements for a car to meet the Secretary of State

(c) Mr Smith will arrange his own transport.

(d) Conference Section will arrange for two FCO Security Vans to be at Southside by 2300

(e) Conference Section will also arrange for cars to meet the following passengers:

GCS Car No 1

GCS Car No 2 Mr Pollock to St Margaret's Hotel, 26 Bedford Place, W2

GCS Car No 3

GCS Car No 4 Mr Bishop

(f) Press - Customs and Immigration formalities for the Press will be carried out at Terminal 4.

Useful telephone Nos: GCS 01-211 7510/7539
London Heathrow (Southside) 745 4321 Ext. 6054

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Mr A J Longrigg
Mr S Butt (3)
COD: Telegram Section
Outward Bag Room
News Department
Protocol Department (15)
Resident Clerks (2)
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Each Member of the Party
(Separate notes issued to the Press)

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PS/ *Secretary of State for Trade and Industry*

23 March 1987

Charles Powell Esq
Private Secretary to the
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
London SW1A 2AA

Dear Charles,

Thank you for your letter of 12 March concerning the enclosed letter and attachments to the Prime Minister from Mr S J Keat, Managing Director of Joyce-Loebl. Mr Keat suggests that the Prime Minister might present one of their Langmuir Mini-Troughs to the Soviet Institute of Chemistry (properly called the Institute of Chemical Physics) while she is in Moscow. The function of the Trough is apparently to produce consistent films of organic compounds and to deposit a one molecule layer onto a substrate. The company believes that the Prime Minister would be interested in the equipment in view of her research work into monomolecular thin films, on which she published a paper in 1951.

Mr Keat has been in direct contact with both this Department and the Commercial Department of our Embassy in Moscow to inform us that, in the last few days, the company has sold a Trough to the Institute of Chemical Physics for £35,000. Consequently, Mr Keat no longer wants the Prime Minister to present the equipment as a gift, but would like her to hand over the purchased Trough to the Institute. Clearly the company are interested in the publicity which they would get from the Prime Minister's involvement. Both this Department and the Post in Moscow consider that such publicity for a British manufacturer of world class advanced technological equipment could give welcome encouragement to other British companies tackling this difficult market, and are therefore supportive of the proposal.

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I should be grateful if you would consult the Prime Minister on the proposal and let me know her view. It would be helpful if this could be done as soon as possible so that, if necessary, the Post can make the arrangements with the Institute. The Prime Minister will be visiting the Soviet Institute of Crystallography, which itself purchased a Trough some years ago and it is almost certain that a senior representative of the associated Institute of Chemical Physics could arrange to be present to take receipt of the Trough.

If the Prime Minister is content with the proposal you may wish to write to Mr Keat along the lines of the attached draft.

A copy of this letter goes to FCO, who are aware of the proposal.

Yours

Paul Steeples

PAUL STEEPLES
Private Secretary

JG4ASY

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DRAFT LETTER FOR THE PRIVATE SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE:

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S J Keat Esq
Managing Director
Joyce-Loebl
Dukesway
Team Valley
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Tyne & Wear
NE11 0PZ

Thank you for your letters of 10 March and 17 March concerning the Prime Minister's forthcoming visit to the Soviet union. The Prime Minister was very interested to learn of the Soviet Union's interest in the Langmuir Trough and well remembers her own research work into monomolecular thin films.

The Prime Minister would be happy to hand over to the Institute of Chemical Physics the Trough which I understand they have just purchased from your company. The British Embassy in Moscow are currently making the necessary arrangements and I would be grateful if you would continue to liaise direct with Mr Stuart Thom, First Secretary Commercial.

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10 DOWNING STREET

LONDON SW1A 2AA

From the Private Secretary

23 March 1987

Dear Joan

The Prime Minister will be away in Moscow from early on Saturday 28 March until late on Wednesday 1 April. We do not have any arrangements for getting boxes to her there, and do not propose to send anything out unless there is an urgent operational requirement.

I should therefore be grateful if you, and all those to whom I am copying this letter, could note that papers requiring the Prime Minister's attention before 2 April should be with us no later than close of play on Thursday, 26 March, and preferably even earlier this week to enable us to spread the load a little.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to all members of the Cabinet, Ministers in Charge of Departments and to Trevor Woolley (Cabinet Office).

Yours ever

Andy

P. A. BEARPARK

Miss Joan MacNaughton,
Lord President's Office.

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cc Duty Clerk

FCO told 23/3

MENUS FOR VC10 ASCOT 1156 - PM's VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION

28 MAR - 1 APR 87

HEATHROW - MOSCOW (28 MAR)

LUNCH

SMOKED SALMON
SUPREME OF CHICKEN ALEXANDRA
PARISIENNE POTATOES
FRESH ASPARAGUS
SIDE SALAD
CHOCOLATE PROFITEROLES/CREAM
CHEESE/BISCUITS
COFFEE
WINE

OR

SELECTION HORS DOEUVRES
NOISETTES OF VEAL/BEARNAISE SAUCE
COCOTTE POTATOES
BROCCOLI SPEARS
STUFFED TOMATOES
FRESH FRUIT SALAD/CREAM
CHEESE/BISCUITS
COFFEE
WINE

AFTERNOON COFFEE/TEA

COFFEE/TEA AND SELECTION OF BISCUITS

MOSCOW - TIBILISI (1 APR)

LUNCH

FRESH FRUIT APPETISER
ROAST FILLET BEEF
JUS ROTI
CHATEAU POTATOES
BOUQUETIERE FRESH VEGETABLES
CHOCOLATE GATEAU/FRESH CREAM
CHEESE/BISCUITS
COFFEE
WINE

OR

LIVER PATE/MELBA TOAST
POACHED DARNE SALMON/DUTCH SAUCE
DUCHESSE POTATOES
FRENCH BEANS
SIDE SALAD
BLACK CHERRY CHEESECAKE
COFFEE
WINE

TIBILISI- HEATHROW (1 APR)

NIGHT SNACKS

INCLUDES:
OPEN DANISH SANDWICHES
MINI PIZZAS/KEBABS
BOUCHEES
SMOKED SALMON ROLLS AND DIPS

NOTE: IN THE EVENT THAT SPECIFIC MENU REQUESTS OUT OF MOSCOW ARE NOT POSSIBLE, CABIN SUPERVISOR WILL BE BRIEFED TO ORGANIZE SUITABLE SUBSTITUTES AS REQUIRED

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON SW1A 2AA

From the Private Secretary

22 March 1987

Prime Minister's Visit to Moscow

I have discussed further with the Prime Minister during the weekend the question whether officials from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office should be added to her delegation for her visit to the Soviet Union. The Prime Minister considered the matter carefully but remains firmly of the view that this is not necessary. There will be an opportunity for thorough briefing beforehand and we shall take copies of all the basic documents with us. You have, of course, already let us have some building blocks for use in the unlikely event that we have to work on any sort of statement.

(CHARLES POWELL)

A.C. Galsworthy, Esq., CMG,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office..

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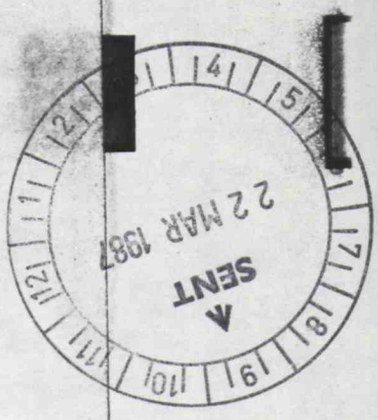

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: TBILISI

1. FOLLOWING IS DRAFT PROGRAMME OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO TBILISI, AS PROVIDED TO THE RECCE PARTY BY THE GEORGIANS.

WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL (LOCAL TIMES THROUGHOUT)

1405	ARRIVE IN TBILISI. MET BY GEORGIAN PRIME MINISTER
1430-1515	TRANSFER TO GEORGIAN STATE RESIDENCE WHERE PRIVATE OFFICE WILL BE SET UP. TEA AT RESIDENCE WITH SENIOR GEORGIAN OFFICIALS.
1515	LEAVE RESIDENCE
1530-1630	SIGHTESEEING IN TBILISI: METEKHI PLATEAU (1530-1545) LOOK-OUT POINT WITH VIEW OVER CITY. ABANOTOUBANI (1545-1600) ARTISTS GATHERING POINT PALACE OF FESTIVITIES (1600-1630) FORMAL CENTRE FOR WEDDINGS ETC. THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD WITNESS A WEDDING
1645-1730	MEETING AT THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE GEORGIAN SSR WITH THE PRIME MINISTER OF GEORGIA. THIS IS ESSENTIALLY A BRIEFING ON GEORGIA.
1730-1800	VISIT TO THE GEORGIAN STATE MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS.
1800-1830	VISIT TO THE GEORGIAN STATE MUSEUM.
1845-1900	LAYING OF WREATH AT THE GRAVE OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER.
1915-1945	REST AND CHANGE AT THE RESIDENCE.
1945	LEAVE RESIDENCE.
2000-2045	CONCERT AT THE GEORGIAN STATE OPERA HOUSE (SPECIAL PROGRAMME INCLUDING NATIONAL DANCING)
2100-2200	DINNER GIVEN BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GEORGIAN SSR (TOASTS NOT SPEECHES)
2200	LEAVE FOR THE AIRPORT.
2230	DEPART FOR LONDON.

2. THIS PROGRAMME IS SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION. THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS' MEETING MAY BE BROUGHT FORWARD TO 1515 AND SIGHTSEEING ACCORDINGLY PUT BACK. DEPENDING ON TIMINGS THE PALACE OF FESTIVITIES MAY BE OMITTED. THE GEORGIANS ARE ALSO UNSURE ABOUT THE VENUE FOR DINNER.

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cc Amanda P.

PRIME MINISTER

Told FCO 23.3.87

HAIR APPOINTMENTS - MOSCOW

I attach your Moscow programme. There is a member of the Embassy staff who is trained as a hairdresser, but we will need to "book" times for her if you would like her to do your hair.

Possible times are:

Sunday 29 March: ~~1800~~ Not necessary

Monday 30 March: 0830 Either or

" 1800 If time

Tuesday 31 March: 0830 Yes.

Bearing in mind that you will be wearing a hat quite a lot of the time I would suggest that you might like to have a comb out on both Monday and Tuesday mornings. Could you please indicate what times you would like us to book for you.

Tessa

Tessa Gaisman

20 March 1987

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PROGRAMME FOR MOSCOW VISIT

Saturday 28 March

1910 Arrival at Vnukovo 2 Airport.
Official welcoming ceremony at the Airport

Completion of official welcoming ceremony in the St. George's Hall of the Kremlin.

Sunday 29 March

0930 Depart from Embassy
Visit Zagorsk
Lunch at Zagorsk

1500 Departure from Zagorsk

1600-1700 Sightseeing tour of Moscow

1900 Attend performance of 'Swan Lake' in the Bolshoi Theatre.

2200 Reception at the Embassy to meet the British community and Embassy staff.

Monday 30 March

1030 Wreath laying at the tomb of the unknown warrior.

1100 Discussion with Gorbachev in the Kremlin.

?1330 Private lunch at the Embassy

1600 Plenary session of talks, with Foreign Ministers present, in the St. Katherine's Hall of the Kremlin Palace.

1900 Official dinner in the facetted hall of the Kremlin Palace, given by 'The Soviet Leadership', with speeches.

Tuesday 31 March

0930 Discussions with Chairman of the Council of Ministers, Ryzhkov, in the Kremlin, followed by signing of UK/Soviet documents in the red room of the Kremlin Palace.

1200 Opening of the offices of the British/Soviet Chamber of Commerce in the International Trade Centre.

1300 Private lunch in the residence

1430 Visit to the Institute of Crystallography of the Academy of Sciences

1600 Interview with Soviet television, in the MFA's Press Centre.

1730 Press Conference for Soviet and Foreign journalists, in the MFA's Press Centre.

1930 Dinner given by Sergei Mikhailovich Gorbachev and Raisa Masimovna Gorbachev in the Reception House of the Soviet MFA.

Wednesday 1 April

0930 Farewell ceremony in the St George's Hall of the Kremlin.

1015 Farewell ceremony at Vnukovo 2 airport

1030 Departure from Moscow for Tbilisi in a special Soviet aircraft.

1405 (Tbilisi time - one hour later than Moscow time) Arrival in Tbilisi

Discussions with the Georgian Council of Ministers

Wreath laying at the tomb of the unknown warrior.

Sightseeing in Tbilisi

Trip to Mtskheta (historic centre of Georgian christianity)

Dinner given by the Government of the Georgian SSR

2200 Departure from Tbilisi direct to London by VC10 (the flight will gain 4 hours, vis-a- vis London time, en route).

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(196) YOUR TELNO 315: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: DRAFT PROGRAMME

1. I CALLED ON AMBASSADOR CHERNYSHEV, HEAD OF PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT, ON 20 MARCH TO GO OVER THE POINTS ON THE PROGRAMME RAISED IN TUR.

2. I BEGAN BY EXPRESSING THE PRIME MINISTER'S SATISFACTION WITH THE OUTLINE PROGRAMME AND WITH THE DEGREE OF MR GORBACHEV'S INVOLVEMENT: AND HER GRATEFUL APPRECIATION OF THE EFFORTS WHICH HAD BEEN MADE IN ITS PREPARATION. I THEN WENT OVER THE FOLLOWING POINTS WITH CHERNYSHEV:

I) ARRIVAL CEREMONY
CHERNYSHEV AGREED WITH MY PROPOSAL THAT I SHOULD TAKE HIM ONTO THE VC10 AND INTRODUCE HIM TO THE PRIME MINISTER BEFORE SHE LEAVES THE AIRCRAFT. CHERNYSHEV WILL THEN INTRODUCE THE PRIME MINISTER TO MR RYZHKOV AND THE ACCOMPANYING SOVIET RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

II) OFFICIAL KREMLIN WELCOMING CEREMONY.
I SAID THAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAD NOTED THE USUAL SOVIET PRACTICE BUT HAD ASKED TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY YOU, ME AND POWELL.

CHERNYSHEV REPEATED THAT THE NORMAL PRACTICE WAS FOR A TETE-A-TETE WELCOME BUT PROMISED TO REFER BACK IN THE LIGHT OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S REQUEST (I SHALL IF NECESSARY STICK OUT FOR THE INCLUSION OF POWELL AS A MINIMUM).

III) SIGHTSEEING TOUR/WALKABOUT.
I REQUEST THAT THE SIGHTSEEING TOUR SHOULD BE CONVERTED INTO A WALKABOUT IN A MOSCOW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING ENCOUNTERS WITH ORDINARY SOVIET CITIZENS, A VISIT TO A SHOP OPEN ON SUNDAYS AND TO A FAMILY APARTMENT. THIS COULD PERHAPS TAKE PLACE EN ROUTE BACK FROM ZAGORSK. RECALLING MR RENTON'S EXCHANGE WITH DOBRYNIN ON THIS, I HOPED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER MIGHT BE ESCORTED BY A LEADING MOSCOW FIGURE SUCH AS ELTSIN OR THE MAYOR OF MOSCOW. CHERNYSHEV THOUGHT THAT THIS REQUEST COULD BE MET.

ON THE BASIS OF YOUR TELNO 351 I SAID THAT YOU WOULD NOT WISH TO ACCOMPANY THE PRIME MINISTER ON HER WALKABOUT BUT MIGHT WISH TO USE THIS TIME TO VISIT THE TWO EMBASSY SITES, THE AGREEMENT ON WHICH YOU HOPED TO SIGN DURING THE VISIT. CHERNYSHEV FORESAW NO PROBLEM.

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IV) PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING WITH MR GORBACHEV AT 1100 ON 30 MARCH.
I ASKED CHERNYSHEV FOR CONFIRMATION OF SOVIET ACCEPTANCE OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S PROPOSAL THAT SHE SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY ME AND BY POWELL FOR THIS SESSION OF TALKS. CHERNYSHEV SAID THAT THERE WAS NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE. AS FAR AS YOUR PROGRAMME WAS CONCERNED, I ASKED WHETHER THERE WAS ANY NEWS ABOUT YOUR SEPARATE SESSION WITH MR SHEVARDNADZE, WHICH MIGHT TAKE PLACE SIMULTANEOUSLY. CHERNYSHEV SAID HE COULD ONLY SAY THAT THE SOVIET SIDE WERE STUDYING THIS PROPOSAL CLOSELY, ADDING THAT SUCH A MEETING WAS INDEED ENVISAGED (THIS SIMPLY MEANS THAT SHEVARDNADZE HAD NOT YET INITIALLED THE SUBMISSION).

V) PRIME MINISTER'S TALKS AT 1600 ON 30 MARCH.
I SAID THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WISHED THIS MEETING TO BEGIN IN RESTRICTED SESSION, WITH THE SAME PARTICIPANTS AS FOR THE MORNING MEETING, IN ORDER TO ALLOW AS MUCH TIME AS POSSIBLE FOR DISCUSSION OF TOPICS ON A RESTRICTED BASIS. THIS SESSION MIGHT LAST ABOUT 30-45 MINUTES AND THEN ENLARGE INTO A PLENARY. I SUGGESTED THAT YOU AND SHEVARDNADZE MIGHT BE ABLE TO CONTINUE YOUR TALKS DURING THIS PERIOD NEARBY. CHERNYSHEV TOOK NOTE.

VI) SOVIET HOST FOR OFFICIAL DINNER ON 30 MARCH.
CHERNYSHEV CONFIRMED THAT THE PRINCIPAL HOST AT THE OFFICIAL DINNER WOULD BE MR GORBACHEV.

VII) RESTRICTED DINNER ON 31 MARCH.
I CONVEYED THE PRIME MINISTER'S WARM APPRECIATION OF THE FACT THAT MRS GORBACHEVA WOULD BE PRESENT AT THIS DINNER: THIS MADE UNNECESSARY THE REQUEST FOR A SEPARATE CALL ON HER WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE WISHED TO MAKE. I ALSO CONVEYED THE PRIME MINISTER'S REGRET THAT ON THIS OCCASION IT HAD NOT, FOR PRACTICAL REASONS, PROVED POSSIBLE FOR MR THATCHER TO ACCOMPANY HER TO MOSCOW. I EXPRESSED THE PRIME MINISTER'S VIEW OF THIS OCCASION AS A CONTINUATION OF THE RESTRICTED TALKS WITH MR GORBACHEV AND HENCE HER WISH THAT THE UK SIDE SHOULD BE RESTRICTED TO ME, POWELL AND POLLOCK (SINCE THERE WAS LIKELY TO BE MORE THAN ONE CONVERSATION TAKING PLACE AT ANY ONE TIME. NATUALLY IF THE SOVIET SIDE INCLUDED MR SHEVARDNADZE YOU WOULD ALSO HOPE TO ATTEND THIS DINNER. OTHERWISE, IT MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE FOR YOU AND SHEVARDNADZE TO DINE TOGETHER SEPARATELY IN A SIMILARLY RESTRICTED AND INFORMAL FORMAT IN ORDER TO DEEPEN YOUR ACQUAINTANCE. CHERNYSHEV TOOK NOTE.

* interpreter

VIII) PRIVATE LUNCHES.
AS A COURTESY, I GAVE CHERNYSHEV A GENERAL IDEA OF PROPOSED ATTENDANCE AT THE PRIVATE LUNCHES AT THE EMBASSY ON 30 AND 31 MARCH, MENTIONING THE SAKHAROVS SPECIFICALLY. (MY PURPOSE IN DOING SO WAS TO PRE-EMPT ANY UNINFORMED EXCESS OF ZEAL BY MIDDLE OR LOW-LEVEL KGB TO FRUSTRATE THESE OCCASIONS). CHERNYSHEV DID NOT REACT EXCEPT TO THANK ME FOR INFORMING THE SOVIET SIDE.

X) TALKS WITH RYZHKOV ON 31 MARCH.
I ASKED ABOUT SOVIET PARTICIPATION BOTH AT THE TALKS AND THE DOCUMENT SIGNING CEREMONY, AND ALSO WHO WOULD SIGN FOR THE SOVIET SIDE. CHERNYSHEV PROMISED TO CHECK AND LET ME KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, ADDING THAT FOR PRACTICAL REASONS THE NUMBER AT THE SIGNING CEREMONY WOULD PROBABLY BE LARGER THAN FOR THE TALKS. HE CONFIRMED THAT THE DOCUMENTS WOULD BE SIGNED AT FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL.

X) RELEASE OF PROGRAMME DETAILS TO THE PRESS.
[Tomorrow]
CHERNYSHEV SAID THAT IT WAS NOW UP TO US WHEN WE RELEASED DETAILS OF THE PROGRAMME: HE UNDERSTOOD THE PRESSURES OF OUR MEDIA AND CONFIRMED THAT WE COULD GO AHEAD IF WE WISHED.

COMMENT
I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT IN RELEASING THE MAIN ITEMS OF THE PROGRAMME TO THE PRESS WE SHOULD NOT INCLUDE ANY ASPECTS WHICH HAVE YET FINALLY TO BE RESOLVED, SUCH AS PARTICIPATION - APART FROM PRINCIPALS - IN THE VARIOUS EVENTS. THE PRIVATE DINNER ON 31 MARCH, AND SPECIFICALLY THE FACT OF MRS GORBACHEVA'S ATTENDANCE, ARE PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE FROM THE SOVIET POINT OF VIEW. IN PUBLICITY TERMS, IT MIGHT IN ANY CASE BE PREFERABLE TO REVEAL THIS LATER, AS AN UNPRECEDENTED BONUS TESTIFYING TO THE EXCELLENCE OF THE RELATIONSHIP.
[We are following this advice]

XI) INSTITUTE OF CRYSTALLOGRAPHY.
I INFORMED CHERNYSHEV THAT YOU WOULD NOT WISH TO ACCOMPANY THE PRIME MINISTER ON THE VISIT TO THE CRYSTALLOGRAPHY INSTITUTE (PARA 4 OF FCO TELNO 351 TO WHICH I AM REPLYING SEPARATELY).

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FOR MISS B D DAVIS PROTOCOL DEPT
PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: DUTY FREE REQUIREMENTS

1. GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD ARRANGE FOR STERLING CHEQUES PAYABLE TO BRITISH EMBASSY COMMISSARIAT MOSCOW TO BE OBTAINED FROM THE FOLLOWING. (ALL FIGURES POUNDS STERLING).

✓ PRIME MINISTER	11.80	ATTACHED ✓
✓ N L WICKS	5.65	ATTACHED ~~£4~~ £4-34
C D POWELL	33.00	ATTACHED ✓
✓ B INGHAM	7.25	ATTACHED ✓
M HORNE	~~19.90~~	~~£11-61~~ £12-90
✓ A PONSONBY	14.15	ATTACHED ~~£19-80~~ £21-15.
✓ J BOWERS	11.80	ATTACHED ✓
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S MAYTER	26.90	ATTACHED £25-61
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PRIME MINISTER

VISIT TO RUSSIA - MEDIA

This note deals with two aspects of your visit to Russia - broadly how you should aproach to media during the visit; and what you might do next week by way of media interviews before you go.

THE APPROACH

This will be one of the great media events of your Prime Ministerial office. There is massive interest: we know that there are at least four times as many British and foreign journalists travelling out to Moscow independently as the 24 who will be on your 'plane.

This is not simply because of the heightened domestic political interest in the visit. It was always going to be a mediafest. But a combination of the forthcoming election, your relationship with a debilitated Reagan and with a magnetic Gorbachev, an expectation of an arms control deal and the human story inherent in dissidents and Jews, plus the photoappeal of many aspects of the tour, make it a dream of a story in journalistic terms.

It may not however be a dream of a story to cover. The Russians can be very difficult with the media and we shall have to watch this. We shall set out to be as helpful as possible. Tiresome though the media can be, it will also serve your interests to go out of your way to help them without appearing to be blatantly electioneering.

I shall do you a separate minute next week when we have the benefit of Mike Horne's recce but I would make a few points now:

- your speech at the Central Council will set will set a tone; you are going to Russia with a clear purpose: to promote the cause of peace with security; that will assist you in handling the media in the run up to the visit;

- I am very anxious indeed that you meet the media on the 'plane and so give them confidence, right up the last minute, as it were, on how you are approaching your tour. But I have one other reason for wanting you to adopt a relaxed approach to the media: Mr Kinnock is getting a very bad reputation for standing apart from and ignoring the media on tours. I am sure you can

score by way of contrast.

- The important thing during the tour will be to give radio and TV a good quote between 10 and 11am so that you can dominate early morning radio and TV. (We shall be three hours ahead)

MEDIA NEXT WEEK

You normally are not keen to give media interviews in advance of a visit and, given the media's endemic drive to put a negative gloss on anything, there is no reason to give them the chance next week to do so. You will get quite a bit of coverage in France and Germany on Monday and I shall brief all the media on Thursday, along with FCO officials. In addition we can get some useful publicity for the publication of your itinerary on Wednesday on the eve of Mr Kinnock's visit to the USA.

In all these circumstances, and given your TV broadcast in Moscow, Charles and I think you should leave your first encounter with the media next week, after Caen and Bonn, to the flight to Moscow.

Content with this approach?

B Ingham
March 19, 1987.

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19 March 1987

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO MOSCOW

I am writing with details of the Prime Minister's forthcoming visit to Moscow, about which Alan Davies-Jones spoke to you yesterday.

The Prime Minister will leave London on Saturday 28 March and remain in Moscow for five days. During this period her Private Office will be set up in the Ambassador's residence, which is within the embassy compound, and will be manned by two duty clerks, Miss Amanda Ross and Miss Julie Bowers, who will, if necessary, act as COMSO's at all times. Three Secretarial Assistants will accompany the party, Miss Sally Hayter, Mrs Debbie Ayles and Miss Elizabeth Lambert, all of whom are also cleared for access to Category III material.

Material which requires consideration for passing to the Prime Minister should, as usual, be sent to us for passing to 10 Downing Street, who will decide whether anything should be signalled to Moscow. If so, it is understood that it must be in accordance with Appendix D of ZP201.

I understand that a Brahms/STS secure speech facility will also be available between the embassy and No 10.

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From the Private Secretary

19 March 1987

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO TBILISI

Thank you for your letter of 19 March about the arrangements for the Prime Minister's visit from Moscow to Tbilisi.

I agree with the proposed passenger list for the Soviet aircraft and the VC10.

We shall need to have a Private Office established in a room on the ground at the airport, with access to a car so that they can contact the Prime Minister's party at any time. One Garden Room girl and Mrs. Ponsonby should accompany the Prime Minister throughout. The two Duty Clerks and the other two Garden Room girls would man the office at the airport and take it in turns to go on sightseeing tours.

(Charles Powell)

Lyn Parker, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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London SW1A 2AH

19 March 1987

Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's Visit to Tbilisi

Our Embassy in Moscow have now telegraphed proposals for the Prime Minister's visit to Tbilisi.

They have suggested that those not accompanying the Prime Minister on the Soviet aircraft from Moscow to Tbilisi should travel on the VC10 which would also take the luggage for the whole party. Proposed timings are:

Soviet aircraft	ETD Moscow	1030 local
	ETA Tbilisi	1405 local
RAF VC10	ETD Moscow	1230 local
	ETA Tbilisi	1610 local

(The RAF VC10 will be required to leave two hours after the Soviet aircraft in order to keep within crew duty time.)

Our suggested passenger lists for both aircraft are attached.

Our Embassy have suggested that the Private Office should operate from the VC10 at Tbilisi airport. Those not required to stay with the aircraft would be taken on sightseeing tours, including an evening meal in town. A meal would of course be provided for those staying at the airport.

An alternative would be to establish the Private Office on the ground in a room at the airport. This might be more convenient than the VC10, though less secure. Either way, the Duty Clerks, the two Garden Room girls, the Foreign Secretary's Personal Assistant and the Conference Officer would be based at the Private Office with a car at their disposal so that messages could be delivered to the Prime Minister's party as necessary. A separate car would be made available to the Private Office for people to take it in turns to go sightseeing. I understand you would like one Garden Room girl to accompany the Prime Minister throughout the day and I assume Mrs Ponsonby should do the same.

I should be grateful to know which Private Office arrangement you would prefer.

Yours ever, Leigh Parker

C D Powell Esq
PS/10 Downing Street

(L Parker)
Private Secretary

SUGGESTED PASSENGER LIST FOR SOVIET AIRCRAFT

Moscow - Tbilisi

Prime Minister
Secretary of State
Mr Wicks
Mr Powell
Mr Ingham
Mr Galsworthy
Mr Pollock
Mr Horne
Mrs Ponsonby
1 Secretarial Assistant
1 Duty Clerk
Supt Waller
Chief Insp Butler
Insp Holmes
Insp Strevens
Sgt Corsie
Constable Blake
Mr Smith = 18
plus Press party = 24

Total = 42

SUGGESTED PASSENGER LIST FOR RAF VC10

Moscow - Tbilisi

1 Duty Clerk
2 Secretarial Assistants
Miss Williams
Miss Davis

Total = 5

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FROM: B D Davis (Miss)
Protocol Department

DATE: 19 March 1987

Duty Clerk
No 10 Downing Street

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO TBILISI: WREATH LAYING

1. I attach the card for the wreath laying ceremony in Tbilisi which has the same wording as the card for the Moscow wreath laying.

2. When the Prime Minister has signed the card I will be happy to take it with me to Moscow.

B D Davis (Miss)
Protocol Department

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YOUR TELNO 320: TBILISI WREATH

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO TBILISI: WREATH LAYING CEREMONY
1. WILL WORDING ON CARD BE THE SAME AS FOR MOSCOW WREATH LAYING?

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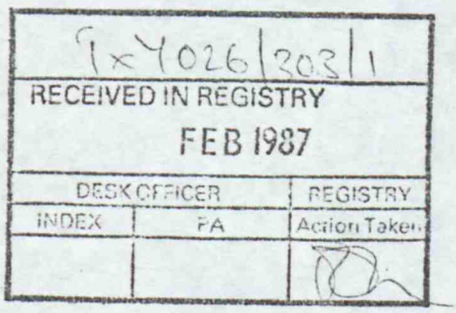
From the Private Secretary

13 February 1987

Dear Lyn,

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO MOSCOW: WREATH

Thank you for your letter of 13 February proposing a wording for the card to be attached to the wreath which the Prime Minister will lay at the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior in Moscow. I agree with the wording which you propose and should be grateful if you could have it translated and typed.



Yours sincerely,

Charles Powell

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Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's Visit to Moscow: Wreath

The Prime Minister will be expected to lay a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior during her visit to Moscow. The Embassy will be able to obtain a wreath locally but have asked that the ribbon and card be brought out from London. The ribbon can be supplied by Conference Section and the Embassy suggest the following wording on the card:

> "In memory of those who gave their lives in defence of their homeland and in the allied cause during the second World War."

The card should be in English and Russian and signed by the Prime Minister.

I should be grateful to know if you agree with this wording. If so, we shall have it translated into Russian so that it can be typed prior to departure.

Yours ever,

Lyn Parker

(L Parker)
Private Secretary

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From the Private Secretary 18 March 1987

I attach a copy of a further letter the Prime Minister has received from Mr. S. J. Keat, Managing Director of Joyce-Loebl (see my earlier letter of 12 March).

I should be grateful if you could provide an urgent draft reply for Private Secretary signature. It would be helpful if this could reach me by Wednesday 25 March.

I am copying this letter to Lyn Parker (Foreign and Commonwealth Office).

(C. D. POWELL)

Michael Gilbertson, Esq.,
Department of Trade and Industry.

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FOLLOWING PERSONAL FOR POWELL, 10 DOWNING STREET
OUR TELECON ON 16 MARCH: COMPOSITION OF PRIME MINISTER'S PARTY FOR MOSCOW VISIT.

1. YOU ASKED ME TO ADVISE ON WHETHER, IN VIEW OF RAISA GORBACHEVA'S INCLUSION IN THE SMALL DINNER PARTY ON 31 MARCH, THE QUESTION OF MR THATCHER'S INCLUSION IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S PARTY SHOULD BE RECONSIDERED.

2. ON REFLECTION, MY RECOMMENDATION IS THAT THINGS SHOULD BE LEFT AS THEY ARE. MRS GORBACHEVA'S CO-HOSTING OF THE DINNER WAS DECIDED BY GORBACHEV IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT MR THATCHER WOULD NOT BE PRESENT. THE PURPOSE IS PROBABLY TO ENABLE MRS GORBACHEVA BOTH TO SHARE IN THE REPAYMENT OF CHEQUERS HOSPITALITY AND TO TAKE PART IN THE "BROAD PHILOSOPHICAL DISCUSSION" WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER HAS REQUESTED, AND TO WHICH SHE IS WELL ABLE TO MAKE A SERIOUS CONTRIBUTION.

3. IF MR THATCHER WERE TO BE ADDED TO THE PARTY AT THIS STAGE, THE RUSSIANS WOULD FACE A DILEMMA OVER THE OFFICIAL DINNER ON 30 MARCH: MRS GORBACHEVA WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO BE INCLUDED IN THAT TOO, WHICH MIGHT PUT THE SMALL DINNER ON 31 MARCH IN JEOPARDY - TWO SUCCESSIVE APPEARANCES BY MRS GORBACHEVA COULD BE CONSIDERED EXCESSIVE.

4. WHEN I NEXT SEE CHERNEYSHEV (CHIEF OF PROTOCOL) I SHALL EXPRESS THE PRIME MINISTER'S PARTICULAR APPRECIATION OF MRS GORBACHEVA'S PRESENCE AT THE DINNER ON 31 MARCH AND HER REGRET THAT MR THATCHER WAS NOT ABLE TO ACCOMPANY HER TO MOSCOW ON THIS OCCASION.

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MichaelJones 'phoned. He has been reading Callaghan's memoirs in which he recounts a story of when he was Foreign Secretary in 1975 and visited Moscow, there was a bit of horse-play with Brezhnev, who seized the Red Box, pretending to make off with it. Jim Callaghan said Brezhnev was obviously very taken with this Red Box, so when he became Prime Minister and visited Moscow again he had one especially made up for him with his name and office printed in gold letters on it.

Michael thought, if it was not too late, it might be quite a nice idea if the PM were to do the same for Gorbachev. He will send you a photocopy of the piece if you think it would be a good idea.

Mr. Lyne
CDP

Prime Minister
I don't know what you feel about this. It looks a bit copy-cat to me. Agree No? CDP

Rose
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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION: TRAVEL

Thank you for your letter of 17 March about the arrangements for the Prime Minister's travel from Moscow to Tbilisi. The Prime Minister is content to travel by a Soviet aircraft for this leg of the journey.

I shall be grateful if you could ensure that proper arraggements are made for the transport of the journalists accompanying the Prime Minister.

(C. D. POWELL)

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Dear Mr. Powell.

Langmuir Trough

Thank you for your letter of 12 March.

I understand from the D.T.I. that things have moved quickly in Moscow over the last few days. It is my understanding that, subject to the agreement of the Prime Minister, the alternate layer trough shown during the OPTIKA exhibition was sold to the Institute of Chemical Physics in Moscow. This would ideally be the Langmuir trough to be presented by the Prime Minister during her visit to the Institute of Crystallography. I understand the Academy of Sciences would welcome the extreme honour, particularly as they are aware of the Prime Minister's involvement in this technology.

This rather overtakes my previous suggestion of presenting a Mini-trough which would have to be sent out.

My haste to send this letter follows my understanding by telephone from Moscow as of today.

I hope this new suggestion meets with the agreement of the Prime Minister.

Once again our good wishes on the visit.

Yours sincerely,

S.J. KEAT
Managing Director

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Prime Minister

Visit to USSR.

The Russians want you to fly in their aircraft to Tbilisi; & the VC 10 from Tbilisi.

Are you content with this? The VC10 would just follow you down. Yes CDP 17/3

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17 March 1987

Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's Visit to the Soviet Union: Travel

A decision is required on whether a special Soviet aircraft should be used for the Prime Minister's flight from Moscow to Tbilisi (see paragraph 2 of Moscow telegram No 367) or whether we should continue to press for her to fly in the RAF VC10.

The Security Service have confirmed there is no objection on technical grounds to the Prime Minister travelling in a Soviet aircraft but, in your letter of 10 March, you said you told the Soviet Ambassador that you hoped the VC10 could be used for the Prime Minister's visit to Tbilisi so that she could go direct from there to the United Kingdom.

As the programme stands at present, there will be difficulties over crew flying hours if the Prime Minister uses the RAF VC10. Timings proposed are:

Wednesday 1 April

(Moscow GMT + 4; Tbilisi GMT + 5; London GMT + 1)

ETD Moscow (Vnukovo 2)	1030 hours local
ETA Tbilisi	1410 hours local

Flying time 2 hours 40 minutes

ETD Tbilisi	2200 hours local
ETA London Heathrow (Southside)	2305 hours local

Flying time 5 hours 5 minutes

The maximum crew time in any one day is 16 hours which includes two hours prior to take off. The above timings exceed this maximum by 1 hour 35 minutes.

/If

If the Prime Minister is to use the VC10, the alternative is either:

(a) to shorten the programme in Tbilisi

or

(b) have an overnight stopover there, which is not feasible.

However, if the Prime Minister were to use the Soviet aircraft the VC10 could leave Moscow at 1230 hours local (ie after the departure of the Prime Minister) and arrive in Tbilisi at 1610 hours local and be ready to leave again at 2200 hours local, thus keeping within the crew duty time and enabling the Prime Minister to carry out the programme as suggested.

It is not entirely clear whether the Russians intend that the accompanying journalists should also be flown to Tbilisi on a Soviet aircraft. It would be necessary to ensure that they were not left behind.

The Foreign Secretary's view is that in the circumstances it makes sense to accept the offer of transport in a Soviet aircraft. I would be grateful to know your decision.

Yours ever,

Tony Galsworthy

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From the Private Secretary

17 March 1987

Dear Tony,

Thank you for your letter of 16 March about the Prime Minister's wish to meet a small group of refuseniks while she is in Moscow.

The Prime Minister recognises that there are some risks inherent in this but nonetheless she wishes to go ahead on the basis set out in my letter of 5 March.

I have sent the letter to Ms. Greifer.

yours ever,

Charles Powell

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From the Private Secretary

17 March 1987

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION: RAF VC10

Thank you for your letter of 16 March enclosing the seating plan for the VC10 for the Prime Minister's visit to the Soviet Union. I return it in slightly amended form.

CHARLES POWELL

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FOLLOWING FOR LLEWELLYN SMITH, SOVIET DEPARTMENT

YOUR TELNO 315: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: DRAFT PROGRAMME

1. I AM GRATEFUL FOR THESE VERY PROMPT REACTIONS.

2. I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD CONFIRM THAT THE PRIME MINISTER'S WISH IS THAT UK PARTICIPATION IN THE DINNER ON 31 MARCH (PARA 9 OF YTUR) SHOULD BE THE SAME AS THAT SPECIFIED IN PARA 6 OF YTUR. IF SO, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE AN INDICATION OF HOW THE SECRETARY OF STATE WOULD WISH TO SPEND THE EVENING. FOR A SOCIAL OCCASION, AS DISTINCT FROM MORE FORMAL TALKS, I THINK IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE FOR POLLOCK TO BE INCLUDED TO SHARE THE BURDEN OF INTERPRETATION: WOULD THIS BE ACCEPTABLE ?

3. MAY I ASSUME, FROM PARA 7 OF YTUR, THAT CONSIDERATION HAS BEEN GIVEN TO MY TELNO 317 ? IF SO, A SUITABLE TIME FOR A BRIEF PRIVATE MEETING WITH REFUSENIKS WOULD BE 0830 ON 1 APRIL, IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTURE FOR THE KREMLIN FAREWELL. IF THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD BE CONTENT WITH THIS, WE SHALL GO AHEAD WITH THE ARRANGEMENTS.

4. I AGREE THAT THE BEST TIME FOR A SEPARATE PRESS CONFERENCE WITH BRITISH JOURNALISTS WOULD BE AFTER DINNER ON 31 MARCH. THE ONLY POSSIBLE VENUE, HOWEVER, WOULD BE MY STUDY IN THE EMBASSY WHICH THE NO 10 PRIVATE OFFICE WILL HAVE BEEN USING. WOULD THEY BE WILLING TO PACK UP DURING THE EVENING OF 31 MARCH SO THAT THE ROOM CAN BE RE-CONFIGURED FOR THE PRESS CONFERENCE AT, SAY, 2200 ?

5. AS SOON AS YOU ARE ABLE TO RESPOND TO THE ABOVE POINTS, I SHALL SEEK A FURTHER SESSION WITH CHERNEYSHEV.

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FOLLOWING FOR SOVIET DEPARTMENT AND PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT (CONFERENCE SECTION)

MY TELS NOS 367 AND 368: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: PROGRAMME

1. NOW THAT WE HAVE THE SOVIET DRAFT PROGRAMME AS A WORKING BASIS, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL, FOR ADMINISTRATIVE REASONS, TO HAVE EARLY GUIDANCE ON TWO SMALL POINTS:

Briefing meeting will be arranged

I) WILL THE PRIME MINISTER REQUIRE A BRIEFING MEETING IN THE EMBASSY ON THE EVENING OF ARRIVAL, 28 MARCH ? MY CALCULATION IS THAT, FOLLOWING THE SECOND WELCOMING CEREMONY IN THE KREMLIN, SHE SHOULD REACH THE EMBASSY BY 2045 OR POSSIBLY A LITTLE EARLIER. AN HOUR'S BRIEFING MEETING WOULD PUT SUPPER BACK TO ABOUT 2200: WOULD THIS BE TOO LATE FOR HER ?

Breakfast at 0830

II) AT WHAT TIME DO THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE RESPECTIVELY LIKE TO HAVE THEIR BREAKFASTS SERVED ? (THIS IS RELEVANT TO OUR ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSSING IN THE RESIDENCE DOMESTIC STAFF). WE ALREADY HAVE GUIDANCE ON WHAT THE PRIME MINISTER LIKES TO EAT FOR BREAKFAST: WHAT ARE THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S PREFERENCES ?

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Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's Visit to the Soviet Union: RAF VC10

I enclose for your approval the proposed seating plan for the RAF VC10 for the above mentioned visit. The space allotted to the Foreign Secretary and myself seems on the generous side - if you wanted to expand into that compartment to give the Prime Minister more privacy there is obviously plenty of room!

Yours ever,

Tony Galsworthy

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SEATING PLAN FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION

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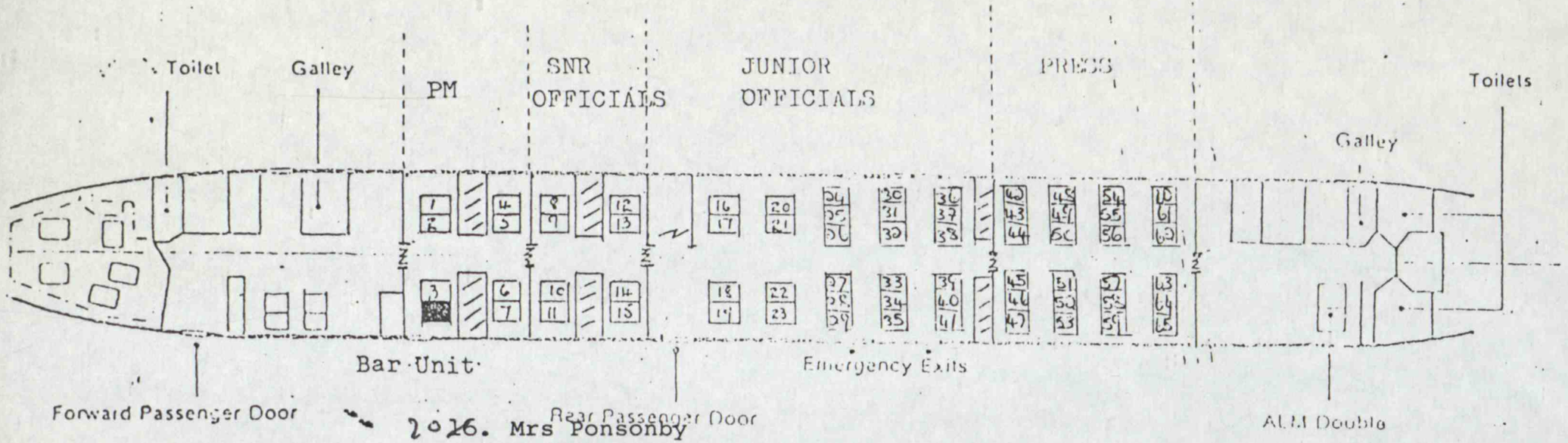

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From the Private Secretary

16 March 1987

Dear Tony,

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO MOSCOW: DRAFT PROGRAMME

I have seen and discussed with the Prime Minister Moscow Telegrams nos. 367 and 368 conveying a draft programme for the Prime Minister's visit.

In general the Prime Minister is well content with the way in which the programme is shaping and the degree to which Mr. Gorbachev has directly involved himself in her visit. She would be grateful if Sir Bryan Cartledge could convey her thanks and appreciation for this.

There are a number of detailed points which need to be followed up:

- Official welcoming ceremony at the Kremlin. The Prime Minister would indeed wish to be accompanied (if only by me as a witness to the event).

- The Prime Minister hopes that the proposed sightseeing tour of Moscow, following her visit to Zagorsk could indeed be converted into an escorted walkabout on the lines suggested by HM Ambassador. I should be grateful if he could be asked to press for this. If it were possible for Mr. Yeltsin to be involved, so much the better.

- The Prime Minister is content for the reception to meet the British community and Embassy staff to begin at 2200 that day.

- For the meeting with Mr. Gorbachev at 1100 on Monday 30 March the Prime Minister would wish to be accompanied by me and HM Ambassador. I should be grateful if we could obtain an explicit confirmation from the Russians on this.

- The Prime Minister would like the two lunches to be used for a meeting with the Sakharovs and a meeting with Soviet writers and intellectuals respectively. She would however still like there to be space in the programme for a brief private meeting with refuseniks.

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- As regards the proposed plenary session at 1600 on Monday 30 March the Prime Minister would wish this to begin in restricted session with the same composition as the meeting in the Kremlin, and to be enlarged to a plenary session after a period. Could HM Ambassador please be asked to press for this. No doubt Foreign Ministers could be meeting separately nearby.

- Bernard Ingham does attach importance to a separate press conference with British journalists, although I appreciate the difficulties over timing. It may have to be held after dinner on Tuesday 31 March, perhaps a briefing by Bernard Ingham than a press conference. But we can decide that nearer the time.

- As regards dinner on Tuesday 31 March the Prime Minister sees this as an opportunity to continue her very restricted talks with Mr. Gorbachev and would like the participation on the British side to be arranged accordingly.

- The arrangements for Tbilisi are agreed.

We would like to be able to release basic details of the programme fairly soon. I should be grateful if HM Ambassador Moscow could agree an early time for this with the Soviet authorities.

The Prime Minister has commented that she will evidently need extensive notes for subjects to raise in conversation at the various official and informal dinners. I should be grateful if this could be put in hand.

yours sincerely,

(CHARLES POWELL)

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16 March 1987

Prime Minister
Agree to stick to your intention to see a small group of refuseniks privately, despite the Ambassador's misgivings?
CDP 16/3

Dear Charles.

Thank you for your letter of 27 February enclosing one from the Editor of Jews in the USSR with a request from a group of refusenik women in Moscow to meet the Prime Minister during her visit.

Sir Bryan Cartledge sent some initial advice on the question of meeting with refuseniks in Moscow telegram No 297 (paragraph 1(iii)) enclosed. In the light of that, you told us in your letter of 5 March that the Prime Minister agreed that

- the total number should be kept small;
- she would be happy to make an award to Mr Begun;
- she would be guided by the Ambassador's advice on other participants, though she mentioned in particular the name of Ida Nudel.

Yes

The Ambassador has subsequently thought further about this and sent further advice that a meeting with refuseniks risks casting a shadow over the visit. He questions whether our aims would not be better served by taking up the question of refuseniks strongly in the Prime Minister's talks with Gorbachev, and revealing this subsequently.

Sir Bryan is right to draw attention to the risks of taking action which would make the Soviet authorities act more harshly towards the refuseniks or would compromise the achievement of our other ends. But neither of these is a major risk. The Soviet authorities could hardly be very surprised: the Prime Minister is widely known to have endorsed the refusenik cause. Her seeing them would not damage their chances of leaving the country (and even if it did, they are perhaps the best judges of what should be done). It would certainly give them and their supporters outside the Soviet Union encouragement. There is no doubt that pressure and interest on the part of senior Western figures has helped their cause in the past.

A Soviet decision to prevent the refuseniks getting into the Embassy for the meeting would lead to publicity, and

necessitate a strong protest by us. It cannot be ruled out, but we do not think it likely.

The Foreign Secretary's view is that the risks are acceptable. I should be grateful to know the Prime Minister's decision.

The Ambassador suggested that Inna Joffe, a member of the group which has written to the Prime Minister, should be one of those whom the Prime Minister should meet. We agree. But we think that since arrangements for any meeting are to be made at the last minute, it will be best not to give any commitment at this stage to Nan Greifer about a meeting. Advance publicity would not be helpful. It will be important not to give the British press any advance hint of the Prime Minister's intentions.

/ I enclose a draft reply to Nan Greifer.

Yours ever,

Tony Galsworthy

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FOLLOWING FOR HEAD OF SOVIET DEPARTMENT

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: EVENTS OUTSIDE OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

1. IN THE CONTINUING ABSENCE OF INDICATIONS FROM THE SOVIET SIDE ON EVEN THE OUTLINE OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S PROGRAMME (I PRODDED USPENSKY AGAIN TODAY, 3 MARCH, WITHOUT RESULT) IT WILL BE HELPFUL TO HAVE DEFINITE APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE FOR THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS SO THAT THEY CAN BE FIRMED UP, IN TERMS OF DATES AND TIMES, AT VERY SHORT NOTICE:

I) RECEPTION FOR BRITISH COMMUNITY (MY TELNO 158). CAN YOU CONFIRM THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD BE CONTENT FOR ME TO HOLD A RECEPTION AT WHICH SHE COULD MEET RESIDENT BRITISH BUSINESSMEN, BRITISH JOURNALISTS AND MEMBERS OF MY STAFF? THE MOST LIKELY DATE FOR THIS WOULD BE SUNDAY, 29 MARCH, BUT THIS WILL DEPEND, E.G. ON WHETHER THE FIRST MEETING WITH GORBACHEV TAKES PLACE ON THAT DAY.

II) MEETING WITH THE SAKHAROVS. WE ARE GETTING IN TOUCH WITH SAKHAROV TO TELL HIM THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WILL BE IN MOSCOW FROM (WE HOPE) 28 MARCH TO 1 APRIL AND THAT SHE HOPES THAT SAKHAROV AND MRS BONNER WILL BE ABLE TO CALL ON HER AT THE EMBASSY DURING THAT PERIOD AT A TIME TO BE ARRANGED, PROBABLY AT THE LAST MINUTE. IT WOULD IN MY VIEW BE INADVISABLE FOR THE PRIME MINISTER TO MEET SAKHAROV BEFORE HER OFFICIAL PROGRAMME HAS BEGUN, I.E. BEFORE SHE HAS MET GORBACHEV: THIS COULD GIVE HER SOVIET HOSTS AN ODD IMPRESSION OF OUR PRIORITIES AND CAUSE UNNECESSARY IRRITATION. IT SHOULD PROVE POSSIBLE TO FIND A SLOT FOR THE SAKHAROVS ON 30 OR 31 MARCH.

III) REFUSENIKS. THIS WILL, OF COURSE, BE AN EVEN MORE SENSITIVE ENCOUNTER. I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT IT SHOULD BE A PURELY SYMBOLIC ONE AND THAT THE NUMBER OF REFUSENIKS INVOLVED SHOULD BE VERY SMALL. ANY GROUP OF MORE THAN, SAY, 4 WOULD BE REGARDED BY THE RUSSIANS AS A DEMONSTRATION AND AS A PROVOCATIVE MEDIA EVENT. MY SUGGESTION, THEREFORE, IS THAT THE PRIME MINISTER SHOULD RECEIVE MR AND MRS BEGUN (TO WHOM SHE COULD PRESENT THE ALL-PARTY COMMITTEE'S AWARD), ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE "JEWISH WOMEN AGAINST REFUSAL" GROUP (YOUR TELNO 246) AND PERHAPS PROFESSOR LERNER. FROM THE WOMEN'S GROUP, WE HAVE

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DIRECT CONTACT WITH INNA IOFFE AND CONSIDER THAT SHE WOULD BE A SUITABLE CHOICE TO REPRESENT THE GROUP: BUT YOU MAY WISH TO CHECK THIS AT THE LONDON END, WHILE EMPHASISING THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO RECEIVE MORE THAN ONE REPRESENTATIVE. AS WITH THE SAKHAROVS, IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT FOR THIS ENCOUNTER TO TAKE PLACE ONLY WHEN THE OFFICIAL PROGRAMME IS WELL UNDER WAY: AND THIS, AGAIN POINTS TO A VERY LAST-MINUTE ARRANGEMENT.

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SUBJECT:

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The Prime Minister much admires the courage of these wives and mothers, and values the work of your publication on their behalf. As you know already, she feels very strongly about the unjustifiable denial of exit visas to the many thousands of Soviet Jews who want only to be reunited with loved ones and to be free to follow their culture.

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(C.D. Powell)

Ms. Nan Greifer

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MIPT: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: DRAFT PROGRAMME

1. IN GENERAL, NOT LEAST SO FAR AS THE UNPRECEDENTED (FOR A VISIT BY A WESTERN LEADER) INVOLVEMENT OF GORBACHEV IS CONCERNED, I CONSIDER THAT THIS OUTLINE PROGRAMME IS VERY SATISFACTORY: THE SOVIET SIDE HAS CLEARLY DONE ITS BEST TO MEET THE PRIME MINISTER'S WISHES. I SHOULD WELCOME HER REACTIONS.

2. ONE ASPECT ON WHICH I SHALL SEEK URGENT CLARIFICATION TOMORROW, 16 MARCH, IS THAT OF A SEPARATE PROGRAMME, AT LEAST SO FAR AS TALKS WITH SHEVARDNADZE ARE CONCERNED, FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE. I SHALL AWAIT INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE PURSUING THE OTHER POINTS, EG ATTENDANCE AT THE KREMLIN WELCOMING CEREMONY AND AT THE TALKS WITH GORBACHEV.

3. I SHALL NOW GO AHEAD WITH ARRANGEMENTS FOR MY RECEPTION AT 2200 ON 29 MARCH AT WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER WILL BE ABLE TO MEET THE BRITISH COMMUNITY AND MEMBERS OF MY STAFF: WE SHALL DO OUR BEST TO END IT BY 2300.

4. THE DRAFT SOVIET PROGRAMME PROVIDES FOR TWO "PRIVATE" LUNCHES AT THE RESIDENCE. THESE COULD BE OCCASIONS TO WHICH I COULD INVITE SOVIET WRITERS AND INTELLECTUALS, IF THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD LIKE THIS. ONE OF THEM COULD BE A VERY RESTRICTED LUNCH WITH THE SAKHAROVS. I SHOULD WELCOME AN EARLY INDICATION OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S WISHES.

5. AS THE PROGRAMME STANDS, THERE IS NO OBVIOUS SLOT FOR A SEPARATE PRESS CONFERENCE WITH UK CORRESPONDENTS ONLY. WE SHALL GIVE THOUGHT TO THIS BUT, IN THE MEANTIME, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO KNOW HOW MUCH IMPORTANCE THE PRIME MINISTER ATTACHES TO IT.

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PROGRAMME FOR MOSCOW VISIT

Saturday 28 March

1910 Arrival at Vnukovo 2 Airport.
Official welcoming ceremony at the Airport

Completion of official welcoming ceremony in the St. George's Hall of the Kremlin.

Sunday 29 March

0930 Depart from Embassy
Visit Zagorsk
Lunch at Zagorsk

1500 Departure from Zagorsk

1600-1700 Sightseeing tour of Moscow

1900 Attend performance of 'Swan Lake' in the Bolshoi Theatre.

2200 Reception at the Embassy to meet the British community and Embassy staff.

Monday 30 March

1030 Wreath laying at the tomb of the unknown warrior.

1100 Discussion with Gorbachev in the Kremlin.

?1330 Private lunch at the Embassy

1600 Plenary session of talks, with Foreign Ministers present, in the St. Katherine's Hall of the Kremlin Palace.

1900 Official dinner in the facetted hall of the Kremlin Palace, given by 'The Soviet Leadership', with speeches.

Tuesday 31 March

0930 Discussions with Chairman of the Council of Ministers, Ryzhkov, in the Kremlin, followed by signing of UK/Soviet documents in the red room of the Kremlin Palace.

1200 Opening of the offices of the British/Soviet Chamber of Commerce in the International Trade Centre.

1300 Private lunch in the residence

1430 Visit to the Institute of Crystallography of the Academy of Sciences

1600 Interview with Soviet television, in the MFA's Press Centre.

1730 Press Conference for Soviet and Foreign journalists, in the MFA's Press Centre.

1930 Dinner given by Sergei Mikhailovich Gorbachev and Raisa Masimovna Gorbachev in the Reception House of the Soviet MFA.

Wednesday 1 April

0930 Farewell ceremony in the St George's Hall of the Kremlin.

1015 Farewell ceremony at Vnukovo 2 airport

1030 Departure from Moscow for Tbilisi in a special Soviet aircraft.

1405 (Tbilisi time - one hour later than Moscow time) Arrival in Tbilisi

Discussions with the Georgian Council of Ministers

Wreath laying at the tomb of the unknown warrior.

Sightseeing in Tbilisi

Trip to Mtskheta (historic centre of Georgian christianity)

Dinner given by the Government of the Georgian SSR

2200 Departure from Tbilisi direct to London by VC10 (the flight will gain 4 hours, vis-a- vis London time, en route).

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: DRAFT PROGRAMME

1 CHERNYSHEV, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, CALLED ME IN TODAY, 15 MARCH TO HAND OVER THE SOVIET DRAFT PROGRAMME FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT, WHICH HAD BEEN APPROVED OVERNIGHT BY GORBACHEV PERSONALLY. IT IS AS FOLLOWS (WITH MY COMMENTS WHERE APPROPRIATE). ALL TIMES LOCAL:

2. SATURDAY, 28 MARCH

1910 HRS : ARRIVAL AT VNUKOVO 2 AIRPORT.
OFFICIAL WELCOMING CEREMONY AT THE AIRPORT (DETAILS BY BAG).

COMPLETION OF OFFICIAL WELCOMING CEREMONY IN THE ST GEORGE'S HALL OF THE KREMLIN

(COMMENT. CHERNYSHEV SAID THAT THE CEREMONY IN THE KREMLIN WOULD BE OF A PURELY PROTOCOL CHARACTER, LASTING 10/15 MINUTES. IN ACCORDANCE WITH NORMAL SOVIET PRACTICE, ONLY THE PRIME MINISTER, FROM THE BRITISH SIDE, WOULD BE INVITED TO IT. THE SOVIET SIDE WOULD PROVIDE AN INTERPERTER. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTIONS, CHERNYSHEV ADMITTED THAT IT WAS NOT INCONCEIVABLE THAT A SHORT INFORMAL DISCUSSION MIGHT TAKE PLACE IN AN ADJOINING ROOM. I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT I SHOULD BE AUTHORISED TO PRESS FOR THE INCLUSION IN THIS OCCASION OF BOTH THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND ME: SINCE GORBACHEV IS LIKELY TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY TWO OR THREE OTHERS, POSSIBLY INCLUDING GROMYKO, IT WOULD BE WRONG FOR THE PRIME MINISTER TO BE OUTNUMBERED TO THAT EXTENT).

SUNDAY, 29 MARCH

0930 HRS: DEPART FROM EMBASSY.
VISIT ZAGORSK
LUNCH AT ZAGORSK
(COMMENT. IT WOULD BE PRUDENT FOR THE PRIME MINISTER TO BE ARMED WITH AT LEAST A SHORT SPEECH FOR THIS OCCASION: HUMAN RIGHTS AND FREEDOM OF RELIGIOUS BELIEF WOULD BE OBVIOUS THEMES).

1500 DEPARTURE FROM ZAGORSK.

1600-1700 SIGHT-SEEING TOUR OF MOSCOW.

1700 SIGHT-SEEING TOUR OF MOSCOW.

(COMMENT. THIS LOOKS LIKE AN ATTEMPT TO DEFLECT OUR REQUEST FOR A ''WALKABOUT''. I RECOMMEND THAT I SHOULD BE AUTHORISED TO PRESS FOR THE EXPANSION OF THIS ITEM OF THE PROGRAMME INTO THE ESCORTED WALKABOUT IN A MOSCOW SUBURB WHICH WE HAD REQUESTED EARLIER. THERE IS, IN FACT, A SUITABLE NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT JUST OFF THE ROUTE FROM ZAGORSK TO CENTRAL MOSCOW).

1900 ATTEND PERFORMANCE OF ''SWAN LAKE'' IN THE BOLSHOI THEATRE. GORBACHEV WILL BE THE PRIME MINISTER'S HOST FOR THIS OCCASION.

2200 RECEPTION AT THE EMBASSY TO MEET THE BRITISH COMMUNITY AND EMBASSY STAFF

MONDAY 30 MARCH

1030 WREATH LAYING AT THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN WARRIOR

1100 DISCUSSION WITH GORBACHEV IN THE KREMLIN. WITHOUT GOING INTO SPECIFICS, CHERNYSHEV CONFIRMED THAT THIS WOULD BE A RESTRICTED SESSION, ON THE LINES REQUESTED BY THE PRIME MINISTER.
COMMENT. I RECOMMEND THAT I SHOULD BE AUTHORISED TO CLARIFY THE COMPOSITION OF THIS MEETING).

(QUERY 1330) PRIVATE LUNCH AT THE EMBASSY.

1600 PLENARY SESSION OF TALKS, WITH FOREIGN MINISTERS PRESENT, IN THE ST KATHERINE'S HALL OF THE KREMLIN PALACE.

1900 OFFICIAL DINNER, IN THE FACETTED HALL OF THE KREMLIN PALACE, GIVEN BY ''THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP'', WITH SPEECHES.

TUESDAY 31 MARCH

0930 DISCUSSIONS WITH CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, RYZHKOV, IN THE KREMLIN, FOLLOWED BY SIGNING OF UK/SOVIET DOCUMENTS IN THE RED ROOM OF THE KREMLIN PALACE.

1200 OPENING OF THE OFFICES OF THE BRITISH/SOVIET CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTRE

1300 PRIVATE LUNCH IN THE RESIDENCE

1430 VISIT TO THE INSTITUTE OF CRYSTALLOGRAPHY OF THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES.

1600 INTERVIEW WITH SOVIET TELEVISION, IN THE MFA'S PRESS CENTRE (THIS WILL PRESUMABLY BE RECORDED: CHERNYSHEV CONFIRMED THAT IT WOULD BE IN THE FORMAT REQUESTED BY THE BRITISH SIDE, I.E. THE PRIME MINISTER BEING INTERVIEWED BY TWO OR THREE SOVIET INTERLOCUTERS).

1730 PRESS CONFERENCE FOR SOVIET AND FOREIGN JOURNALISTS, IN THE MFA'S PRESS CENTRE.

1930 DINNER GIVEN BY SERGEI MIKHAILOVICH GORBACHEV AND RAISA MAXIMOVNA GORBACHEVA IN THE RECEPTION HOUSE OF THE SOVIET MFA. CHERNYSHEV SAID THAT THIS WOULD BE A SMALL DINNER, I.E. 4/5 ASIDE PLUS INTERPRETERS.

THE 4/5 ASIDE PLUS INTERPRETERS.

(COMMENT. THIS IS EVIDENTLY THE NEAREST WHICH THE RUSSIANS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO COME TO MEETING OUR REQUEST FOR AN INFORMAL CHEQUERS-TYPE OCCASION. IT IS NOT IDEAL: BUT GORBACHEV DOES NOT, SO FAR AS WE KNOW DISPOSE OF A CHEQUERS-EQUIVALENT TO WHICH FOREIGN VISITORS ARE INVITED. THIS "FAMILY SUPPER", DESPITE ITS OFFICIAL VENUE, IS TO MY KNOWLEDGE UNPRECEDENTED IN THE PROGRAMMES OF FOREIGN VISITORS SINCE GORBACHEV TOOK OFFICE: I WOULD THEREFORE RATE IT A GOOD TRY).

WEDNESDAY, 1 APRIL

0930 FAREWELL CEREMONY IN THE ST GOERGE'S HALL OF THE KREMLIN (AS FOR ARRIVAL).

1015 FAREWELL CEREMONY AT VNUKOVO 2 AIRPORT (AS FOR ARRIVAL).

1030 DEPARTURE FROM MOSCOW FOR TBILISI IN A SPECIAL SOVIET AIRCRAFT.

(COMMENT. THE PRIME MINISTER'S VC10, PLUS CREW, WILL MAKE ITS WAY TO TBILISI SEPARATELY).

1405 (TBILISI TIME - ONE HOUR LATER THAN MOSCOW TIME) ARRIVAL IN TBILISI.

DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GEORGIAN COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

WREATH LAYING AT THE TOMB OF THE THE UNKNOWN WARRIOR. (WREATH TO BE PROVIDED LOCALLY, RIBBON AND CARD TO BE BROUGHT FROM LONDON).

SIGHT-SEEING IN TBILISI.

TRIP TO MTSKHETA (HISTORIC CENTRE OF GEORGIAN CHRISTIANITY).

DINNER GIVEN BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GEORGIAN SSR (SPEECHES).

2200 DEPARTURE FROM TBILISI DIRECT TO LONDON BY VC10 (THE FLIGHT WILL GAIN FOUR HOURS, VIS-A-VIS LONDON TIME, EN ROUTE).

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

13 March 1987

Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's Visit to the Soviet Union :
Arrival Arrangements

As promised in their telno 339, our Embassy in Moscow have now sent the attached details of the standard Soviet procedure for the arrival of senior official visitors.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs have promised to let the Embassy have their ideas on the departure arrangements as soon as possible and these will be passed on to us by telegram.

Yours ever,

(L Parker)
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
No 10 Downing St

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ARRIVAL CEREMONY FOR VIP VISITORS

1) Aircraft halts in front of airport terminal (Vnukovo II).

2) A representative of the British side (eg the Ambassador) enters the aircraft to explain the arrival procedures to the Prime Minister.

3) Prime Minister decides whether she will come down the aircraft steps alone or accompanied by eg HMA. Prime Minister followed by party descend steps onto tarmac.

4) Prime Minister introduced to main hosts by HMA and Ambassador Chernyshev (Head of Protocol Department, MFA).

5) Prime Minister accompanied by Soviet hosts walks to Guard of Honour and stands while order given by officer for Guard to present arms.

6) Prime Minister and hosts stand while both National Anthems are played by military band. The UK National Anthem will be played first.

7) Prime Minister walks with senior Soviet hosts to inspect Guard of Honour.

8) Prime Minister thanks officer commanding Guard of Honour.

9) Prime Minister and senior Soviet hosts walk across to meet other members of reception committee (introduced by Ambassador Chernyshev, Head of Protocol).

10) Prime Minister and Soviet reception committee stand for march past of Guard of Honour.

11) Prime Minister and party walk to cavalcade and get in cars.

S. J. KEAT

Enc sent to Dept 26/3 with request to return

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From the Private Secretary

12 March 1987

I attach a copy of a letter the Prime Minister has received from Mr. S.J. Keat of Joyce-Loebl.

I should be grateful if you could provide a draft reply for Private Secretary signature. It would be helpful if this could reach me by Thursday 26 March.

I am copying this letter and enclosure to Lyn Parker (Foreign and Commonwealth Office).

(CHARLES POWELL)

Paul Steeples, Esq.,
Department of Trade and Industry.

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FOR CONFERENCE SECTION

FCO TELNO 293: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: POSSIBLE VISIT TO GEORGIA

CLIMATE

1. THE CLIMATE IN TBILISI DURING APRIL IS CHANGEABLE ALTERNATING BETWEEN SUNSHINE AND SUDDEN CLOUD BURSTS. THE AVERAGE TEMPERATURE IS 13.4DEGS C BUT TEMPERATURES OF 20 DEGS C ARE NOT UNKNOWN.

CLOTHING

2. LIKE MOSCOW THE OFFICIAL ENTERTAINMENT IN GEORGIA (ALMOST CERTAINLY LUNCH) WILL REQUIRE DRESS AS FOR A SMARTISH EVENT IN LONDON.

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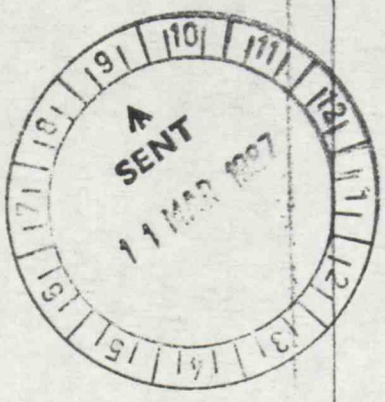

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: MEETING WITH HEAD OF PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT

1. I HAD A USEFUL FIRST MEETING ON 10 MARCH WITH CHERNYSHEV, HEAD OF PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT. IN RUNNING THROUGH SOME OF THE PROTOCOL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE VISIT CHERNYSHEV PROVIDED SOME PRELIMINARY INDICATIONS OF THE EVENTUAL SHAPE OF THE PROGRAMME.

2. CHERNYSHEV MADE THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC COMMENTS IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTIONS:

(I) ARRIVAL CEREMONY

HE WENT THROUGH THE DETAILS OF THE ARRIVAL CEREMONY (DETAILS WILL BE SENT TO PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT BY BAG) WHICH WOULD TAKE PLACE AT THE VNUKOVO 2 AIRPORT. NO SPEECHES WERE FORESEEN BY THE SOVIET SIDE

(II) ACCOMMODATION

CHERNYSHEV SAID THAT THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PARTY NOT STAYING AT THE EMBASSY WOULD PROBABLY BE ACCOMMODATED EITHER AT THE SOVIETSKAYA HOTEL (WHERE THE IPU DELEGATION STAYED, IN 1986 ON LENINGRADSKIY PROSPEKT SOME WAY FROM THE CENTRE) OR THE ROSSIYA. HE NOTED OUR STRONG PREFERENCE FOR THE LATTER AND PROMISED TO HELP.

HE UNDERTOOK TO TRY AND ENSURE THAT INGHAM AND HORNE WERE INSTALLED IN THE INTOURIST HOTEL AND PROMISED TO CHECK ON ACCOMMODATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR AIRCREW.

(III) TRANSPORT

CHERNYSHEV CONFIRMED THAT BOTH THE PRIME MINISTER AND YOU WOULD BE OFFERED SEPARATE VIP CARS. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION WOULD SHARE VEHICLES. THE SOVIET SIDE COULD NOT GIVE US THE EXACT NUMBERS OF CARS AVAILABLE UNTIL FULL DETAILS OF THE NUMBER OF THE PARTY WERE KNOWN.

(IV) PROGRAMME

ZAGORSK

CHERNYSHEV SAID THAT PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT WERE ALREADY IN TOUCH WITH THE ECCLESIASTICAL AUTHORITIES AND CONFIRMED THAT THE SOVIET SIDE WOULD MAKE THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS VISIT.

(V) MY RECEPTION (MY TELNO 297)

CHERNYSHEV SAW NO PROBLEM IN PRINCIPLE OVER THIS. ON TIMING HE SAID THAT ON PRESENT PLANS THE ONLY TIME POSSIBLE ON THE EVENING OF 29 MARCH WAS 2200 HRS. HE WONDERED WHETHER THE BRITISH COMMUNITY WOULD BE PREPARED TO ATTEND A RECEPTION AT THIS HOUR. I SAID I WAS SURE THEY WOULD BUT THAT I WOULD NATURALLY HAVE TO CONSULT THE PRIME MINISTER.

COMMENT

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THIS INDICATES EITHER THAT THE SOVIET SIDE ENVISAGE A FIRST MEETING BETWEEN THE PRIME MINISTER AND GORBACHEV ON 29 MARCH, AFTER THE VISIT TO ZAGORSK; OR THAT THEY HAVE IN MIND A VISIT TO THE BOLSHOI THAT EVENING (SWAN LAKE IS SCHEDULED) - OR BOTH. I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD ASCERTAIN FROM NO. 10 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD BE PREPARED TO SPEND AN HOUR WITH THE BRITISH COMMUNITY AT THE END OF THE DAY'S PROGRAMME. IT MAY BE THE ONLY OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM MEET HER: BUT IT WOULD BE FULLY UNDERSTOOD IF SHE THOUGHT THE HOUR TOO LATE.

(VI) WREATH

CHERNYSHEV SAID THAT WE SHOULD WORK ON THE BASIS OF THE WREATH LAYING CERMONY TAKING PLACE ON MONDAY 30 MARCH AT 9.30AM

(VII) CRYSTALLOGRPHY INSTITUTE

CHERNYSHEV CONFIRMED THAT THE SOVIET SIDE WERE MAKING ALL THE ARRANGEMENTS, ADDING THAT THE INSTITUTE WERE VERY MUCH LOOKING FORWARD TO THE VISIT.

(VIII) BRITISH SOVIET CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PLAQUE

CHERNYSHEV PROMISED TO BE IN TOUCH VERY SOON ABOUT THE DATE OF THIS OCCASION.

(IX) VISIT OUTSIDE MOSCOW

CHERNYSHEV SAID THAT IN VIEW OF THE DISTANCE AND TIME INVOLVED THE SOVIET SIDE WERE WORKING ON TBILISI AS THE VENUE FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT OUTSIDE MOSCOW. EVEN SO, ON PRESENT PLANNING SHE WOULD NOT STAY LONGER THAN 24 HOURS. WHEN I MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY OF MAKING TBILISI THE LAST PART OF THE VISIT CHERNYSHEV AGREED THAT THIS WAS FEASIBLE: THE OFFICIAL FAREWELL CEREMONY WOULD TAKE PLACE IN MOSCOW AND THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD THEN FLY TO TBILISI IN A SOVIET AIRCRAFT. THE BRITISH AIRCRAFT WOULD BE WAITING AT TBILISI TO FLY THE PRIME MINISTER DIRECT TO LONDON AT THE END OF HER STAY.

CHERNYSHEV SAID THAT SPEECHES WOULD BE EXCHANGED IN GEORGIA AT AN OFFICIAL MEAL OFFERED BY THE AUTHORITIES.

(X) GIFTS

CHERNYSHEV CONFIRMED THAT THE SOVIET PRACTICE WAS NOT FOR A PERSONAL EXCHANGE OF GIFTS: THEY WOULD BE DELIVERED EN BLOC TO THE EMBASSY AND MFA RESPECTIVELY.

(XI) MAJOR SPEECH IN MOSCOW

CHERNYSHEV SAID THAT IN ORDER FOR TRANSLATION AND REPRODUCTION TO BE COMPLETED IN GOOD TIME, THE MFA WOULD LIKE THE TEXT OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH TWO WORKING DAYS BEFORE THE EVENT: BUT HE COULD NOT YET GIVE ANY INDICATION OF WHEN IT WOULD BE.

(XII) PRESS OPPORTUNITIES

CHERNYSHEV PROMISED TO DO HIS BEST TO COMPLY WITH OUR REQUESTS FOR SUITABLE SLOTS IN THE PROGRAMME TO COVER THE TELEVISION INTERVIEW, AND THE PRESS CONFERENCES AT THE MFA PRESS CENTRE AND THE EMBASSY.

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FROM CONFERENCE SECTION
PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: POSSIBLE VISIT TO TBILISI

1. GRATEFUL FOR ADVICE ON CLIMATE AND CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS.

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Secretary to :
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Dear Sir,

We are sure we speak for all British Industry in saying we wish the Prime Minister well in her forthcoming visit to the Soviet Union.

We fully realise there are far wider topics for discussion during this important visit, but the purpose of this letter is to advise you of the suggestion we made to the British Embassy in Moscow (copy letter attached) to take advantage of the Prime Minister's contribution to science, particularly in the field of monomolecular thin films using the Langmuir Trough. On March 12, the Government will be announcing a new initiative via S.E.R.C. where £10M is being made available to stimulate research into "organic semi-conductors", "solar cells", "solid state gas detectors" and "large flat displays".

We hope that the P.R. machine may find it possible to make use of this information.

If it is practical Joyce-Loebl would be delighted if the Prime Minister could present a Mini-Trough to the Institute of Chemistry on behalf of Joyce-Loebl. If agreeable we would ship a unit immediately on instruction.

Yours faithfully,
JOYCE-LOEBL

S.J. KEAT
Managing Director

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From the Private Secretary

9 March 1987

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO MOSCOW

The Prime Minister will wish to take Mrs Amanda Ponsonby with her to Moscow, to help with her clothes and other arrangements. Mrs Ponsonby is a member of the No.10 Political Office. I should be grateful if you could add her name to the delegation list and inform the Ambassador in Moscow. Mrs Ponsonby should stay in the Residence.

Charles Powell

Lyn Parker Esq
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

PERSONAL

PRIME MINISTER

VISIT TO MOSCOW

Now that it is clear that we shall be travelling outside Moscow, I think you should decide whether to take someone with us to help you with your clothes, packing, ironing, etc. On the whole, I think this would help you, although would not be absolutely essential. The possibilities are Amanda, Crawfie or even a guest reappearance of Caroline Ryder. Perhaps you could let me know in due course what you think so that we can complete the numbers for the Moscow party.

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Amanda - if she would like to come

(C. D. POWELL)
5 March 1987

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Visit to Moscow.

The Embassy are trying to ~~co~~ organise the arival arrangements.

Can I confirm our departure time as 1230? (This would give an E.T.A. 1910 local).

Julie

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From the Private Secretary

5 March 1987

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO MOSCOW: EVENTS OUTSIDE THE OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

I have seen a copy of Moscow telegram number 297 which raises a number of points about the programme for the Prime Minister's visit to Moscow.

The Prime Minister will be very content for the Ambassador to give a reception at the Embassy for her to meet resident British businessmen, journalists, teachers, students and members of the Embassy staff. She agrees that arrangements for a meeting with Doctor and Mrs Sakharov should be left until the last moment, and that the meeting should take place after she has seen Mr Gorbachev (or at least had a first meeting with him).

The same applies to the proposed meeting with the Refuseniks. The Prime Minister will be very happy to make the award to Mr Begun. She would be guided by the Ambassador's advice on other participants, although has mentioned in particular the name of Ida Nudel, with whose case she has had a particular connection. She agrees that the total number should be kept small.

C D POWELL

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4 March 1987

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Dear Charles

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO MOSCOW

I understand that Ian Jones spoke to you about the possibility of the Prime Minister saying something on the subject of small firms whilst she is in Moscow. Some of the Eastern block countries have been showing a growing interest in this subject in recent years, notably Hungary.

... I enclose a short speaking note for you to consider. It tends to refer to "enterprises" rather than "businesses". We could, of course, supply a rather longer piece if it seemed worthwhile.

Yours sincerely

John Turner

J TURNER
Principal Private Secretary

The United Kingdom economy has returned in recent years to a position of strength. An important contribution to this revival has been made by the small firms that constitute 96% of all UK firms. We have placed great emphasis in our economic policies on measures to strengthen and encourage small enterprises.

Small enterprises are an essential source of vigour and vitality in an economy. They are innovative. The absence of long lines of management permits decisions to introduce new products and processes to be taken quickly. Many of the advances of recent years have come from individuals with the freedom to develop their ideas that small enterprises give.

They are also efficient. Small firms do not carry the overheads of large organisations - they have to keep costs down. They react quickly to the changing needs of their customers and contribute to the efficiency of those they supply by their flexibility. And their ability to identify niche markets brings much needed variety in goods and services

Most important of all, small enterprises give individuals the opportunity to use their talents and the incentive to do so. People can associate the effects they make with the rewards they receive. This adds to the wealth of the community as a whole and is to the benefit of all.

The Government's support for small enterprises has not been mere words. People who wish to start up a business are offered training in how to run it and continuing advice and counselling once they have done so. There are now substantial support services for people running their own enterprises.

The result of the encouragement given to people and their willingness to take the opportunities available has been a steady growth in the number of new enterprises. Since 1979, there has been a surplus of new businesses starting up over those ceasing.

On average there has been an increase of 500 new enterprises each week. And the number of people who are self-employed has increased from 1.9 million in 1979 to 2.7 million in 1986.

Small enterprises have also made a very valuable contribution to employment creation. Between 1982 and 1984, an additional 1 million extra jobs were created in firms employing less than 20 people. This was more than enough to offset the decline in employment in large firms over the period.

People working on a small scale in their onw enterprises are, then, an increasingly significant part of the UK economy. Enterprises operating on a small scale have the ability to innovate and to motivate. It is our intention to encourage further growth in this sector with the benefits in increased efficiency, wealth creation and employment creation that this will bring.

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PRIME MINISTER

VISIT TO MOSCOW

Bryan Cartledge has asked for your agreement to a number of points about your programme in Moscow:

1. Reception for the British Community

Bryan would like to give a reception at the Embassy for you to meet resident British businessmen, British journalists, teachers, students, and members of the Embassy staff. This would probably be on the Sunday, 29 March.
Agree? Yes

2. Meeting with the Sakharovs

The Embassy have been in touch with Dr. Sakharov to say that you will be in Moscow and hope to meet him and his wife. Bryan's suggestion is that the precise time should be arranged at the last minute to avoid provoking the Russians, and that the meeting should take place after rather than before you have seen Mr. Gorbachev. This points to the latter part of the programme.
Agree? Yes

3. Meeting with refuseniks

You asked for an opportunity to meet a number of refuseniks. Bryan strongly recommends that this should be a small meeting, otherwise the Russians will regard it as a demonstration and a provocative media event. He proposes that you should receive Mr. and Mrs. Begun (you could present him with the All-party Committee's award), a representative of Jewish Women (perhaps Ida Nudel), and Professor Lerner. Once again, Bryan recommends that the meeting should only take place once the programme is well under way.
Agree? Yes mf

C.D.P

CDP

4 March, 1987.

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From the Private Secretary

4 March, 1987.

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION: INTERPRETING

Thank you for your letter of 3 March about the interpreting arrangements during the Prime Minister's visit to the Soviet Union.

The Prime Minister will be perfectly content to rely on Mr. Uspensky for her meeting with Mr. Gorbachev, always assuming that Mr. Uspensky himself is willing to translate in both directions. She also agrees that we should take Mr. Richard Pollock as our main interpreter for our other meetings. She is grateful for the offer of Mr. Pollock's help with coaching for the passage of her speech which she wishes to deliver in Russian. I will be in touch about this (once we have a draft speech).

(C.D. Powell)

Lyn Parker, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Private Secretary

Also – can we go firm on TBILISI ?

M Llewellyn Smith 4/3

FOLLOWING FOR HEAD OF SOVIET DEPARTMENT

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: EVENTS OUTSIDE OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

1. IN THE CONTINUING ABSENCE OF INDICATIONS FROM THE SOVIET SIDE ON EVEN THE OUTLINE OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S PROGRAMME (I PRODDED USPENSKY AGAIN TODAY, 3 MARCH, WITHOUT RESULT) IT WILL BE HELPFUL TO HAVE DEFINITE APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE FOR THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS SO THAT THEY CAN BE FIRMED UP, IN TERMS OF DATES AND TIMES, AT VERY SHORT NOTICE:

I) RECEPTION FOR BRITISH COMMUNITY (MY TELNO 158). CAN YOU CONFIRM THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD BE CONTENT FOR ME TO HOLD A RECEPTION AT WHICH SHE COULD MEET RESIDENT BRITISH BUSINESSMEN, BRITISH JOURNALISTS AND MEMBERS OF MY STAFF? THE MOST LIKELY DATE FOR THIS WOULD BE SUNDAY, 29 MARCH, BUT THIS WILL DEPEND, E.G. ON WHETHER THE FIRST MEETING WITH GORBACHEV TAKES PLACE ON THAT DAY.

(+ a few British teachers/students)

II) MEETING WITH THE SAKHAROVS. WE ARE GETTING IN TOUCH WITH SAKHAROV TO TELL HIM THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WILL BE IN MOSCOW FROM (WE HOPE) 28 MARCH TO 1 APRIL AND THAT SHE HOPES THAT SAKHAROV AND MRS BONNER WILL BE ABLE TO CALL ON HER AT THE EMBASSY DURING THAT PERIOD AT A TIME TO BE ARRANGED, PROBABLY AT THE LAST MINUTE. IT WOULD IN MY VIEW BE INADVISABLE FOR THE PRIME MINISTER TO MEET SAKHAROV BEFORE HER OFFICIAL PROGRAMME HAS BEGUN, I.E. BEFORE SHE HAS MET GORBACHEV: THIS COULD GIVE HER SOVIET HOSTS AN ODD IMPRESSION OF OUR PRIORITIES AND CAUSE UNNECESSARY IRRITATION. IT SHOULD PROVE POSSIBLE TO FIND A SLOT FOR THE SAKHAROVS ON 30 OR 31 MARCH.

III) REFUSENIKS. THIS WILL, OF COURSE, BE AN EVEN MORE SENSITIVE ENCOUNTER. I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT IT SHOULD BE A PURELY SYMBOLIC ONE AND THAT THE NUMBER OF REFUSENIKS INVOLVED SHOULD BE VERY SMALL. ANY GROUP OF MORE THAN, SAY, 4 WOULD BE REGARDED BY THE RUSSIANS AS A DEMONSTRATION AND AS A PROVOCATIVE MEDIA EVENT. MY SUGGESTION, THEREFORE, IS THAT THE PRIME MINISTER SHOULD RECEIVE MR AND MRS BEGUN (TO WHOM SHE COULD PRESENT THE ALL-PARTY COMMITTEE'S AWARD), ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE "JEWISH WOMEN AGAINST REFUSAL" GROUP (YOUR TELNO 246) AND PERHAPS PROFESSOR LERNER. FROM THE WOMEN'S GROUP, WE HAVE

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DIRECT CONTACT WITH INNA IOFFE AND CONSIDER THAT SHE WOULD BE A SUITABLE CHOICE TO REPRESENT THE GROUP: BUT YOU MAY WISH TO CHECK THIS AT THE LONDON END, WHILE EMPHASISING THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO RECEIVE MORE THAN ONE REPRESENTATIVE. AS WITH THE SAKHAROVS, IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT FOR THIS ENCOUNTER TO TAKE PLACE ONLY WHEN THE OFFICIAL PROGRAMME IS WELL UNDER WAY: AND THIS, AGAIN POINTS TO A VERY LAST-MINUTE ARRANGEMENT.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

CDP
4/3

3rd March, 1987.

My dear Charles.

I am replying to your letter of 2nd March to Robert Fellowes, which I have laid before The Queen. Her Majesty is pleased to give her permission for the Prime Minister to be absent from the country between 28th March and 1st April to visit the Soviet Union.

Yours ever,

Ken.

(KENNETH SCOTT)

Charles Powell, Esq.

PM TOURS: Soviet Union: Sept 1980.

(1) CDP

Prime Minister
Agree:
- to use just the Soviet interpreter in your meeting with Mr. Gorbachev.
- to take Mr. Pollock (rather than Mr. Bishop whom you used last time) for your other meetings?

Dear Charles, CDP 4/3

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

3 March 1987

Prime Minister's Visit to Soviet Union: Interpreting

In your letter of 5 February you mentioned interpreting arrangements for the Prime Minister's visit.

I agree that we can rely on the Soviet interpreter for the restricted meetings with Mr Gorbachev. Mr Uspensky, Mr Gorbachev's usual interpreter, is competent and reliable.

As you say, this suggests that we may need to take only one interpreter. But, if you agree, we would prefer to wait until we have a clearer idea of the final programme before taking a final decision on this. There may be points in the programme where the Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary have separate engagements each of which requires a British interpreter.

We would like to propose Mr Richard Pollock as the main interpreter. He is top class and a highly experienced operator. He accompanied Lord Whitelaw and the IPU delegation to Moscow in May and won praise from all concerned. He subsequently did an excellent job in interpreting at Sir Geoffrey Howe's meeting with Mr Shevardnadze in Vienna in October.

If it proves necessary to have a second interpreter, we would propose to take Tony Bishop from the FCO.

You told us in your letter of 17 February that the Prime Minister would want to say something in Russian in her speech, and on television. We would propose that Richard Pollock should coach the Prime Minister in this. He is a trained teacher of Russian and his pronunciation is excellent.

Yours ever,

Lyn Parker

(L Parker)
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
PS/10 Downing Street

PM TOURS ABROAD: Visit to Soviet Union: Sept., 1986

10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON SW1A 2AA

From the Private Secretary

2 March 1987

The Prime Minister intends to visit the Soviet Union from 28 March to 1 April at the invitation of the Soviet authorities.

I should be grateful if you would seek The Queen's permission for the Prime Minister to be absent from the country on these dates.

CHARLES POWELL

Robert Fellowes, Esq., L.V.O., C.B.

Nan GREIFER file
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10 DOWNING STREET

LONDON SW1A 2AA

From the Private Secretary

27 February 1987

I enclose a copy of a letter to the Prime Minister from the editor of "Jews in the USSR". As you will see, she in turn encloses a letter from 11 refuseniks in Moscow who ask whether the Prime Minister could meet them during her visit.

At the end of the seminar on the visit to the Soviet Union this afternoon, the Prime Minister mentioned to Sir Bryan Cartledge that she would like if possible to meet some representatives of the Jewish community discreetly and informally during her visit. It may well be that the group referred to in this letter are not particularly appropriate. But you will wish to take account of Sir Bryan Cartledge's advice on the broader point about such a meeting before letting me have a draft reply.

(Charles Powell)

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Lyn Parker, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON SW1A 2AA

From the Private Secretary

27 February 1987

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you for your letter of 26 February enclosing a further letter from the group "Jewish Women Against Refusal". I will bring this to the Prime Minister's attention and let you have a reply as soon as possible.

(Charles Powell)

Ms. Nan Greifer.

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PRIME MINISTERS VISIT TO MOSCOW: COMMUNICATIONS

1. WE WISH TO ARRANGE A TELEPHONE PW BETWEEN THE NO 10 SWITCHBOARD AND THE EMBASSY SWITCHBOARD FOR THE DURATION OF THE ABOVE VISIT.

2. AN ORDER FOR THIS CIRCUIT HAS BEEN PLACED WITH BTI TO PROVIDE THE PW FROM 0001 HOURS 28 MARCH UNTIL 2359 HOURS 1 APRIL 1987.

3. GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD PLACE RECIPROCAL ORDER WITH THE SOVIET PTT AND IN DUE COURSE, SETTLE THEIR BILL LOCALLY. IT SHOULD THEN BE PASSED TO ME PLEASE TO ARRANGE REPAYMENT TO THE FCO.

4. CTSD HANSLOPE ARE SENDING YOU A SUITABLE RELAY SET TO ALLOW CONNECTION OF THE PW TO YOUR SWITCHBOARD.

5. SECURE SPEECH. IF REQUIRED, VISITORS WILL USE YOUR BRAHMS. THEY WILL BRING THEIR OWN KEY MATERIAL.

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10 DOWNING STREET
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From the Private Secretary 27 February 1987

Dear Lyn.

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION: VISIT OUTSIDE MOSCOW

Thank you for your letter of 27 February about the Prime Minister's visit outside Moscow during her visit to the Soviet Union. I think that we can now settle firmly for Tbilisi and I should be grateful if you could inform Sir Bryan Cartledge of this.

yours sincerely

Charles Powell

(Charles Powell)

Lyn Parker, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

27 February 1987

Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's Visit to the Soviet Union: Visit outside Moscow

Our Embassy in Moscow have told us that the Soviet Ministry of Foreign Affairs has said that Novosibirsk has to be ruled out as a candidate for a visit by the Prime Minister. It is too far away. They have no problem in principle with a visit to either Tbilisi or Erevan.

The Soviet authorities have not yet been able to give our Embassy any details of the programme they propose for the Prime Minister's visit. It might help to speed this up if we were to resolve now the question of where the out of Moscow visit should be. I should be grateful to know the Prime Minister's views on this. Sir Bryan Cartledge's advice, which we endorse, is that Tbilisi would be a more attractive choice for a visit than Erevan.

Yours ever,

Lyn Parker

(L Parker)
Private Secretary

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26th February 1987

The Right Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher,
Prime Minister,
10 Downing Street,
London, S.W.1.

Dear Prime Minister,

I am enclosing this letter from eleven refuseniks in Moscow which reached me this morning by "special messenger". I also enclose the note addressed to me with the request to pass on the correspondence to you.

If there is any additional information I can give you, I shall be only too happy to do so.

It would also be possible for me to pass on a message, should you consider it useful.

I remain,
Yours truly,

Nan Greifer

NAN GREIFER
EDITOR "JEWS IN THE USSR"

ENCS.

TRANSLATION:

MOSCOW

13 February 1987

Dear Mrs. Thatcher,

We welcome your visit to the Soviet Union!

Our group, "Jewish Women Against Refusal" would be most happy if we could meet you during your visit in Moscow at whatever time is convenient to you.

Elena Dubianskaya
Oksana Kholmianskaya
Mara Balashinskaya
Rimma Yakir
Ada Lvovskaya
Evgenya Lukatskaya
Rosa Ioffe
Inna Ioffe
Elena Klots
Tatiana Ulanovskaya
Zoya Kopelman

Москва, 13 янв.
1987 г.

Уважаемая миссис Тэтчер!

Мы приветствуем Ваш приезд в Советский Союз!

Наша группа „Еврейские женщины против отказа" будет рада встретиться с Вами во время Вашего визита в Москву в любое удобное для Вас время.

Елена Дубянская
Оксана Холмянская
Мара Балашинская
Римма Ажип
Ада Львовская
Евгения Лукацкая
Роза Ходже
Инна Ходоре
Елена Клоц
Татьяна Улановская
Зоя Копельман

Ян, дорогая! 13.02.87

Посылаем Вам приглашение для миссис Тэтчер. Пожалуйста, переведите его на английский язык и в соответствии с протоколом, пожалуйста, если будет возможность, перешлите это письмо нашему другу и Вашему Премьер-Министру. Наше письмо вы можете приложить к Вашему переводу.

Целую Вас.

Лена

TRANSLATION:

13 February 1987

Dear Nan,

We are sending you our invitation to Mrs. Thatcher. Please translate it into English and transmit it to your Prime Minister, whom we regard as our friend, through the appropriate channels.

Kisses,

Lena

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PRIME MINISTER

VISIT TO MOSCOW

You may just like to have a note of various meetings and engagements in your diary which are relevant to the preparation of your visit to Moscow:

Monday 9 March	Meeting with the Chief Rabbi to discuss the plight of Soviet Jewry.
Tuesday 10 March	Meeting with the Energy Secretary to discuss what he learnt from his own visit, and what might be said about energy matters during your talks in the Soviet Union.
Tuesday 10 March	1½ hours set aside for further discussion of the objectives of the visit.
Tuesday 10 March	Meeting with the Soviet Ambassador.
Saturday 14 March	Lunch at Chequers with General Abrahamson.
Thursday 19 March	Meeting with Mr. Gordievsky.
Monday 23 March	Meeting with Mr. Orlov.
Thursday 26 March	Briefing meeting for Moscow visit.
Friday 27 March	Whole day set aside for preparations for Moscow visit.

CDP

(C. D. POWELL)
26 February 1987

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10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON SW1A 2AA

From the Private Secretary

25 February 1987

Dear Tony,

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION

As you know, Professor Bialer of Columbia University is attending the Prime Minister's seminar on the Soviet Union on 27 February. He came in today for a preliminary talk with her, to convey some thoughts about her visit and the background to it. He is just back from the Soviet Union, where he seems to have had some interesting contacts including talks with Shevardnadze and with Chernayev (for whom he has a particularly high regard). I suspect that he probably told a number of his Russian interlocutors that he would be attending a meeting to discuss the Prime Minister's visit.

Bialer asked for his remarks to be treated in confidence. He did not want to reveal all of them to the wider audience at the Seminar. I should be grateful if recipients of this letter would not let him know that they have had an account of his talks with the Prime Minister (even though I suspect that he said much of it at Chatham House).

Developments in the Soviet Union

Bialer said that he had been studying Communism for 30 years and had paid innumerable visits to the Soviet Union, including several since Gorbachev came to power. Until his most recent visit, he had been deeply sceptical about the prospects of significant change and reform. Now he had radically revised his opinion. He believed that, as of last autumn, Gorbachev had decided that there was no alternative to far-reaching reform if the Soviet Union were not to enter the 21st century as a second-rate power. The way in which he had responded was significant. Although there was a great deal of talk about economic reform, nothing of any significance had yet happened. Instead, Gorbachev was following Tito's dictum: in Communist systems you cannot have economic reforms, only political reforms with economic consequences. His approach was to use the commentators in Soviet society to go over the heads of the managers and the bureaucrats in an attempt to mobilise the people. His purpose was to squeeze the bureaucrats to change their ways, and to prepare both politically and socially for the moment when he did have a blue-print for economic reform. At the same time he believed

Gorbachev wanted to create a 'civil society' in which autonomous bodies such as the Writers Union and others had a greater role. This too was part of his fight against the bureaucracy. We were witnessing, without really appreciating it, a formidable political struggle in the Soviet Union. The odds were overwhelmingly against Gorbachev succeeding. The 'liberals' were a very small minority; and greater open-ness was as likely to give free rein to crass Russian nationalists and ideological hawks as to modern-minded reformers. But Gorbachev had clearly decided that he had no option but to press on. He cited Gorbachev's attitude to the Alma Ata riots: they show that we have to move faster and implement reform before it is too late.

Prime Minister's Visit

Bialer said that he had heard a lot about the Prime Minister's visit from his contacts, particularly with Shevardnadze and Chernayev. By their account, Gorbachev was very impressed by the Prime Minister personally, particularly her knowledge and her practicality. He saw her as the only European leader who carried credibility in the United States. He believed that the position she took on any major issue during their talks or following them would carry major influence both with the US Administration and with Congress. The current paralysis in Washington added to the importance of the Prime Minister's visit in Gorbachev's eyes.

Bialer continued that Gorbachev would try to convince the Prime Minister of his sincerity in seeking fundamental changes in Soviet society. He would do so for two reasons: because he really was trying to bring about such change and because he believed the Prime Minister was more likely to be persuaded that useful agreements could be reached with the Soviet Union if she was first brought to believe that internal change was genuine. In practice, foreign policy had so far changed only in words not in deeds. But there was a good deal more debate than before about issues such as Afghanistan. He did not know whether Gorbachev would eventually bite the bullet and accept defeat in Afghanistan although thought that he might do so. Gorbachev faced a problem very like that experienced by General de Gaulle in 1940: "I was too weak to show weakness". Faced with a hostile and grumbling party bureaucracy at home, he could not afford to show weakness in the Soviet Union's external policies.

Bialer expected the improvement in the Soviet Union's performance on human rights to continue. The current weakness of the United States actually made this easier, since the more liberal attitude could not be ascribed to US pressure. Moreover, Gorbachev understood the public relations dimensions of the problem. It was silly to create martyrs. Anyway the dissidents did not pose any sort of threat. They were utopian. Bialer expected up to 20,000 Jews to be allowed to emigrate over the next two or three years. He had seen a draft of changes to Soviet law which would get rid of such crimes as agitation against the state.

Bialer said that arms control would inevitably play a large part in the Prime Minister's discussions. The Soviet authorities no longer took SDI as originally conceived by President Reagan in his March 1983 speech seriously. Even so they were worried about space weapons and point defence. While some experts were arguing that limited strategic defence could make a contribution to stability, the leadership remained firmly opposed to it. The point on which they were most likely to tackle the Prime Minister was a need to strengthen the ABM Treaty. They would try hard to get her to agree that it would be wrong for the United States to adopt the "broad" interpretation of that Treaty. However, if the United States were nonetheless to take that step, the Soviet Union would not leave the Geneva negotiations or refuse to deal with the US Administration. Shevardnadze had told him that the Soviet Union would never again repeat the stupidity of its tactics over the INF negotiations. Bialer did not expect the Russians to agree to a further summit with President Reagan, but suggested they would be interested in trying to reach an understanding on principles which would guide continuing arms control negotiations. They would expect the Prime Minister to ask them to break the link between START/INF and the SDI but would be very negative in reply. They saw no reason to reward President Reagan, particularly in his present helpless state. The Russians were, however, reconciled to Trident modernisation going ahead and recognised that they would not achieve any restraints on this in negotiations.

The Soviet attitude to elections in the United Kingdom was schizophrenic. On the one hand they saw advantage in a Labour victory because of the major problems that would create for the Alliance. But the predominant view was in favour of stability in the external environment so that reform at home could go on undisturbed and therefore wanted to see the Conservative Government re-elected.

Personalities

Bialer had quite a lot to say about personalities, particularly in the foreign affairs field. The new leadership had changed the system for managing defence and foreign policy, transferring policy making from the state institutions to the party. Key decisions were now made in the Central Committee machinery, which had a body not unlike the NSC. Chernayev played a particularly important role.

Commenting on a number of individuals, Bialer said that Yakovlev was Gorbachev's right-hand man and to some extent his political mentor. Yakovlev was anti-Western, anti-American and anti-free enterprise but was a strong supporter of reform within the Soviet Union, because he understood the extent of the country's decline and wanted to restore a strong Russia. Arbatov was advising Yakovlev and for the first time in his career actually had some influence (he had of course always claimed to have it). Dobrynin had been brought back to act as co-ordinator of foreign policy, defence and intelligence but had failed completely in that role. He had lived and worked

too long abroad and was not a political infighter. The head of the Administration Council of the Central Committee had taken over responsibility for co-ordinating defence and intelligence issues, working closely with Yakovlev and Chernayev. Shevardnadze had grown enormously in influence and now overshadowed Dobrynin. Ligachev carried considerable weight, but it was interesting that Gorbachev had removed from him responsibility for personnel matters which were being supervised instead by Razumukovsky (?) who was an old political ally of Gorbachev from Stavropol. Chernayev was much more of a political animal than his predecessor Aleksandrov-Agentov had been. He was also particularly outspoken, not hiding his conviction that Soviet involvement in Afghanistan had been a serious mistake, nor his scepticism about Soviet ventures in Africa. He was a close ally of Yakovlev. Zamyatin was of no influence whatsoever: it was surprising that he had been appointed to London.

Bialer made a number of points on the military and the KGB. People in the West tended to confuse two distinct elements when discussing the importance of defence and security in politics in the Soviet Union. There was the military factor in decision taking, which was very important. And there was the role of the military in politics which was probably at its lowest point in the post-Stalin period. There was considerable disdain for the military in the upper reaches of the party. As regards the KGB, there was talk of dividing it into two separate bodies corresponding to the CIA and the FBI. This would in fact considerably weaken it, since the KGB's prestige internally came from its intelligence operations overseas. It was also said, however, that Chebrikov had now come out in support of Gorbachev, partly in order to prevent this division being made.

A good deal of the above may be well known to experts in the office but I have recorded it for what it is worth.

I am copying this letter to John Howe (Ministry of Defence) and Trevor Woolley (Cabinet Office).

Yours ever,

Charles Powell

(CHARLES POWELL)

A.C. Galsworthy, Esq., C.M.G.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

NOTE FOR THE FILE

cc Miss Robilliard

MOSCOW

The voltage in Moscow for the Prime Minister's hair rollers is 220 volts.

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Tessa Gaisman
25 February 1987

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MOSCOW

Your reference

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Date 24 February 1987

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

1. Working Accommodation. Please refer to your telegram No 118 of 30 January in which you said that the No 10 Private Office would be in the Ambassador's study and the outer office. If the Prime Minister and Private Secretaries use the Ambassador's study and the two Duty Clerks (plus photocopier) are in the outer office, we will, I am afraid, need an extra office close by for the three No 10 Secretarial Assistants. Can this be arranged please.

2. Photographs. I understand the Ministry of Foreign Affairs require two official photographs of the Prime Minister for their press announcement (your telegram 232 of 20 February). Mr Horne will take these with him when he makes his reconnaissance visit to Moscow at the beginning of next week.

3. Transport. You may find the attached draft car allocation of use when planning transport requirements.

B D Davis (Miss)
Protocol Department

cc: Soviet Dept
Mr M Horne, No 10 Press Office
Duty Clerk, No 10 Downing Street

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Car No 5	Mr Ingham Mr Horne Mr Smith Embassy Official	
Car No 6	May be needed for Detectives	
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Car No 8	Miss Williams Miss Davis Embassy Security Officer Safehand boxes	
Car No 9 (minibus)	Miss Bowers Miss Ross Embassy Security Officer Safehand boxes	
Car No 10 (bus)	Press Party	
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Car No 12	Embassy Official with passports	

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Prime Minister

The attached card is for the wreath which you will lay at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Moscow.

Agree to sign?

CDP

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Miss Amanda Ross
No. 10 Duty Clerk

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO MOSCOW: MARCH/APRIL

As promised I now attach the card for the wreath which the Prime Minister will lay at the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior in Moscow duly typed in English and Russian. The card now needs to be signed by the Prime Minister.

I will take suitable ribbon for the wreath to Moscow. Do you wish me to take the card as well or will you?

Arranged for B Davis to take the card.
AR. 19/2/87

B Davis
Conference Section
Protocol Department
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19 February 1987

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Miss J Greenwood
Head of Registry
Security Department
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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO MOSCOW: 28 MARCH - 1 APRIL 1987

1. I should be grateful if you would send a suite of four safehand boxes to Mr M Harris, Room 1, Downing Street West, by Friday 27 March marked "Prime Minister's Visit to Moscow; to be transported on the RAF VC10".

2. Three keys for the suite should be sent to Miss J Bowers, Duty Clerk, No 10 Downing Street and one to me no later than Wednesday 18 March.

B D Davis (Miss)
Protocol Department
210 6374

19 February 1987

cc: Mr M Harris, Security Department
Miss J Bowers) No 10
Miss A Ross) Duty Clerks

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From the Private Secretary

17 February 1987

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO MOSCOW

The Prime Minister is keen to say some words in Russian - perhaps a paragraph or so - both in her speech at the lunch or dinner which the Soviet government will give in her honour, and possibly also on television. This will mean not only having a short text ready, but some-one to coach her in pronunciation. I realise that we cannot take this much further yet: but you will want to bear it in mind.

(Charles Powell)

Lyn Parker, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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From the Private Secretary

13 February, 1987.

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO MOSCOW: SAKHAROV

I should record that Lord Bethell knows about the Prime Minister's wish to meet the Sakharovs during her visit to Moscow. Despite my request to him to be discreet, he tells me that he has mentioned it to Dr. Sakharov on the telephone in recent days, so presumably the Russians now know of it. This is awkward since I recall that Bryan Cartledge had not intended to tell them until nearer the time.

Bethell mentioned that the Sakharovs would be leaving Moscow for a holiday on 15 March, though Dr. Sakharov had said that he would of course return to Moscow for a meeting with the Prime Minister. Nonetheless, it would probably be as well for Bryan Cartledge to discuss arrangements with them before they go on holiday.

(C.D. Powell)

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From the Private Secretary

13 February 1987

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO MOSCOW: WREATH

Bette Danes has wreath card 13/2.

Thank you for your letter of 13 February proposing a wording for the card to be attached to the wreath which the Prime Minister will lay at the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior in Moscow. I agree with the wording which you propose and should be grateful if you could have it translated and typed.

(Charles Powell)

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13 February 1987

Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's Visit to Moscow: Wreath

The Prime Minister will be expected to lay a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior during her visit to Moscow. The Embassy will be able to obtain a wreath locally but have asked that the ribbon and card be brought out from London. The ribbon can be supplied by Conference Section and the Embassy suggest the following wording on the card:

> "In memory of those who gave their lives in defence of their homeland and in the allied cause during the second World War."

The card should be in English and Russian and signed by the Prime Minister.

I should be grateful to know if you agree with this wording. If so, we shall have it translated into Russian so that it can be typed prior to departure.

Yours ever,

(L Parker)
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From the Private Secretary

12 February 1987

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO MOSCOW: ACCOMMODATION

Thank you for your letter of 12 February about accommodation during the Prime Minister's visit to Moscow. I agree with what is proposed, with the minor amendment that I will go in the Attic Room and Mr. Wicks in the Flat.

Charles Powell

A. C. Galsworthy, Esq., C.M.G.,
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12 February 1987

Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's Visit to Moscow: Accommodation

The Residence in Moscow has two main guest bedrooms each with its own bathroom. There are also two further bedrooms (sharing a bathroom) on the attic floor. Staff members living in the compound could put up a further three people. This assumes that on this visit members of the party will not wish to share rooms as they did eg for President Chernenko's funeral.

On this basis a suggested allocation of accommodation is as follows:

Guest Bedroom 1	-	Prime Minister
Guest Bedroom 2	-	Secretary of State
Attic Room 1	-	Mr Wicks
Attic Room 2	-	Supt Waller
Embassy Compound Staff Flats	-	Mr Powell Mr Galsworthy PM's Personal Assistant (or if she does not travel a Duty Clerk).

(There are two further flats on the compound which could be used by members of the party, but they are self-catering. We shall ask if the Communications Officers wish to use them but do not think they would be suitable for anyone else.)

For ease of transport it will be best if the remainder of the party is accommodated at a nearby hotel, perhaps the Intourist where the press will stay.

I should be grateful to know if you agree with these suggestions.

Yours ever,

Tony Galsworthy

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From the Private Secretary

11 February 1987

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO MOSCOW:

MR. THATCHER

I have spoken to Bryan Cartledge about whether Mr. Thatcher should accompany the Prime Minister to Moscow. His advice is that, while Mr. Thatcher would be most welcome and a programme could be arranged for him, his presence would not be likely significantly to increase the involvement in the programme of Mrs. Gorbachev or change the Soviet handling of the visit as a whole. In the light of this, it has been decided that Mr. Thatcher will not accompany the Prime Minister.

I should be grateful if you would despatch the enclosed personal telegram to Sir Bryan Cartledge.

Charles Powell

A. C. Galsworthy, Esq., C.M.G.
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PERSONAL FOR AMBASSADOR FROM CHARLES POWELL, 10 DOWNING STREET

Your telegram No. 175: Prime Minister's Visit

Thank you for this assessment which was helpful. In the light of it, the Prime Minister has decided that Mr. Thatcher will not accompany her on the visit. There will, therefore, be no spouses on our side.

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FOLLOWING PERSONAL FOR CHARLES POWELL, 10 DOWNING STREET.

OUR TELECON OF 10 FEBRUARY: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT

1. WHEN I CALLED ON USPENSKY (HEAD OF SECOND EUROPEAN DEPARTMENT, MFA) ON 11 FEBRUARY TO DISCUSS VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE VISIT, USPENSKY MADE IT CLEAR THAT IF THE PRIME MINISTER WISHED MR THATCHER TO ACCOMPANY HER HE WOULD BE MOST WELCOME AND THAT THERE WOULD BE NO DIFFICULTY IN ARRANGING A SEPARATE PROGRAMME FOR HIM. I GAVE USPENSKY A GENERAL INDICATION OF MR THATCHER'S INTERESTS: A VISIT TO A FACTORY AND A SPORTS CENTRE WOULD PRESENT NO DIFFICULTY BUT IT MIGHT BE HARD, GIVEN THE TIME OF YEAR, TO FIND AN ACTUAL SPORTING EVENT WHICH WOULD NOT CLASH WITH EVENING EVENTS IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S PROGRAMME (EG A BALLET PERFORMANCE) ON WHICH MR THATCHER WOULD PRESUMABLY WISH TO ACCOMPANY HER.

2. MR THATCHER'S PRESENCE WOULD NOT, IN MY VIEW, BE LIKELY SIGNIFICANTLY TO INCREASE THE INVOLVEMENT IN THE PROGRAMME OF EITHER RAISA GORBACHEVA OR OF MRS RYZHKOVA. AN EXCEPTION TO THIS WOULD BE THE MAIN DINNER (OR LUNCH) GIVEN IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S HONOUR, WHICH MIGHT BE HOSTED EITHER BY GORBACHEV OR BY RYZHKOV: IF MR THATCHER WERE TO ACCOMPANY THE PRIME MINISTER, THE HOST'S SPOUSE WOULD OF COURSE ALSO BE PRESENT ON THAT OCCASION. IT IS PERHAPS WORTH BEARING IN MIND THAT RAISA GORBACHEVA HAS IN ANY CASE BEEN KEEPING A LOWER PROFILE LATELY, POSSIBLY AS A RESULT OF CRITICISM AT AN EARLIER STAGE THAT IT WAS TOO HIGH.

3. I TOLD USPENSKY THAT I HAD NOT YET BEEN INSTRUCTED TO CONFIRM THAT MR THATCHER WOULD DEFINITELY ACCOMPANY THE PRIME MINISTER BUT THAT I HOPED TO BE IN A POSITION TO LET HIM KNOW ONE WAY OR THE OTHER VERY SOON. I SHOULD WELCOME EARLY INSTRUCTIONS.

4. USPENSKY ASKED WHETHER LADY HOWE WOULD BE ACCOMPANYING THE SECRETARY OF STATE. I SAID I HAD NO INFORMATION OR INSTRUCTIONS ON THAT POINT.

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FOLLOWING PERSONAL FOR HEAD OF SOVIET DEPARTMENT

YOUR TELNO 139: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: VISITS OUTSIDE MOSCOW

1. I WENT OVER THE GROUND WITH USPENSKY ON 11 FEBRUARY, MAKING IT CLEAR THAT I HAD NO FIRM INSTRUCTIONS BUT WISHED SIMPLY TO EXPLORE WITH HIM, INFORMALLY, THE FEASIBILITY AND MODALITIES OF THE TWO POSSIBLE DESTINATIONS (NOVOSIBIRSK/AKADEMGORODOK AND TBILISI) WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER HAD IDENTIFIED AS HER FIRST PREFERENCES.

2. USPENSKY UNDERTOOK TO EXPLORE THESE POSSIBILITIES IN GREATER DETAIL WITH HIS PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT. HIS PRELIMINARY REACTION WAS THAT A VISIT TO NOVOSIBIRSK/AKADEMGORODOK WOULD INEVITABLY PLACE SOME CONSTRAINTS ON THE PRIME MINISTER'S PROGRAMME IN MOSCOW - TO WHICH, I HAD STRESSED, SHE ATTACHED PRIMARY IMPORTANCE. IN ADDITION TO THE FLYING TIME BETWEEN MOSCOW AND NOVOSIBIRSK, IT HAS TO BE BORNE IN MIND THAT IT TAKES BETWEEN 40 MINUTES AND ONE HOUR TO DRIVE FROM NOVOSIBIRSK TO AKADEMGORODOK: THE TIME AVAILABLE FOR VISITS AND TALKS THERE MIGHT THEREFORE BE AS LITTLE AS 1 1/2 TO 2 HOURS, GIVEN THAT A CALL OF SOME KIND IN NOVOSIBIRSK ITSELF WOULD BE INESCAPABLE. THIS WOULD BE A SMALL DIVIDEND FOR A VERY SUBSTANTIAL INVESTMENT OF TIME.

3. IN MENTIONING THE POSSIBILITY OF TBILISI, I EMPHASISED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD WISH TO BE SURE THAT A VISIT THERE WOULD NOT ADD TO THE BURDENS OF THE GEORGIAN AUTHORITIES IF THEY WERE AT THAT TIME STILL GRAPPLING WITH THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE MASSIVE AVALANCHE/FLOODS DISASTER IN WESTERN GEORGIA. USPENSKY SAID THAT HE WOULD BEAR THIS IN MIND BUT COMMENTED THAT, IN TERMS OF THE MOSCOW PROGRAMME, TBILISI WAS CLEARLY A MUCH MORE VIABLE OPTION THAN NOVOSIBIRSK. AN ADDED ADVANTAGE WOULD BE FINE SPRING WEATHER, BLOSSOM ETC: IT WOULD BE A VERY TELEGENIC VISIT.

4. I TOLD USPENSKY THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD PROBABLY PREFER NOT TO TAKE A FINAL DECISION UNTIL AT LEAST THE SKELETON OUTLINE OF HER MOSCOW PROGRAMME WAS CLEAR. USPENSKY ACCEPTED THIS AND WE LEFT IT THAT HE WOULD COME BACK TO ME WITH A MORE PRECISE ASSESSMENT OF THE LOGISTICS OF BOTH DESTINATIONS.

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9 February 1987

From the Private Secretary

Dear Tony,

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION: MR. THATCHER

Mr. Thatcher has now confirmed that he will accompany the Prime Minister on her visit to the Soviet Union in March. The Embassy will wish to give some thought to his programme. As you know, Mr. Thatcher likes to visit British companies wherever he goes and I imagine there will be some scope for this in the Soviet Union. He would also, I am sure, be willing to visit a Soviet factory or laboratory. He has expressed interest in seeing a sports centre, and perhaps being present for some sporting event. He would attach less priority to cultural occasions or visits to social welfare organisations.

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I should be grateful if the Embassy could let us have some proposals for a programme in due course.

yours ever,

Charles

CHARLES POWELL

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From the Private Secretary

9 February 1987

Dear Tony.

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION: VISITS OUTSIDE MOSCOW

Thank you for your letter of 6 February setting out the alternative possibilities for the Prime Minister's visits outside Moscow.

The Prime Minister remains torn on this. She would certainly be interested to go to Novosibirsk and Akademgorodok. She also thinks that her Soviet hosts would welcome this. But on the other hand, as you point out, it is a long way to go; and there is not much point in going if it is for only a very brief time. Of the alternatives her preference would be for Tblisi.

Perhaps the most sensible thing is to see what progress is made in Sir Bryan Cartledge's discussions with the Soviet authorities on the programme for the visit as a whole before reaching a final decision on the visit outside Moscow. Indeed I would see no harm in Sir Bryan discussing both possibilities with the Russians. That would enable us to see how much time there is likely to be available, given the absolute need for the Prime Minister to be back on the evening of Wednesday 1 April. The key point to bear in mind is that the Prime Minister will want agreement on the main aspects of the programme in Moscow - talks with Gorbachev, TV, walkabout - before committing herself on the visit outside Moscow.

Yours sincerely

CHARLES POWELL

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PRIME MINISTER

VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION: VISITS OUTSIDE MOSCOW

The Russians are now pressing to know where you would like to go outside Moscow.

You have more or less made up your mind against Baikonur (the space centre).

The attached letter sets out the pros and cons of three alternatives:

(i) Novosibirsk/Akademgorodok. Considerable interest in scientific sense. But an awful long way and would require an overnight stay.

(ii) Kiev. Much closer and reasonable interest, but very much on the beaten track.

(iii) Tblisi or Erevan. The capitals of Georgia and Armenia respectively. Reasonably close, much warmer and quite unusual to do. Recommended by my Russian Embassy contact.

Would you please tick which you prefer?

We will discuss

CDP

CHARLES POWELL

6 February 1987

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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6 Feb. January 1987

Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's Visit to the Soviet Union: Visit Outside Moscow

We spoke about this this morning, and I gather you have discussed it further with Bryan Cartledge.

It seems to boil down to either Novosibirsk/Akademgorodok or Kiev, with Tblisi or Erevan as outside runners. Here are the main points, as we see them, for the Prime Minister to have in mind in deciding.

Novosibirsk/Akademgorodok

- Large Siberian city with Soviet Union's most important collection (outside Moscow) of scientific institutes at Akademgorodok outside town.

- Thus possibility of visits to institutes and discussion with scientists on how scientific community is helping implement Gorbachev's policies.

- Economics institutes there with interesting reform-minded economists (eg Zaslavskaya).

- Exhibitions of aspects of modern life in Siberia.

- But Novosibirsk city itself unattractive, industrial town.

- Russians proud of Siberian development, and would approve visit to Russian city (Siberia part of Russian Socialist Federated Republic).

- But travel time: 4 hours 40 minutes with 3 hours time difference. Thus overnight stay required.

- Even with this, only time for a tight morning in Akademgorodok (unless of course Prime Minister willing to extend programme into Thursday 2 April). no

/Kiev

Kiev

- Republican capital of historical interest: mixture of industry, churches, markets etc.

- Good walkabout country.

- Site of Paton Electro-Welding Scientific Production Association, one of Gorbachev's favourite examples of harnessing science to industry.

- Logistics: 1½ hours flight from Moscow, could either be visit there and back to Moscow within Tuesday 31 March, or possibly visit on Wednesday 1 April and leave from there direct for London.

- On the beaten track for foreign visitors. Mr Peter Walker has been there (briefly) since Chernobyl.

- But Prime Minister would be first head of government to visit Kiev since Chernobyl, and, we believe, first British head of government ever to do so.

- Ukraine a major Slav Republic near to Soviet heartland.

- Weather likely to be better than Novosibirsk.

Tblisi/Erevan

If the Prime Minister does not like either of these alternatives, Tblisi and Erevan should not be wholly discounted. We think it better to go somewhere closer to the Soviet heartland and less obviously touristic. But they are both capitals of important republics with strong national traditions and plenty of things to see. Erevan is perhaps less visited by Westerners than Tblisi and consequently worth considering. This of course is the spiritual centre of the Armenian people, whose national church (well worth seeing) is at Echmiadzin outside the city of Erevan.

Yours ever,

Tony Galsworthy

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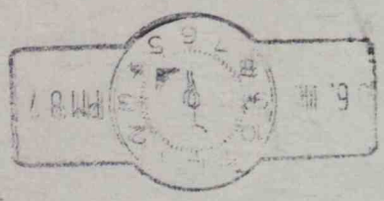

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From the Private Secretary

6 February 1987

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO MOSCOW: CONCORDE

I promised to have a word with the Prime Minister about the possibility of using Concorde for her visit to Moscow. As I suspected, she does not want to pursue this.

(C. D. POWELL)

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From the Private Secretary

5 February 1987

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION

Thank you for your letter of 4 February about the No. 10 party which will accompany the Prime Minister to the Soviet Union. Those so far nominated are:

Mr. Nigel Wicks	Principal Private Secretary
Mr. Charles Powell	Private Secretary
Mr. Bernard Ingham	Chief Press Secretary
Mr. Michael Horne	Press Officer
Miss Julie Bowers	Duty Clerk
Miss Amanda Ross	"
Mrs. Deborah Ailes	Personal Secretary
Mrs. Elizabeth Lambert	"
Miss Sally Hayter	"
Supt. Michael Waller	Detective
+ 3 Detectives	

I do not yet know whether Mr. Thatcher will accompany the Prime Minister but will try to establish this next week. The Prime Minister may also wish to take a Personal Assistant to help with her clothes. Again I shall let you know next week.

As regards interpretation, I am inclined to think that, for the restricted meetings with Mr. Gorbachev, we could rely on the Soviet interpreter, so as to reduce numbers to a minimum. Bryan Cartledge shares this view and would of course himself be present to check any problems. That suggests that we need take only one interpreter. I leave it to you to advise who would be best.

I will try to discuss the question of Concorde with the Prime Minister. I rather doubt that we shall want to use it.

Take-off on Saturday 28 March can be arranged for midday as you propose.

Charles Powell

A. C. Galsworthy, Esq., C.M.G.,
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PRIME MINISTER

VISIT TO MOSCOW: CONCORDE

I understand that British Airways have put out some feelers to establish whether you would wish to use Concorde for your visit to the Soviet Union. I do not see any great advantage in this. It cannot fly supersonically between here and Moscow, so will not reduce the journey time (though it might cut something off the journey time on internal journeys within the Soviet Union). Moreover, Concorde is not a new sight in Moscow: the French have already taken it there. And of course the RAF will be very disappointed.

My inclination is therefore to advise against using Concorde. Agree?

Yes

CDP

Charles Powell

5 February 1987

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Mr. CHARLES POWELL

MR. THATCHER o.r.

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION

The dates for the Prime Minister's visit to the Soviet Union are now settled for 28 March to 1 April inclusive. It would be helpful to know in due course whether you would propose to accompany the Prime Minister. As I am sure you will understand, the scope for arranging a separate programme in the Soviet Union is rather more limited than in a number of places (I do not think we can fix a guided tour of KGB headquarters!). But we could certainly set up meetings with British business representatives in Moscow and no doubt visits to Soviet factories, museums and collective farms (to look at collective cows!). The visit is likely to attract considerable press and television coverage in this country.

I should be grateful if you would let me know what you think.

C.D.P.

CDP

1. It is considered that I should go

Charles Powell

5 February 1987

2. Programme as per usual. Work as priority. Try and keep "culture" and "welfare" to a minimum

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It might be an idea to visit a Sports Centre or a sports club.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

4 February 1987

Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's Visit to the Soviet Union

It would be helpful to have fairly soon the names of No 10 staff, including press officers, duty clerks, personal assistants and detectives, who will be accompanying the Prime Minister to Moscow.

The Foreign Secretary expects to be accompanied only by myself, a personal assistant, and two detectives. I have already mentioned plans to take a Conference Officer and two Communications officers.

We will need also to settle the arrangements for interpretation. I understand that you have already discussed these informally with Sir Bryan Cartledge. If it turns out that there will only be a need for a single interpreter on our side during the visit we would propose Richard Pollock of Bradford University, who interpreted for Lord Whitelaw in Moscow last year. He is the best interpreter available and fully cleared. If a need for two interpreters arised during parts of the programme, the Foreign Secretary would propose to bring Tony Bishop of our Research Department as well.

British Airways in Moscow have put out some feelers about the Prime Minister possibly using Concorde. I understand you are not enthusiastic about this. Unless you see positive advantage in it, we will not take it any further.

It would be helpful to know what time to arrange for take-off on Saturday 28 March, so as to be able to make the necessary arrangements with the RAF (depending on the time, the VC 10 may need to be prepositioned on the 27th). The flight to Moscow will take three hours and forty minutes and there is also a three hour time difference. Thus take-off at midday would allow for arrival comfortably in time for supper at the Embassy.

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We shall be writing separately about the out of Moscow programme (your letter of 30 January). If in the event this means staying the night out of Moscow, it may be necessary to reassess the level of support staff, to provide coverage for classified papers etc. But since a number of practical arrangements depend on settling the list of participants it would be helpful if we could draw this up without waiting for the programme to be finally settled.

Yours ever,

Tony Galsworthy

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To. C.D. Powell
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Dear Charles,

I have spoken to Bryan Cartledge down at St. Antony's, and he will telephone you this evening about your discussion with Kossov. He has put in for an appointment to see the Head of the 2nd European Dept. on Friday 6 Feb.

I enclose the telegram of instructions from which he will be speaking (No 117).

I also enclose an exchange of telegrams on Novosibirsk etc. Bryan's views are

– Novosibirsk/Akademgorodok OK. if the Prime Minister is prepared to spend so much time getting there and back – but it looks a pretty fearsome schedule

– Erevan and Tbilisi, pace the Embassy, are possible alternatives; quite colourful; museums etc; centres of old national cultures. Tbilisi more visited than Erevan. 2½ hours (Tbilisi) and 3 hours (Erevan) flying time.

– A possible Russian alternative is

Murmansk ; historic interest ; British war Graves ; may be a little grim at this time of year (good for fishing in the summer)

We shall be submitting formally on out-of-town visits again but I thought you might like this foretaste before Bryan rings you.

Yours ever,

Michael Llewellyn Smith

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MIPT: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT

1. MR RENTON'S DISCUSSIONS WITH DOBRYNIN AND KOVALEV GAVE THE RUSSIANS AN INITIAL BROAD INSIGHT INTO THE WAY THE PRIME MINISTER WILL WISH TO STRUCTURE HER TALKS WITH GORBACHEV.

2. YOU SHOULD NOW FOLLOW UP IN GREATER DETAIL WITH THE MFA, ON STRUCTURE, PROGRAMME AND PARTICIPATION. WE EXPECT THAT YOU WILL WISH TO DO THIS IN PERSON WITH THE HEAD OF SECOND EUROPEAN DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER YOUR RETURN TO MOSCOW ON 5 FEBRUARY.

3. YOU SHOULD INFORM THE RUSSIANS THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY ME AND BY A SMALL TEAM OF HER IMMEDIATE STAFF (DETAILS TO BE PROVIDED LATER). HER PREFERENCE, WHICH SHE STRONGLY HOPES THE RUSSIANS WILL MEET, IS TO HAVE TWO FULL SESSIONS OF TALKS ALONE WITH GORBACHEV WITH ONLY NOTE TAKERS AND AMBASSADORS PRESENT. DURING THESE TALKS I WOULD LIKE SIMULTANEOUS MEETINGS WITH SHEVARDNADZE. WE WOULD ENVISAGE A FINAL PLENARY SESSION WITH MYSELF AND SHEVARDNADZE PRESENT TO DRAW THE THREADS TOGETHER.

4. YOU SHOULD SAY THAT THE PRIME MINISTER LOOKS FORWARD ALSO TO MEETING MR RYZHKOV AND HOLDING A SESSION OF TALKS WITH HIM.

5. FOR OTHER PROGRAMME POINTS, YOU SHOULD BE GUIDED BY POWELL'S LETTER OF 11 JANUARY TO GALSWORTHY (SUBJECT O PARA 7 BELOW). YOU MAY SAY THAT IT NOW SEEMS VIRTUALLY CERTAIN THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WILL ARRIVE LATE ON SATURDAY 28 MARCH (SO AS TO ALLOW TIME FOR VISIT TO ZAGORSK.)

6. I WILL WISH TO STAY AT THE RESIDENCE.

7. WE SHALL NEED YOUR ADVICE IN DUE COURSE ON WHEN YOU SHOULD INFORM THE RUSSIANS OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S INTENTION TO MEET THE SAKHAROVS. WE AGREE WITH THE VIEW YOU PUT TO LLEWELLYN SMITH RECENTLY THAT THE ONLY SATISFACTORY WAY TO ARRANGE THIS WILL BE TO INVITE THEM TO THE EMBASSY.

8. WE WILL SEND FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS ON VISIT OUTSIDE MOSCOW, FOR WHICH SEE MIPT.

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT

1. INSTRUCTIONS TO APPROACH SECOND EUROPEAN DEPARTMENT TO DISCUSS THE ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN HELD UP WHILE WE DISCUSSED THE OUT OF MOSCOW ELEMENT IN THE PROGRAMME WITH NUMBER 10. YOU WILL WANT TO APPROACH USPENSKIY BEFORE THE END OF THIS WEEK IN ANY CASE, EVEN IF THE OUT OF MOSCOW VISIT QUESTION IS NOT RESOLVED. INSTRUCTIONS ON THE OTHER POINTS FOR DISCUSSION FOLLOW IN MIFT.

2. MEANWHILE, NUMBER 10 HAVE TOLD US THAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAS NOT YET REACHED A CONCLUSION ON A VISIT OUTSIDE MOSCOW. HER INCLINATION ON REFLECTION IS NOT TO PROPOSE A VISIT TO BAIKONUR. SHE DOES NOT WISH HER VISIT TO BE TOO HEAVILY IDENTIFIED WITH DEFENCE, SPACE AND ARMS CONTROL ISSUES. AT THE SAME TIME SHE FEELS THAT A VISIT TO KIEV WOULD BE RATHER MUNDANE. SHE IS THEREFORE MOVING TOWARDS THE IDEA OF NOVOSIBIRSK AND AKADEMGORODOK BUT WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IN MORE DETAIL WHAT SORT OF PROGRAMME MIGHT BE ARRANGED BEFORE MAKING UP HER MIND.

3. THE CONSIDERABLE DISTANCES INVOLVED HAVE BEEN POINTED

OUT TO HER BUT SHE WOULD BE PREPARED NEVERTHELESS TO UNDERTAKE THE VISIT IF A SUFFICIENTLY GOOD PROGRAMME COULD BE ARRANGED. NUMBER 10 HAVE ASKED FOR YOUR VIEW OF THE PRACTICALITY OF DOING THIS ON THE TUESDAY, 31 MARCH, RETURNING TO MOSCOW ON WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL FOR A FINAL SESSION OF TALKS AND OTHER ENGAGEMENTS.

4. GRATEFUL FOR YOUR VIEWS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON FEASIBILITY AND WHAT SORT OF PROGRAMME COULD BE ARRANGED. NOVOSIBIRSK IS OBVIOUSLY NOT THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE TO BAIKONUR/KIEV, AND INTERESTING AND ATTRACTIVE ALTERNATIVES COULD STILL BE PROPOSED. THE MORE SPECIFIC THE PROGRAMME SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS, EG ON TIMING OF TRAVEL TO AND FROM MOSCOW, THE MORE HELPFUL. WE SHALL BE DISCUSSING ALSO BY TELEPHONE WITH THE AMBASSADOR IN OXFORD.

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FOR SOVIET DEPARTMENT

YOUR TELNO 116: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: VISIT OUTSIDE MOSCOW

1. A VISIT TO NOVOSIBIRSK AND AKADEMGORODOK COULD BE ARRANGED TO FOLLOW THE TIMINGS SUGGESTED IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF TUR ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE RUSSIANS PROVIDE A SPECIAL PLANE. SINCE THE FLIGHT TIME TO NOVOSIBIRSK IS 4 HOURS 20 MINUTES AND NOVOSIBIRSK'S LOCAL TIME IS 3 HOURS AHEAD OF MOSCOW'S, A SUGGESTED OUTLINE IS AS FOLLOWS (ALL TIMES LOCAL):

TUESDAY 31 MARCH

1200 HRS DEPART MOSCOW

1920 HRS ARRIVE NOVOSIBIRSK

WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL

MORNING VISIT NOVOSIBIRSK AND INSTITUTES AT AKADEMGORODOK

1300 HRS DEPART NOVOSIBIRSK

1420 HRS ARRIVE MOSCOW

1530 HRS FINAL SESSION OF TALKS

2. NOVOSIBIRSK IS A RATHER UNATTRACTIVE MODERN INDUSTRIAL TOWN. AKADEMGORODOK IS A CAMPUS OF INSTITUTES AND APARTMENT BLOCKS ABOUT HALF AN HOUR FROM NOVOSIBIRSK BY CAR. PROBABLY THE BEST PROGRAMME WOULD DERIVE FROM SAYING TO THE RUSSIANS THAT THE PRIME MINISTER AS A SCIENTIST HERSELF HAD TAKEN GREAT INTEREST IN THE PROMINENCE BEING GIVEN TO SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE REVIVAL OF THE SOVIET ECONOMY AND THAT SHE WOULD BE KEEN TO VISIT AKADEMGORODOK AS THE MAIN SCIENTIFIC CENTRE OUT OF MOSCOW AND THERE BE BRIEFED ON WHAT THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY IS DOING TO IMPLEMENT THIS POLICY. IT WOULD ALSO BE WORTH VISITING A SELECTION OF THE EXHIBITIONS IN AKADEMGORODOK WHICH DEPICT ASPECTS OF MODERN LIFE IN SIBERIA. IN NOVOSIBIRSK THE PRIME MINISTER COULD PERHAPS VISIT AN INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISE AND POSSIBLY DO A WALKABOUT.

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3. A POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE ALTHOUGH IT IS FURTHER AWAY WOULD BE IRKUTSK. THIS WOULD NOT HAVE THE SCIENTIFIC OVERTONES, BUT IT IS THE GATEWAY TO EASTERN SIBERIA AND AS SUCH WOULD OFFER THE PRIME MINISTER A GLIMPSE AT INDUSTRY AND LIFE IN THE SOVIET EAST, SOURCE OF MOST MINERAL WEALTH OIL AND NATURAL GAS. LAKE BAIKAL HAS ALSO BEEN MUCH IN THE NEWS AS AN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ISSUE. BUT IRKUTSK IS OVER TWO HOURS FURTHER FLYING TIME FROM MOSCOW.

4. I WOULD NOT SUGGEST A VISIT TO GEORGIA OR ARMENIA AS THESE ARE FREQUENTLY VISITED BY VIPS. CENTRAL ASIA IS SENSITIVE AT PRESENT WITH CORRUPTION SCANDALS RIFE. IF KIEV IS RULED OUT IT EFFECTIVELY POINTS TOWARDS A MAJOR RSFSR CENTRE. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN INTERESTING TO PUT GORBACHEV'S VLADIVOSTOK SPEECH TO THE TEST BY ASKING TO GO THERE BUT THAT WOULD SIMPLY BE TOO FAR (10 AND A HALF HOURS FLIGHT).

5. I HAVE PUT IN FOR A CALL BY THE AMBASSADOR ON USPENSKY ON FRIDAY 6 FEBRUARY.

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CDP

We are checking these and [illegible] clear

Tessa

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Caroline

CDP

I am consulting the PM about the main gifts. Could you very kindly begin to organise the small gifts mentioned in the last paragraph. Do we have adequate stocks?

CDP 2/2.

CCPS
cc PM/SB.

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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2 February 1987

Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's Visit to the Soviet Union: Gifts

You wrote on 2, 5 and 12 January about gifts for the Gorbachevs.

In addition to the Gorbachevs, the Prime Minister will need to bring substantial gifts for Mr and Mrs Ryzhkov. She will also need gifts in an intermediate category for senior officials and heads of any institutes/industrial enterprises included in the visit. The current Soviet practice for exchanging gifts is for the MFA Protocol Department to deliver the gifts to the Embassy and take back those of the visiting Prime Minister. There is not usually a personal exchange.

Mr Gorbachev

The problem with Mr Gorbachev is that we know virtually nothing about his tastes. Our recommendation is a water colour, drawing or etching by William Walcot. Walcot was a British architect born in Russia, who designed the Hotel Metropol in Moscow. An exhibition of his life and work has recently been held at the Building Centre, Store Street, WC1. I enclose a copy of the catalogue and a list of the unsold pictures. The cost of the unframed water colours/drawings ranges from £50 to £3,800. Possibilities would be No 9 (framed watercolour of Piccadilly Circus at £700) or No 58 (black and white unframed etching of the National Gallery and St Martins in the Fields at £160). The latter is an attractive work and is illustrated on page 31 of the catalogue. Or we could search for a better Walcot in London.

Walcot's Russian origins, we think, would give this present the stamp of originality. He is also a very good artist. His work is not wholly unknown to the Russians, since his daughter some years ago presented some of his drawings to the Pushkin Museum in Moscow. She also incidentally presented an etching of Westminster to the British Embassy. If the Prime Minister wishes to follow up the idea of a Walcot, the daughter would be another source for us to approach.

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As a less original alternative a print of a place associated with Gorbachev's 1984 visit might be suitable: eg Chequers, Hampton Court, or No 10 Downing Street (which I understand much interested him). The Houses of Parliament, where he had a rough time, would not be suitable; he was in any case presented with a print there.

A further possibility would be an example of British manufacturing excellence, such as a home computer. Apricot is a British company which produces such computers with cyrillic keyboards and software. They are represented in Moscow by Quest Automation which has established a Technical Centre in Moscow for demonstrations, servicing and training. (Quest have actually enquired whether the Prime Minister would be able to open the Centre, but we doubt whether there will be time for this.) Moreover, Apricot have already offered to present a computer to the Prime Minister (Robin Butler's letter of 30 April 1986 attached). Problems of technology transfer wold not arise, since Apricot is already selling in the Soviet market.

Although the idea has some attractions, Sir Bryan Cartledge has advised against it on the grounds that the Russians might find it patronising; the Soviet Union has its own computer industry. The Prime Minister may nevertheless wish to consider the idea.

We see problems in the suggestion of your academic contact that rare books in Russian (or English) would be well received. Research Department have looked at the catalogues. A gift of books about the Soviet Union or even pre-Revolutionary Russia, could all too easily be misunderstood. The Russians would be tempted to read some political inuendo into a number of the works highlighted in the Anthony Hall Catalogue. Virtually all the memoirs of Ambassadors to the Tsarist court and travelogues are likely to contain disparaging remarks about the Russian character. The Gorbachevs are proud of being Russian as well as Soviet.

Mrs Gorbachev

We know that Mrs Gorbachev is well acquainted with English classic literature. She said during the 1984 visit that Thackeray's Vanity Fair was one of her favourite novels. (She also referred to England as the country not only of Shakespeare, Dickens and Thackeray, but also of Locke, Home, Francis Bacon. She also recalled the plot of one of Iris Murdoch's novels.) Our recommendation is accordingly either a first edition of Vanity Fair or a finely bound collected edition of Thackeray's works.

Mrs Gorbachev speaks some English and understands more.

/I understand

I understand that the cost of either of these alternatives would be in the £400 to £600 range. Some details have been sent separately by Mrs Edwards of Protocol Department to Caroline Ryder.

Another possibility suggested would be a selection of nicely bound modern British books, eg recent winners of the Booker Prize. But on balance we prefer Thackeray since he is known to be a favourite.

A more personal alternative for Mrs Gorbachev, or an addition, might be a matching set of accessories from Burberrys: scarf, bag and umbrella.

Mr and Mrs Ryzhkov

For Mr Ryzhkov we suggest an antique map of Russia or Muscovy. The Map House have early 16th Century examples for just under £500. For Mrs Ryzhkov a substantial piece of Wedgwood.

Senior Officials/Heads of Institutes etc

We suggest a selection of porcelain, ashtrays, paper weights, coffee table books about Britain (signed by the Prime Minister), small boxes, and in appropriate cases framed, signed photographs.

/ I am returning your rare book catalogues.

Yours ever,

Lyn Parker

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Our reference TXY 026/303/1

Date 30 January 1987

Dear Amanda

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO MOSCOW: DUTY FREE

1. I attach a list setting out the cost of drink and cigarettes from the British Embassy Commissariat and from Soviet sources and should be grateful if, when the No 10 party is known, you could let me or Bette have a note of what everyone would like to order. Payment must be made by sterling cheque (the current sterling rate would be used for rouble items).

Yours sincerely

Sheila Waghorn

S M Waghorn (Miss)
Protocol Department

Agreed that Bette would pay for everything. We must repay her in Moscow or by cheque after the visit. JB 17/2

DUTY FREE

Prices are as follows:

From the Commissariat

Dewars Whiskey	Litre bottles	£4.34
Famous Grouse	70cl	3.90
Glenmorancie	75cl	8.00
Glenfiddich	75cl	6.60
Gordons Gin	Litre bottles	4.25
Silk Cut cigarettes	200	5.00
Dunhill	200	5.00
Rothmans	200	5.00
Benson and Hedges	200	5.30

From Soviet sources

Stolichnaya Vodka	75cl	Roubles	2.27
Caviar	112 gms		26.00
	36 gms		14.00
	25 gms		7.00

Mrs Ross/Miss Bowles

May we discuss paras 7 & 8 please

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FOLLOWING FOR MISS B D DAVIS, CONFERENCE SECTION, PROTOCOL DEPT. Discussed 19/2.

FROM HEAD OF CHANCERY

YOUR TELELETTERS OF 19 AND 28 JANUARY: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT

1. THE NUMBER TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PARTY IS THE KEY TO MANY OF THE POINTS YOU RAISE AND TO MOST OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS LIKELY TO RISE. THE SOONER YOU CAN GIVE US A STEER THE BETTER.

PRESS HOTEL AND BUS

2. WE ARE IN TOUCH WITH PRESS DEPARTMENT OF THE SOVIET MFA ABOUT ARRANGEMENTS AND WILL TELEGRAPH PROPOSALS SEPARATELY. ARE THE COP COMING? IF SO WHAT REQUIREMENTS DO THEY HAVE?

ACCOMMODATION

3. THE RESIDENCE HAS TWO MAIN GUEST BEDROOMS EACH WITH TWO BEDS AND EACH WITH ITS OWN BATHROOM. THERE ARE TWO FURTHER SPARE BEDROOMS IN THE ATTIC (THEY ARE NICER THAN THIS SOUNDS). EACH HAS TWO BEDS BUT THERE IS ONLY ONE BATHROOM ON THE ATTIC FLOOR. FOR CHERNENKO'S FUNERAL THE ATTIC ROOMS WERE BOTH SHARED. WE SHALL NOT PROPOSE AN ALLOCATION OF ACCOMMODATION UNTIL THE COMPOSITION OF THE PARTY IS CLEAR.

4. IN THE COMPOUND, THERE ARE TWO FLATS WHICH CAN BE USED BY MEMBERS OF THE PARTY. WE WOULD PROVIDE UTENSILS ETC FOR SELF-CATERING. STAFF MEMBERS LIVING IN THE COMPOUND CAN PUT UP A FURTHER FIVE PEOPLE. HOWEVER ONLY ONE SPARE ROOM ON THE COMPOUND IS A SINGLE ROOM.

5. THUS ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE PRIME MINISTER TAKES ONE MAIN GUEST BEDROOM AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE THE OTHER THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF THE ACCOMPANYING PARTY WE CAN PUT UP IN THE COMPOUND IS THIRTEEN (SIX SHARED ROOMS AND ONE SINGLE). IF THE TOTAL IS MORE THAN THAT OR IF SHARING IS NOT ACCEPTABLE (IT WAS FOR THE FUNERAL) WE CAN PUT OTHERS UP IN FLATS ELSEWHERE, BUT THIS COMPLICATES AND SLOWS DOWN TRANSPORT VERY BADLY. IT WOULD IN FACT BE BEST FOR THOSE NOT ON THE COMPOUND TO BE IN A HOTEL. WE SHALL ARRANGE ACCOMMODATION FOR THE VC10 CREW SEPARATELY.

HOTEL PRICES

6. WE CAN BE MORE PRECISE WHEN WE HAVE THE SOVIET MFA'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE BEST HOTEL FOR THE PRESS. HOTELS IN THE CENTRE OF TOWN VARY FROM 200 ROUBLES TO 115 ROUBLES PER NIGHT FOR A SUITE AND FROM 150 ROUBLES DOWN TO 80 ROUBLES PER NIGHT FOR A SINGLE ROOM. THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE BREAKFAST. MEALS (BASED ON THE SUBSISTENCE CALCULATION USED AT OUR INSPECTION LAST SUMMER ARE BREAKFAST 1.50 ROUBLES, LUNCH 5.26 ROUBLES AND DINNER 7.02 ROUBLES. MOSCOW SUBSISTENCE IS HOTEL BILL PLUS 23 ROUBLES PER DAY.

WORKING ACCOMMODATION

7. WE PROPOSE THAT THE PRIME MINISTER'S PRIVATE OFFICE WOULD BE IN THE AMBASSADOR'S STUDY, AS DURING THE CHERNENKO FUNERAL. WE DO NOT HAVE ROOM FOR TWO OFFICES BUT THE ROOM IS LARGE AND HAS A SMALL OUTER OFFICE FOR A PA. IF THE SECRETARY OF STATE COMES AS WELL, HIS PRIVATE OFFICE WOULD TAKE OVER THE MINISTER'S OFFICE WHICH IS ON THE CHANCERY CORRIDOR. PLEASE LET US KNOW SOONEST WHETHER 24 HR REGISTRY MANNING WILL BE REQUIRED AND ALSO WHAT DISTRIBUTIONS OF TELEGRAMS WILL BE NEEDED. BEAR IN MIND THAT WE HAVE SIX PLY PAPER AND THAT PHOTOCOPYING IS SLOW. OUR IBM GOLFBALL TYPEWRITERS ARE NOTORIOUSLY UNRELIABLE AND SPEND MOST OF THEIR TIME IN LONDON. YOU MAY WISH TO REINFORCE OUR PLEA FOR ADEQUATE SPARES FOR THE VISIT.

Outer office not large enough for 2 Duty Clerks and 3 secretarial Assistants

TELEPHONES

8. THE RESIDENCE AND ALL FLATS ON THE COMPOUND HAVE TELEPHONE EXTENSIONS ON THE MAIN SWITCHBOARD. ALL BEDROOMS IN THE RESIDENCE HAVE TELEPHONES INCLUDING THE ATTIC ROOMS.

9. WE ALREADY HAVE BRAHMS. IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO INSTALL ONE IN THE PRIVATE OFFICE. THERE IS NO POINT IN HAVING SECURE COMMUNICATIONS AND THEN USING THEM IN FRONT OF WALLS WHICH PROBABLY HAVE EARS.

MR Davies Cabinet Office informed BDN

10. USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS WILL FOLLOW NEARER THE TIME.

TRANSPORT

11. THIS DEPENDS ON NUMBERS. WE CAN EXPECT A FAIRLY GENEROUS ALLOWANCE FROM THE RUSSIANS. WE HAVE NO ESTATE CAR BUT CAN SEND ONE OF OUR FORD TRANSIT MINI BUSES FOR THE CLASSIFIED BOXES AND COURIER, AND A SEPARATE VAN FOR LUGGAGE. IT WOULD HELP TO HAVE LUGGAGE LABELLED DISTINCTIVELY FOR ALL THOSE STAYING AT THE RESIDENCE OR COMPOUND TO ENSURE SPEEDY DELIVERY.

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12. A SEPARATE OVERNIGHT GUARD WILL NOT (NOT) BE NEEDED IN THE PRIVATE OFFICE AS IT WILL BE WITHIN SIGHT OF OUR 24 HOUR DUTY SECURITY OFFICER. HIGHLY CLASSIFIED PAPERS WILL HAVE TO BE PUT AWAY IN REGISTRY OVERNIGHT. REGISTRY OFFICERS ARE ALWAYS ON 24 HOUR CALL OUT ANYWAY (SEE PARA 7 ABOVE).

13. THE CHANCERY IS 15 YARDS ALONG THE CORRIDOR FROM THE AMBASSADOR'S STUDY SO SAFE HAND RUNS WILL NOT BE NEEDED.

NEWSPAPERS

14. PLEASE DO NOT (NOT) SEND PAPERS BY AIRFREIGHT AS CLEARANCE TAKES AGES. WE ARE TRYING TO FIX SOMETHING WITH BRITISH AIRWAYS AS WE DID FOR LORD WHITELAW'S VISIT. PLEASE TELL US QUICKLY HOW MANY COPIES OF WHICH PAPERS WILL BE REQUIRED.

RADIO

15. WE CAN PROVIDE A SHORT WAVE RADIO FOR THE PRIME MINISTER AND FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE IF HE COMES, BUT ACCOMPANYING MEMBERS WOULD HAVE TO BRING THEIR OWN.

CLOTHING

16. IT CAN STILL BE QUITE COLD AT THE END OF MARCH, CERTAINLY BELOW FREEZING. ALL BUILDINGS ARE WELL HEATED SO WHAT IS NEEDED IS WARM CLOTHING TO PUT ON FOR GOING OUTSIDE (AND BEAR IN MIND THAT AN OBLIGATORY ITEM IS A WREATH ON THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOW WARRIOR WHICH CAN BE VERY COLD INDEED). THICK OVERCOATS, SCARVES, GLOVES AND HATS WILL BE NEEDED FOR ALL. FOR FOOTWEAR MOST PEOPLE WEAR BOOTS OR OVERSHOES. MEN CAN GET BY USING ORDINARY SHOES ALTHOUGH THAT WOULD BE COLD UNCOMFORTABLE AND SLIPPERY EG AT ZAGORSK OR THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN WARRIOR. LADIES USUALLY CARRY INDOOR SHOES IN A BAG AND CHANGE ON ARRIVAL. THE PRIME MINISTER WILL RECALL DOING THIS AT THE KREMLIN RECEPTION AFTER THE FUNERAL. THE RUSSIANS WILL CERTAINLY MAKE ALLOWANCES FOR THIS. THEY PROVIDED A SMALL ROOM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER TO CHANGE HER SHOES. WE SHALL ASK THEM TO BEAR THIS POINT IN MIND AGAIN.

17.. FOR FORMAL EVENTS DRESS WOULD BE AS FOR THE SMARTER SORT OF NON-BLACK TIE EVENING FUNCTION IN LONDON.

DUTY FREE

18. PRICES ARE AS FOLLOWS.

FROM THE COMMISSARIAT

DEWARS WHISKEY	LITRE BOTTLES	£4.34
FAMOUS GROUSE	70 CL	3.98
GLENMORANGIE	75 CL	8.00
GLENFIDDICH	75 CL	6.60

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GORDONS

GORDONS GIN	LITRE BOTTLES		4.25
SILK CUT CIGARETTES	200		5.00
DUNHILL	200		5.00
ROTHMANS	200		5.00
BENSON AND HEDGES	200		5.30

FROM SOVIET SOURCES

STOLICHNAYA VODKA	75 CL	ROUBLES	2.27
CAVIAR	112 GMS		26.00
	56 GMS		14.00
	25 GMS		7.00

IF YOU CAN HAND US INDIVIDUAL ORDERS ON ARRIVAL WE CAN COLLATE AND GIVE YOU UP TO DATE STERLING RATE FOR ROUBLE ITEMS SO YOU CAN COLLECT CHEQUES. HOW WOULD THE PRIVATE OFFICE PAY FOR ITEMS REQUIRED FOR OFFICIAL USE ?

PHOTOGRAPHS

19. A LIST OF RECIPIENTS WILL HAVE TO BE PROVIDED MUCH NEARER THE TIME WHEN WE KNOW WHAT THE PROGRAMME IS AND IT ALSO BECOMES CLEARER WHO HAS DONE MOST OF THE WORK BOTH ON THE SOVIET AND BRITISH SIDE.

MEALS

20. WE AIM TO PROVIDE SNACK LUNCHES WHICH WOULD RUN FROM SAY 12.00 - 2.00 IN OUR SMALL BAR AT THE BACK OF THE EMBASSY. THIS WOULD BE DONE BY A VOLUNTEER ROSTA OF WIVES. COFFEE AND TEA CAN BE MADE BY PRIVATE OFFICE STAFF USING EQUIPMENT WE SHALL PROVIDE. IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE OUT OF HOURS MEALS FROM THE RESIDENCE AS THE STAFF WILL PROBABLY BE FULLY TAKEN UP ON PREPARATION FOR THE OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS. ONCE WE CAN SEE THE SIZE OF THE PROBLEM WE SHALL DO OUR BEST TO SEE THAT FOOD IS AVAILABLE AS NEAR TO THE PRIVATE OFFICE AS POSSIBLE BUT IT IS LIKELY TO BE A THREE MINUTE WALK AWAY.

HAIR

21. ONE OF THE RESIDENCE DOMESTIC STAFF IS A COMPETENT HAIRDRESSER.

VOLTAGE

22. 220 VOLTS 50 CYCLES

IMMIGRATION FORMALITIES

23. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOM FORMS ARE NOT (NOT) REQUIRED FOR THE PASSENGERS ON THE VIP FLIGHT. PASSPORT DETAILS OF ALL INCLUDING JOURNALISTS WOULD BE HELPFUL AS FAR IN ADVANCE AS POSSIBLE. MEMBERS OF THE PARTY COMING OUT IN ADVANCE WILL BE GIVEN FORMS TO FILL IN ON BOARD THE B A AIRCRAFT AND WILL BE MET BY EMBASSY MEMBERS. FORMALITIES ARE MINIMAL AND ARE NOT A HASSLE.

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24. PLEASE SEND DETAILS SOONEST OF SUPERINTENDENT WALLER'S FIRE ARM AND THAT OF A SECOND PROTECTION OFFICER IF TWO COME AS FOR THE FUNERAL, SO WE CAN SECURE NECESSARY AUTHORITY FOR IMPORTATION AND CARRYING. IF THE SECRETARY OF STATE COMES WILL HE HAVE HIS OWN DETECTIVE ? IF SO DETAILS OF HIS FIRE-ARM AS WELL PLEASE.

WREATH

25. AS MENTIONED ABOVE THE PRYME MINISTER WILL BE EXPECTED TO LAY A WREATH ON THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN WARRIOR. RUSSIANS GO IN FOR LARGE WREATHS. IT IS PROBABLY EASIER FOR US TO OBTAIN THE WREATH LOCALLY AND FOR RIBBON AND CARD TO BE BROUGHT OUT BY THE PARTY AND ATTACHED HERE. AS THERE WILL PROBABLY BE RATHER LITTLE TIME IN WHICH TO DO THIS PLEASE ENSURE THAT THE CARD IS TYPED IN BOTH ENGLISH AND RUSSIAN. THERE WILL NOT BE ANY NEED FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO LAY A SEPARATE WREATH ALTHOUGH IF HE WISHES TO DO SO THERE IS UNLIKELY TO BE ANY OBJECTION FROM THE SOVIET SIDE.

26. GRATEFUL YOU LET US KNOW THE PRIME MINISTER AND SECRETARY OF STATE'S WISHES IN GOOD TIME TO ORDER WREATH.

27. MEDICAL

EMBASSY MEDICAL OFFICER WILL BE ON CALL THROUGHOUT VISIT. PLEASE NOTE THAT WE HAVE NO EMBASSY DENTIST AND DO NOT OURSELVES NORMALLY USE SOVIET DENTISTS. EMERGENCIES REQUIRE HELSINKI OR LONDON. PLEASE ENSURE THAT ANYONE WHO NEEDS SPECIAL MEDICATION BRINGS THEIR OWN SUPPLY AS OUR OWN RANGE IS LIMITED.

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From the Private Secretary

30 January 1987

Dear Tony,

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO MOSCOW: BRIEFING OF NATO

The Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary had a word this afternoon about the possibility of the Prime Minister visiting NATO either before or after her visit to Moscow. It was decided that, on balance, it was better not to pursue this suggestion. A visit beforehand was unlikely to be very productive, while a visit after risked appearing to inflate the importance of the Prime Minister's discussions in Moscow.

Yours ever,
Charles Powell

(Charles Powell)

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From the Private Secretary

30 January 1987

Dear Tony,

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION: VISITS OUTSIDE MOSCOW

Thank you for your letter of 27 January setting out various options for visits which the Prime Minister might pay outside Moscow when she goes to the Soviet Union. The Prime Minister has not yet reached a conclusion on this. Her inclination on reflection is not to propose a visit to Baikonur. She does not wish her visit to be too heavily identified with defence, space and arms control issues. At the same time she feels that a visit to Kiev would be rather mundane. She is therefore moving towards the idea of going to Novosibirsk and Akademgorodok but would like to know in more detail what sort of programme might be arranged before making up her mind.

I have pointed out to the Prime Minister the considerable distances involved but she would be prepared nonetheless to undertake the visit if a sufficiently good programme could be arranged. My inclination would be to do it on the penultimate day of the visit, returning to Moscow on Wednesday 1 April for a final session of talks and other engagements.

You may like to reflect this in any instructions to Sir Bryan Cartledge, who should let us know his view of the practicality.

Yours sincerely,

(C.D. POWELL)

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Date 29 January 1987

S N P Hemans Esq CVO
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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT, MARCH/APRIL

1. Further to my teleletters of 19 and 28 January, you may find the following of help when making administrative arrangements for the visit.

2. Local Administrative Instructions

On arrival each member of the party (excluding the press who will need separate arrangements) is given a folder prepared by the Embassy. This folder should contain:

Local Administrative Arrangements

Suggested headings:-

Delegation, Programme(s), Living and Working Accommodation, Car Allocation and Transport Schedule, Finance, Security/Safehand arrangements, Telephone Numbers and Instructions on how to operate telephone (Private Offices) including dial code to London where applicable, Departure Arrangements.

(I enclose a sample of local Administrative Arrangements as issued on one of the Prime Minister's previous visits. If a draft could be produced we could go over it after my arrival).

Invitations

Subsistence

Maps (helpful if venues could be marked for officials in the party)

Passes, if required.

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3. Telegram Distribution

It is suggested that the Head of Registry prepares folders for the following:

a) Private Secretaries
b) Advisers
c) No 10 Duty Clerk
d) PA/Secretary of State
e) Conference Officer (any telegrams about administrative arrangements)

Telegrams addressed "Following for PS Prime Minister" should be distributed initially to the Principal Private Secretary, Private Secretary, Chief Press Secretary and Duty Clerk. Telegrams addressed "Following for PS Secretary of State" should be distributed to ~~Secretary of State~~, Private Secretary and Personal Assistant. Telegrams addressed "Following for Prime Minister's party" should have the full distribution. Telegrams addressed to individuals in the party should not be given any distribution within the party without the prior consent of the person to whom it is addressed. Normal Embassy telegram distribution is not required unless of world or visit interest. We will consult the Private Secretaries as to what category of telegram they would wish to be woken up for during the night (usually Flash or Immediate Deskby).

4. Diet etc

a) The Prime Minister likes a light breakfast of fruit juice, toast, tea or coffee (the Duty Clerk will advise the previous evening regarding menu and timing). Overall the Prime Minister's preference is for straightforward rather than elaborate cooking. There are, however, no specific dietary instructions for either the Prime Minister or the Secretary of State.

b) No 10 will bring a supply of mineral water for the personal use of the Prime Minister which should also be available on the table when she gives a press conference.

5. Secretarial Assistance

Please draw up a roster of secretaries who can be called upon to work for advisers during the visit (including unsocial hours).

6. Airport Arrival

The party will need to know in advance all details of airport arrival arrangements, eg names and rank of the greeting party, any press statement, procedure for rest of party, the occupants of cars numbered on tarmac etc: and a telegram will need to be sent on this before the Prime Minister's arrival in Moscow.

7. Airport Departure

The RAF will need to carry out a security check of heavy luggage prior to the departure of the VC10. A room is usually set aside at the airport for this to be done two hours before departure. You may however consider that this check should be carried out in the Embassy.

8. Finally, I would be grateful if you could have ready for the Private Secretaries on arrival a list of people to whom thank you letters should be sent.

B D Davis (Miss)
Conference Section
Protocol Department

cc: Soviet Department
No 10 Duty Clerk

PRIME MINISTER

VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION

The attached letter sets out alternatives for the visits you might pay outside Moscow. The basic problem is that the more interesting places are distant and require a lot of time to reach.

The alternatives are:

(i) the main satellite launching centre at Baikonur in Central Asia. It is undoubtedly interesting and you would be the first Western visitor in twenty years or more. It is also close to Tashkent, Bokhara or Samarkand. It is between three to four hours' flying time from Moscow, so a visit would take a whole day. It would attract a lot of public attention and could be combined with a walkabout in one of the nearby cities. The disadvantages are that it might cut too much into the working part of the programme (though I think this could be avoided). It could also be exploited by the Russians to show off their technology in an area where they are doing better than the Americans (but everyone knows that).

(ii) a visit to Novosibirsk and the neighbouring scientific centre of Akademgorodok. This would take in a major Siberian industrial centre and a variety of scientific institutes. Again it would give rise to a lot of public interest. But it is also four hours' flying time from Moscow and would require a full day.

(iii) a visit to Kiev. It is a major regional centre in a good place for a walkabout. It is also only one-and-a-half hours' flying time from Moscow: and you could stop off there on your way back to London. But it is relatively unadventurous. Mr. Walker has recently been there, and to Chernobyl (where they probably would not let you go).

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I attach skeleton programmes which show how the alternatives might be managed. Both Bernard and I agree that one of the more adventurous options would have much more impact.

The FCO letter points out that going to Zagorsk will be welcomed by the Orthodox Church and is worth doing. But they do not want you to be under the impression that it would be trail-blazing.

Agree to discuss choice between

- Baikonur
- Novosibirsk
- Kiev ?

C.D.P.

CDP

28 January 1987

	Option A	Option B
Saturday 28 March		
a.m.		
p.m.	Fly to Moscow	Fly to Moscow
Sunday 29 March		
a.m.	Visit Zagorsk	Visit Zagorsk
p.m.	First talks with Gorbachev	First talks with Gorbachev
Monday 30 March		
a.m.	Further talks with Gorbachev. Meet Sakharovs. Official dinner.	[As for Option A]
Tuesday 31 March	Visit Baikonur or Novosibirsk. Return to Moscow.	Final talks with Gorbachev. Open Trade Centre. Press Conference. Ballet
Wednesday 1 April	Final talks with Gorbachev. Open British/Soviet Trade Centre. Press Conference. Return to London.	Visit Kiev. Return to London.

cc PS

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27 January 1987

Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's Visit to the Soviet Union: Visits Outside Moscow

In your letter of 11 January you asked whether it was a practical possibility for the Prime Minister to go to a launch site in the Soviet Union.

The main satellite launching centre is at Baikonur in Central Asia. This is situated to the east of the Aral Sea in the Karakum desert. We estimate it as three to four hours flying time from Moscow. A visit would therefore take up a whole day, perhaps more.

We believe the last (perhaps only) major Western visitor was de Gaulle in 1966. A visit to the site would probably be of considerable interest. But the Foreign Secretary doubts whether it would be a sensible use of the very limited time available. It should be borne in mind also that the Prime Minister's visit to the launch site would undoubtedly be exploited by the Russians to show off their technology in the best light, at a time when the Americans have only recently suffered a setback in this field. Baikonur is an hour or so's flying time from the well-known cities of Central Asia (Tashkent, Bukhara, Samarkand) but to go on to one of these would mean extending the visit into a second day.

Our suggested alternative for a visit outside Moscow (besides, of course, Zagorsk) is Kiev (my letter of 9 January). Kiev is about one and a half hour's flying time from Moscow and within the same time zone. If the Prime Minister returned direct from Kiev to London on 1 April, this would maximise the time available in Moscow. It is an impressive city, an important regional centre, and sufficiently colourful to provide a good occasion for a walkabout. It also contains the leading example, visited by Gorbachev, of Soviet attempts to marry experimental science with production, in the Paton Electro-welding Scientific-production Association. The Prime Minister would be the first Western head of government to visit Kiev since Chernobyl and, we believe, the first British head of government ever to do so. Mr Peter Walker visited both Chernobyl and, briefly, Kiev, in December.

Other suggestions, on which we can provide further details if you wish, are the capitals of the Transcaucasian Republics, especially Tbilisi (Georgia) and Erevan (Armenia).

/A further

A further possibility, if the Prime Minister were prepared to spend an extra 1½ days in the Soviet Union, would be for her to visit Novosibirsk in Siberia, and the neighbouring scientific centre Akademgorodok. It would enable her to see both a major Siberian industrial centre, and a variety of scientific institutes. It could be an attractive alternative to Baikonur should the Russians not be prepared to arrange a visit to the space launching site. But it is four hours flying time from Moscow and also involves a four hour change in time zone, all of which would complicate the programme and make it considerably more tiring.

On balance the Foreign Secretary's firm advice would be to go for Kiev, aiming to return direct from there to the UK. I should be grateful for your views.

We have given some further thought to the Prime Minister's wish to visit Zagorsk, and the impact this would have in the Soviet Union. The Soviet leadership would we think find the idea of a visit to Zagorsk wholly acceptable and indeed helpful in that it would demonstrate that the Orthodox Church is active and not shut off from Western contacts. The Orthodox hierarchy would also find the visit helpful. But it is not at Zagorsk that the Prime Minister will meet the younger, more radical and active Christians. And their attitude to a visit there is less easy to predict. We would not expect it to be hostile, but nor would we expect them to regard it as a striking advance in the fortunes of Soviet believers. Zagorsk is also on the beaten track for Western tourists and official visitors. (For example, the FAC delegation which visited Moscow in 1985 went there.) None of this is to say that a visit to Zagorsk would be a bad thing. But the Prime Minister should not be under the impression that it would be trail-blazing.

Yours ever,

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Dear Charles,

PRIME MINISTER's VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION : PROGRAMME

My Secretary of State was pleased to see from Item (x) of your letter of 11 January to Tony Galsworthy that the Prime Minister is considering a number of engagements with a commercial flavour for her programme during her visit to the USSR.

Of the items mentioned the one to which my Secretary of State attaches the highest priority is the opening of the new British-Soviet Chamber of Commerce Offices in Moscow. We have recently heard that, thanks to the pressure exerted, indirectly, by the Prime Minister's forthcoming visit and, directly, by the Minister for Trade, Mr Clark on Mr Pitovranov, the President of the USSR Chamber, suitable premises have been located. We can therefore be reasonably confident that there will be some offices to open.

The desirability of a visit to the oil and gas exhibition, which is being mounted by the Scottish Development Agency, if it is held at the time of the visit, will depend upon the quality of company attendance. My Secretary of State would like this to remain a possibility for the present and will offer more definitive advice in consultation with the Secretaries of State for Scotland and Energy nearer the time of the visit.

The prospect of the visit seems to be adding urgency to the Soviet side's approach to commercial negotiations with a number of British companies. It is quite possible, although by no means certain, that some significant contract signatures could be timed to coincide with the visit.

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I am copying this letter to Tony Galsworthy (Foreign and Commonwealth Office), Trevor Woolley (Cabinet Office) Robert Gordon (Scottish Office), and Geoff Dart (Department of Energy).

Yours ever

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Private Secretary

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From the Private Secretary

26 January 1987

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO MOSCOW

The Prime Minister mentioned to Lord Carrington on 25 January the possibility that she might visit NATO before her visit to Moscow, to meet General Rogers and to consult member States in the NAC. Lord Carrington was inclined to the view that it might be better to visit Brussels after Moscow. The Prime Minister thought that this would build up expectations from the visit unrealistically and appear presumptuous. Lord Carrington disputed this but said that he would reflect further. The Prime Minister would, I am sure, welcome the Foreign Secretary's and Defence Secretary's views on a personal basis, and those of Mr. Alexander.

I am copying this letter to John Howe (Ministry of Defence).

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13 January 1987

From the Private Secretary

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO MOSCOW

Thank you for your letter of 12 January conveying the Foreign Secretary's view that it would be appropriate for him to accompany the Prime Minister on her visit to Moscow. The Prime Minister would be perfectly content for the Foreign Secretary to do so. As you know she wishes to have two full sessions of talks alone with Mr. Gorbachev with only notetakers (and probably Ambassadors) present. The Foreign Secretary will presumably have simultaneous meetings with the Soviet Foreign Minister. Subsequently there will no doubt be an opportunity for a plenary session to draw together the threads of what has been discussed in the separate meetings. The two Foreign Ministers would presumably be present at this.

I should be grateful if this structure of meetings could be put to the Russians as the Prime Minister's strong preference.

The Prime Minister envisages taking only a very small delegation of her immediate staff to Moscow and will rely on the Embassy for local expertise. There will of course need to be a full briefing session beforehand covering the main issues and in particular arms control.

(C.D. POWELL)

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From the Private Secretary

13 January 1987

Dear Bryan.

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO MOSCOW

Thank you for your personal letter about the Prime Minister's forthcoming visit. On a strictly personal basis I can say:

(i) The Prime Minister also favours a very small party. I have told the Foreign Office that she wishes two sessions of talks with Mr. Gorbachev at which she would be accompanied only by you and me. These might be followed by a relatively brief plenary session at which Foreign Ministers would also be present. The Prime Minister would, I know, want you to press hard for this structure for the talks.

(ii) If we are to go to Zagorsk on the Sunday, the Prime Minister will probably travel out to Moscow on the evening of Saturday 28 March. I hope that you will not regard this as too much of a good thing.

(iii) The Prime Minister is in no doubt that she would much prefer to stay at the Residence and would wish this to be made clear to the Russians. She would like to see the Sakharovs at the Embassy as you suggest.

I am sure that the Prime Minister will wish to see you when you are over here for the seminar at the end of February, either on the day of the seminar itself or separately. I will let you know.

Best wishes for the New Year — and please write again about any point, which crops up.

Yours ever

(C.D. POWELL)

Sir Bryan Cartledge, K.C.M.G.

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12 January 1987

Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's Visit to Moscow

The Foreign Secretary has considered whether or not he ought to accompany the Prime Minister on her visit to Moscow. He believes strongly that he should. The prime reason for this is that the Foreign Secretary thinks that this will be a useful opportunity for him to pursue his discussions with Mr Shevardnadze.

There are however also two essentially negative reasons. The first is that the Russians will expect him to be there, since this has been the normal pattern in previous visits and also in visits by other Western premiers. If he is not with the Prime Minister the Russians are liable to draw their own conclusions about the reasons for this. The second reason is that his Ministerial colleagues clearly expect him to go: it was for instance quite clear that Shultz assumed without question that he would do so when he saw him in Bermuda last week. If he were not to do so he believes that this would be misunderstood.

The Foreign Secretary of course accepts that the Prime Minister will wish to hold part or parts of her talks with Mr Gorbachev on a very restricted basis, and is quite content with that. He would intend to use such opportunity or opportunities to have separate talks with Mr Shevardnadze. He would of course wish to attend any plenary session between Mr Gorbachev and the Prime Minister. This too would follow the pattern set, for example, by President Reagan and others on similar occasions.

Yours ever,

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12 January 1987

From the Private Secretary

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO MOSCOW:
GIFTS

I wrote to Colin Budd a week or so ago to suggest that we might look at the possibility of the Prime Minister presenting Mr. and Mrs. Gorbachev with books of particular interest about the Soviet Union during her visit. I have subsequently been sent by my academic friend the enclosed catalogues. I am not in a position to judge whether any of them are suitable or would be appreciated. But you might like to pass them on to Research Department for an opinion. Number 830 in the catalogue of books on Tsarist Russia looks a snip at £1,250!

Could I please have the catalogues back in due course.

CHARLES POWELL

Lyn Parker, Esq.,
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PRIME MINISTER

VISIT TO MOSCOW

You will want to see the attached letter (A) from Bryan Cartledge about your visit to Moscow.

Most of the points have already been dealt with, and I am sure you will agree to see Bryan in late February.

But you will want to note particularly his first point, namely his strong advice that you should take a very small party to Moscow; and that participation in your meeting(s) with Gorbachev should be limited to Bryan himself and to me. He does not think Gorbachev will open up properly in front of a wider audience, including Shevardnadze (who would have to be there if the Foreign Secretary was).

The Foreign Secretary has also now expressed a view (B). In essence, he wants to come to Moscow, accepts that you will want to have a very restricted discussion with Gorbachev, but would want to attend any plenary.

No plenary

There is also the question of the overall size of the delegation. The Foreign Secretary is likely to press you to take, at least, an arms control expert (probably Mr. Fall). I am not sure this is strictly necessary, if our prior briefing is full enough. We can rely on Bryan Cartledge and his staff for local briefing.

Can I reply to the FCO and to Bryan that:

- you will want ~~one or~~ two very restricted sessions with Gorbachev, at which you would be accompanied only by me (to take a note) and Bryan.

- that we should also propose a single plenary session at which Foreign Ministers and others would be present.

No plenary

- that you do not envisage taking officials other than your immediate staff.

Agreed NS

It is important that he should be able to let the Russians know your view on this at as early a stage as possible.

CDP

Agreed as amended NS

C D POWELL

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From the Private Secretary

11 January 1987

Dear Tony,

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION: PROGRAMME

Thank you for your letter of 9 January replying to mine about the programme for the Prime Minister's visit to Moscow. You asked for my comments by 12 January so that Mr Renton can take account of them in the discussions which he will be having in Moscow this week.

To take your points in order:-

(i) The Prime Minister could travel out to Moscow on the evening of 28 March if the programme requires this. We should treat this as a possibility rather than a firm commitment for the time being.

(ii) On the suggestion that one session of the Prime Minister's talks with Mr Gorbachev should be at his dacha, the Prime Minister has commented that it is not for us to say where the talks should take place. I see no objection, however, to reminding the Russians that the Prime Minister's first meeting with Mr Gorbachev took place at her dacha!

(iii) The Prime Minister looks forward to a session of talks with Ryzhkov.

(iv) The Prime Minister will certainly want to give a press conference towards the end of her visit and to appear on Soviet television while in Moscow. We have a strong preference that the latter should be in the form of an interview rather than just a statement inter-camera.

(v) I agree that we should propose to the Patriarchate at Zagorsk that the Prime Minister should attend only the latter part of a service and thereafter mingle with members of the congregation and priests.

(vi) I also agree that a meeting with the Sakharovs should be arranged at the Embassy or the Academy of Sciences rather than at their flat.

(vii) The Prime Minister would be content for her walkabout in Moscow to be conducted in the company of Eltsin.

(viii) The Prime Minister is not interested in visiting "Star City". What we had in mind in suggesting that she should visit a space complex was to go to an actual launch site. I think I am right in saying that there is one in Central Asia. Is this a practical possibility?

(ix) The question of a visit to Kiev depends in part on the answer to the preceding question. Whatever city is chosen the Prime Minister would like to do another walkabout, for instance in a marketplace.

(x) I am sure that the Prime Minister would be ready to open the new offices of the British/Soviet Chamber of Commerce, open a British oil and gas exhibition, and give a reception for the British community if these can be fitted in without sacrificing the higher priority aspects of the programme set out earlier in this letter. As you know, she is very keen to visit the Institute of Crystallography.

(xi) The Prime Minister would be prepared to go to the Bolshoi if the Russians are pressing about this, in which case she would prefer opera to ballet. But I would not rate it as a high priority.

(xii) The Prime Minister would very much prefer to stay in the Embassy than in a Soviet VIP guest house.

I hope that you will find this helpful in providing briefing for Mr Renton's visit.

I am sending copies of this letter to Trevor Woolley (Cabinet Office) and to Tim Walker (Department of Trade and Industry).

yours ever,

Charles Powell

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9 January 1987

Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's Visit to the Soviet Union: Programme

This letter comments on the programme suggestions in your letter of 7 January, and adds further ideas. Tim Renton is bound to be asked next week in Moscow what he can say about the Prime Minister's wishes. It would be most helpful therefore to have your preliminary comments by 12 January.

First, timing. Because of the time difference, even with an early start from London, only the evening of the first day is available. A Sunday visit to Zagorsk will therefore be impossible unless the Prime Minister travels out on Saturday 28 March. That should however also allow for another visit outside Moscow which you told us the Prime Minister wants.

Next, programme. Sir Geoffrey believes the core should be two good sessions of talks with Gorbachev, with one of these, an informal session, at Gorbachev's dacha. As he has commented in his separate minute to the Prime Minister, this idea will need to be fed in carefully so as to reach Gorbachev. A first opportunity would be when Tim Renton meets Dobrynin next week, after which we could consider how to proceed further.

It is not to say for us where

We should also expect a further session of talks with Prime Minister Ryzhkov, which would naturally focus on trade. Ryzhkov is responsible for economic policy. In a formal sense he is the Prime Minister's counterpart. Gorbachev's letter of 10 July extended the invitation to visit "on behalf of the Soviet leadership" blurring the question who would be host.

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The Russians will offer hospitality. Sir Bryan Cartledge's advice is that they will not expect return hospitality. We take it that the Prime Minister will want to give a press conference towards the end of the programme. We are agreed that she should appear on Soviet TV while in Moscow.

Taking in turn your specific ideas :

a) Zagorsk: This would take four to five hours Moscow to Moscow. We see no problem in principle; the Orthodox church authorities will be pleased, and the Soviet authorities are very unlikely to object. A visit to Zagorsk normally includes a full guided tour and possibly lunch. Orthodox services are long and it is quite permissible to attend only a part. We could propose to the Patriarchate that the Prime Minister should attend the latter part of a service and thereafter mingle with members of the congregation and priests. This would naturally take place on Sunday morning. If a dacha meeting with Gorbachev comes off, it might take place on the Sunday, displacing the Zagorsk visit to later in the day.

b) The Sakharovs: Sir Geoffrey does not think it would be right for the Prime Minister to visit them in their flat (it is in any case tiny). This would embarrass them. Either they should come to the Residence, or she should meet Dr Sakharov at the Academy of Sciences (either while visiting the Institute of Crystallography or separately).

c) A Walkabout: We think this would probably be easier to organise in Moscow than outside, but do not exclude other possibilities. One possibility would be to ask the Moscow Party boss, Eltsin, to take the Prime Minister to a new area of the city and there visit shops and other facilities, talk to people and visit a typical flat. This would be in Eltsin's style, and he is very much a Gorbachev man (as well as being a most interesting character).

d) The Space Complex: There will be no difficulty in visiting "Star City" which is near Moscow. But this would not be unique. The Russians have taken many others there (and not only visiting VIPs). It might also be open to exploitation by the Russians if a manned space flight happened to be in progress at the time; if so the Russians might want to organise a hook-up to maximise publicity for the success of their space effort.

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e) A Visit outside Moscow: A possibility would be a visit to Kiev on 1 April, either in the Prime Minister's own aircraft if the Russians would allow this, with departure for London direct from Kiev; or by Soviet special aircraft. The Prime Minister would be the first Western leader to visit the city since Chernobyl. It would allow her to meet provincial leaders and also perhaps do another walkabout, eg in the Kiev market. It is a fine city.

Other possibilities for the programme include:-

a) opening the new offices of the British/Soviet Chamber of Commerce. This would be the best way of publicly showing interest in developing UK/Soviet trade; and Sir Geoffrey recommends it;

b) opening a British Oil and Gas Exhibition, sponsored by the Scottish Development Agency, which is currently planned for the first week of April;

c) a visit to the Institute of Crystallography of the Academy of Sciences;

d) a reception for the British community. If the Prime Minister opens the offices of the British/Soviet Chamber of Commerce, this is perhaps less important so far as the business community are concerned. But it would offer an opportunity to meet not only businessmen, journalists and Embassy staff, but also British teachers and students in the Soviet Union - who tend to be interesting commentators on Soviet life.

Will the Prime Minister be interested in an evening at the Bolshoi Theatre, if the Russians offer this? If so, will she prefer opera or ballet?

One urgent point for decision is whether Mrs Thatcher should stay at the Soviet VIP guesthouse (as the Danish and Dutch Prime Ministers have recently done) or at the Ambassador's Residence. The latter obviously has advantages in terms of quick access to the safe room and to any communications from London, and is what the Foreign Secretary advises. If the Prime Minister would prefer this, we shall need to feed it in early to the Russians.

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The Foreign Secretary wishes to think further about the substantive ideas about the visit and talks contained in your letter of 7 January, and will let you have his views in due course.

I am sending copies of this letter to Trevor Woolley (Cabinet Office) and Timothy Walker (DTI).

Yours ever,

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PRIME MINISTER

VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION

You will recall that you agreed a number of proposals for the programme for your visit to the Soviet Union (A).

Mr Renton is to visit Moscow next week. It is proposed that he should begin discussions on your programme. The FCO have sought clarification on a number of points:

	Yes	No
If you are to go to church in Zagorsk on the Sunday, you would need to fly out to Moscow on the Saturday evening (28 March). You do not at present have any conflicting arrangements. Agree?	☑	☐
Since Orthodox services are long, it is suggested that you should attend the latter part only, then mingle with the congregation and priests. Agree?	☑	☐
It is suggested that it would be better for the Sakharovs to come to you at the Embassy, or for you to meet him at the Academy of Sciences, rather than to go to their flat. (This is very small, and the suggestion is that they would be embarrassed). Agree	☑	☐

	Yes	No
It is suggested that your walkabout should be in Moscow, and you should be accompanied by Eltsin, the Moscow Party boss (who is apparently an interesting character). Agree?	☑	☐
For the space complex visit, the FCO suggest you should go to Star City near Moscow. This is not at all what I have in mind. I envisaged the actual launching site. Star City is very commonplace. Agree to drop this and investigate the possibility of going to the launch complex?	☑	☐
For the visit outside Moscow, the FCO suggest Kiev. This is a bit unimaginative. Ask them to do better? - Yes - but I like the possibility of another walkabout - i.e. in the Kiev market if it looks as if there would be good pictures.	☑	☐
Will you want to go to the Bolshoi (its virtually compulsory)? If so, do you prefer opera or ballet?	☑ Opera	☐

(please tick)

	Yes	No
You could either stay in a Soviet guest house or the Embassy. The latter would be much better and more secure. Agree?	☑	☐

e D.P.

Charles Powell
9 January 1987

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BRITISH EMBASSY
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6 January 1987

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Dear Charles,

THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO MOSCOW

1. I hope you will forgive me for offering, on a very personal basis, a few thoughts on some aspects of the Prime Minister's forthcoming visit to Moscow. They have all been injected, in various contexts, into more orthodox FCO channels but for obvious reasons I can be more candid in writing directly to you. Specifically:-

i) I hope very much that the Prime Minister will favour a very small party - not, by any means, for administrative reasons but primarily because I believe that the crucial sessions with Gorbachev are more likely to produce the results we would like (particularly in the arms control area) if there are very few people at the table. The Russians would of course have to match whatever participation there is on our side. The task will be one of intellectual persuasion: my belief is that Gorbachev will be more open to this if he is not performing in front of an audience of his own people (eg Shevardnadze). I think the ideal on our side would be the Prime Minister, you and me:

ii) I hope, too, that the Prime Minister will be able to arrive in Moscow in the late afternoon or evening of Sunday, 29 March. If we are to have any chance of accommodating her wish to see something of the Soviet Union outside Moscow, she will need three full working days, i.e. 30 and 31 March and 1 April (departing for the UK on the evening of 1 April, taking advantage of the three hour time difference). [You have agreed]

iii) A further hope is that the Prime Minister will decide that she would like to stay in the Residence, rather than in a Soviet guest house on the Lenin Hills. Not only is this logistically much easier (it takes 15-20 minutes to get from the Lenin Hills to anywhere, and vice-versa) but I think that ready access to our secure speech room, without having to make the long journey from the Lenin Hills for the purpose, will be of great importance throughout the visit. A further factor concerns the Sakharovs. You may have seen from my telegram number 9 that Sakharov is very enthusiastic about the possibility of meeting the Prime Minister while she is here. The Russians obviously cannot be trusted to produce him during the Prime Minister's visit to the Academy of Sciences, if she makes one: [You have agreed]

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equally I do not think that it would be right for the Prime Minister to call on the Sakharovs in their tiny flat - they would be embarrassed and media attention would be uncontrollable. The best solution would be for the Sakharovs to call on the Prime Minister in this Embassy, where we could ensure access as we could not to the Government guest house. The Russians might take a little umbrage if the Prime Minister does decide to stay in the Residence but I think this would be manageable if I lodge her preference early enough and have discretion to make play with the fact that I am a former member of her staff etc.

2. Finally, I think it might be very helpful, to me at any rate, if the Prime Minister could spare me 10 minutes or so on the margins of her seminar on 27 February, to discuss these and possibly other matters concerning the visit. I shall look forward to seeing you then, too.

Best wishes for '87!

Yours ever,

Bryan.

Bryan Cartledge

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From the Private Secretary

5 January 1987

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO MOSCOW

You raised with me the question of the Foreign Secretary accompanying the Prime Minister on her visit to Moscow. I have now discussed it with her on a couple of occasions. I have to say in all frankness that the Prime Minister is very reluctant to enlarge the party for her visit. She takes the view that the prospects for making progress in high level meetings are best when they are very small indeed and when there is a single spokesman on each side. She would much prefer to stick to the pattern of her visits to, for instance, Camp David to meet President Reagan in 1984 and 1986. Having said that, she realises that the Foreign Secretary was of course present at her first meeting with Mr. Gorbachev at Chequers in 1984 (before he became General Secretary). She also acknowledges that other Heads of Government have been accompanied by their Foreign Ministers on visits to the Soviet Union. I think that she would accept a solution whereby her main meetings with Mr. Gorbachev were à deux with only note-takers present, and that the Foreign Secretary would have separate meetings with his opposite number. There might be an enlarged meeting with Mr. Gorbachev subsequent to her main meetings with him, in which the Foreign Secretary and others would also participate.

You will be better able to judge how far such a solution would be agreeable to the Foreign Secretary; and it would of course depend on the Russians agreeing to arrange the programme in this way. But the Prime Minister attaches the greatest importance to being able to meet Mr. Gorbachev in restricted session and is most unlikely to change her mind on this point.

You may care to discuss this when we next have a talk.

Charles Powell

Sir Patrick Wright, K.C.M.G.

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From the Private Secretary

2 January 1987

Dear Colin,

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO MOSCOW

It will clearly be appropriate for the Prime Minister to take gifts to Mr. and Mrs. Gorbachev, and perhaps others, for her visit to Moscow. I should be grateful for suggestions for gifts, with a premium on originality.

yours sincerely,

Charles Powell

(C. D. POWELL)

Colin Budd, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Pl. b/r in good time for me to remind FO. to get a move on!

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JR dealing

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SANDRINGHAM, NORFOLK

31st December, 1986

Dear Nigel.

Thank you for your letter of 24th December to Sir William Heseltine. The Queen is quite content with the Prime Minister's proposal that there should be no audience on the evening of 31st March since the Prime Minister will be in Moscow on that date.

Her Majesty was also pleased to learn that the Prime Minister and Mr. Thatcher will be able to come to the Dine and Sleep on 13th April.

Yours ever
Robert.

(ROBERT FELLOWES)

Nigel Wicks, Esq.

MR. POWELL

GIFTS: MOSCOW

Will you be taking gifts to Moscow, and if so, will you write to the Foreign Office and ask them for suggestions?

C.R.

CR

31 December, 1986.

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3/c on 1 March

CDP for action

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From the Principal Private Secretary

24 December 1986

The Soviet Ambassador yesterday informed the Prime Minister of the dates for her visit to Moscow in the spring. They are 30 March to 1 April. The Prime Minister would therefore like The Queen's agreement that there should not be an Audience on the evening of Tuesday 31 March. We will be writing later in the usual way to obtain The Queen's permission for the Prime Minister to be absent from the country for this period.

The Prime Minister and Mr. Thatcher would be delighted to be invited to a Dine and Sleep on Monday 13 April.

N.L. WICKS

The Rt. Hon. Sir William Heseltine, KCB, KCVO.

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Visit to Soviet Union confirmed for 30 March - 1 April.

CDP.

Ref on Recap 30
and 31
Reg TOW 1 Apr

MR. SHERBOURNE

MOSCOW

We had a half day regional tour scheduled for Wednesday 1 April but the Prime Minister will now be in Moscow.

Do you wish me to find you a new date?

(CAROLINE RYDER)
23 December 1986

PRIME MINISTER

MOSCOW

As you know, the dates for your Moscow visit have been confirmed. They are Monday 30 March, Tuesday 31 March and Wednesday 1 April. We had a general reception booked for Monday 30 March.

Shall I give Sue Goodchild a new date?
or
just forget about it for next year?

(CAROLINE RYDER)
23 December 1986

MR. WICKS

MOSCOW

We had an audience booked
for Tuesday 31 March
and you were going to tell
the Palace if the Prime
Minister was to be in Moscow
on that date.

Can I leave it to you to
do this please?

(CAROLINE RYDER)
23 December 1986

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From the Private Secretary

22 December 1986

Dear Colin,

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION

The Soviet Ambassador called on the Prime Minister this afternoon to deliver what he described as a message from the Soviet leadership about the Prime Minister's visit to the Soviet Union. This was to the effect that the Soviet leadership attached great importance to continuing and deepening the political dialogue with Great Britain and hoped that the Prime Minister's forthcoming visit would mark a new and important stage in direct talks between the leaders of the two countries. The talks should concentrate on searching for solutions to the cardinal problems of international security. They should also give a serious impetus to the development of comprehensive co-operation between the two countries. To ensure that the visit met these objectives, it should be properly prepared between the appropriate Government departments of each country, which should start work as soon as possible. The dates proposed by the Prime Minister of 30 March/1 April were acceptable to the Soviet leadership. The Prime Minister would be a guest of the Soviet Government.

The Prime Minister thanked Mr. Zamyatin for this message and expressed her appreciation that Mr. Gorbachev was able to accept the dates which she had proposed. This was most considerate. She was also grateful that he had seen Sir Bryan Cartledge for such a full and lively discussion. She herself much preferred discussions in which people said quite frankly and openly what they thought. As regards the subjects for discussion during her visit, she would not wish these to be limited to aspects of arms control but would want to talk on a broader basis about the sources of international tension. We were entering a particularly interesting period in international relations and her visit would be very timely.

Mr. Zamyatin commented that the interesting developments extended to human rights. The Soviet authorities had now settled the problem of Mr. Sakharov and Mrs. Bonner and he could confirm that Mr. Gorbachev had telephoned Mr. Sakharov directly to inform him that he was free to return to Moscow and pursue his scientific work. The Prime Minister said that she had just had a most interesting meeting with Irina

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Ratushinskaya whom she had found to be a quiet and purposeful lady and the author of poetry which was full of feeling and expression. Mr. Zamyatin said that he was not familiar with Mrs. Ratushinskaya's poetry but hoped that the Prime Minister recalled that she had raised Mrs. Ratushinskaya's case with Mr. Shevardnadze. The Soviet Government had now responded directly to her concern. The Prime Minister said that she appreciated this but of course hoped that Mrs Ratushinskaya's release would be followed by many more.

Mr. Zamyatin asked whether the Prime Minister had any particular wishes for the programme for her visit. The Prime Minister said that she would prefer to think further about this. She had already been to Leningrad. She was also keen to leave ample time for talks, but would certainly like to see something of the Soviet Union outside Moscow. She had a personal interest in a visit to the Institute of Crystallography. She would also like to see something of the Soviet space programme if that were possible. Mr. Zamyatin said that he was sure the Prime Minister could see whatever she wished. He mentioned that Mr. Walker's visit to Kiev had been very satisfactory. The Prime Minister commented that she had read the full report on the Chernobyl disaster and wished to compliment the Soviet authorities on the very thorough job which they had done.

The Prime Minister agreed that it would be useful for her visit to be well prepared between the two Governments. The Ambassador should pursue this aspect with the Foreign Office, but should also remain in touch directly with her own office.

It was agreed that the press would be told that the Ambassador had called to convey a further message from Mr. Gorbachev about the Prime Minister's visit, for which dates had been agreed in principle and would be announced in due course.

You will want to contact the Soviet Embassy after the Christmas/New Year break to consider how to take forward work on the preparations for the visit. It would also be helpful to have some suggestions for the programme.

I enclose a copy of Mr. Zamyatin's speaking note.

I am copying this letter and enclosure to John Howe (Ministry of Defence) and Trevor Woolley (Cabinet Office).

Yours sincerely,

(C.D. POWELL)

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

Unofficial translation

The Soviet leadership attaches great importance to continuation and deepening of the political dialogue with Great Britain started by the visit of M.S.Gorbachyov to London in December, 1984. We hope that the forthcoming visit of Prime-Minister M.Thatcher to the Soviet Union will become a new important stage in the direct talk of the leaders of our two countries. The main contents of such a dialogue, in the opinion of the Soviet side, should be joint searching for the solutions of the cardinal problems of international security, limitation of the arms race and disarmament, first of all nuclear one.

It would be also hopeful that the forthcoming visit of the British Prime-Minister gives a serious impetus to the development of a comprehensive cooperation between the two countries on a stable basis, has weighty, concrete results in order to achieve further progressive development of the Soviet-British relations, incorporating into them new forms and directions of mutually beneficial ties. It is evident that for these purposes the visit should be properly prepared and the corresponding departments of both countries have to start this work without any delay. The Soviet side is ready for that.

The proposed dates for Mrs.M.Thatcher's visit to the USSR (March, 30 - April, 1 1987) are acceptable for the Soviet leadership. The Prime-Minister, who is to arrive to the USSR as a guest of the Soviet Government, will be given due attention and hospitality.

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From the Private Secretary

13 November 1986

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION

Thank you for your letter of 12 November about dates for the Prime Minister's visit to the Soviet Union. As you will see from my separate letter, the Prime Minister put the dates of 30 March-1 April to Mr. Zamyatin when he called this morning and he undertook to report them to Moscow. You might like to instruct Bryan Cartledge to take parallel action rapidly. We can keep the dates of 20-22 April in reserve for later consideration.

(C. D. POWELL)

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12 November 1986

Prime Minister
It looks as though the earlier date would be the better one to go for. Agree?
CDP 12/11

Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's Visit to the Soviet Union

You wrote on 11 November suggesting, in order of preference, 20/23 April and 30 March/1 April as possible dates for the Prime Minister's visit.

We have consulted Sir Bryan Cartledge. There is no difficulty we can see over 30 March to 1 April. There is, however, a foreseeable problem about 20 to 23 April, in that the 116th anniversary of Lenin's birth falls on 22 April. This will entail a major speech (by a member of the leadership, other than Gorbachev) followed by a concert in the Kremlin which all the leadership, including Gorbachev, will attend, on one of the days between 20 and 23 April. In other words, one evening of the visit would be pre-empted so far as contact, social or otherwise, with the leadership is concerned.

Yes

Sir Bryan Cartledge sees no overriding disadvantage in that. Nevertheless, we believe it could be a real constraint in the organisation of a satisfactory programme. The coincidence between the visit and the anniversary would no doubt give rise to comments by the British media. And ~~it is~~ also possible that the Russians would prefer to avoid this period.

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We therefore think that, if possible, it would be better if the Prime Minister were able to propose another date as the alternative to 30 March/1 April. If, however, her diary commitments make that out of the question, and she wishes to maintain 20/23 April as one of her proposals, we suggest that we instruct Sir Bryan in doing so to make clear that we are aware of the anniversary and would understand if the Soviet authorities preferred the visit to take place on the earlier dates. We see some advantage in instructing Sir Bryan to do this direct to Gorbachev (or Shevardnadze if Gorbachev proves unavailable) when he delivers the Prime Minister's message after her visit to Washington.

Yours ever,

Colin Budd

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From the Private Secretary

11 November 1986

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION

You will recall that Mr. Shevardnadze told the Foreign Secretary in Vienna that it would be helpful to have proposals soon for dates for the Prime Minister's visit to the Soviet Union next year. I have discussed this with the Prime Minister and we have identified two possible dates which she could manage in the early part of next year. They are, in order of preference, 20/23 April and 30 March/1 April.

Subject to any comments you may have, I suggest that you instruct HM Ambassador in Moscow to propose these dates to the Soviet Government. I do not exclude the possibility that the Prime Minister will mention them to the Soviet Ambassador when she sees him tomorrow.

C. D. POWELL

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PRIME MINISTER

VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION

The Foreign Secretary mentioned to you last week that the Russians were anxious to set a date for your visit to the Soviet Union soon, as Mr Gorbachev's diary was filling up. You are of course seeing the Soviet Ambassador on Wednesday next week. Thursday?

From the foreign affairs point of view the early part of next year would be a good time to go. It would create a continuity in contacts with President Reagan and the Soviet leadership. It would also probably be before any US/Soviet summit. It seems to be what the Russians are expecting.

I think that you will need to allow three days in all, including travel, if you are to have a chance to go outside Moscow for part of the time. We have therefore looked at possible Monday/Wednesday dates and you could do:-

30 March - 1 April
13-15 April (the week before Easter and the House is likely to be in recess) - Please do not use this - bad news.
✓20-21 April (which would mean using Easter Monday)

I do not know if you have any preference between these dates. Alternatively we might offer a choice to Mr Gorbachev.

Agree to put these dates to the Russians?

CDP

Charles Powell

10 November 1986

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From the Private Secretary

29 September 1986

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION

The Prime Minister had some discussion with the Foreign Secretary this evening about the timing of her visit to the Soviet Union. She agreed that, for planning purposes, we should think in terms of a visit next spring, possibly but not necessarily during the Easter Recess. This would leave a comfortable interval after the expected visit to the United Kingdom by a delegation from the Supreme Soviet, led by Ligachev or Dobrynin. The Prime Minister agreed in principle to see the leader of this delegation during its visit to the United Kingdom.

I emphasise that this is a steer for planning purposes only and the Prime Minister would not want to be committed to precise dates at this early stage (although the Russians will no doubt have picked up references in the press to the likelihood of a visit around Easter).

I would add that I had some informal discussion with Bryan Cartledge recently about a possible programme. I suggested that he should think in terms of a maximum of three days, with two spent in Moscow and one elsewhere. The third day should if possible be devoted to something unusual (for instance, the Soviet space centre) and not just to sightseeing in Leningrad. The unusual should if possible include a walkabout. I think that the Prime Minister would also be interested in speaking on Soviet television. I realise that all these might be very difficult to negotiate

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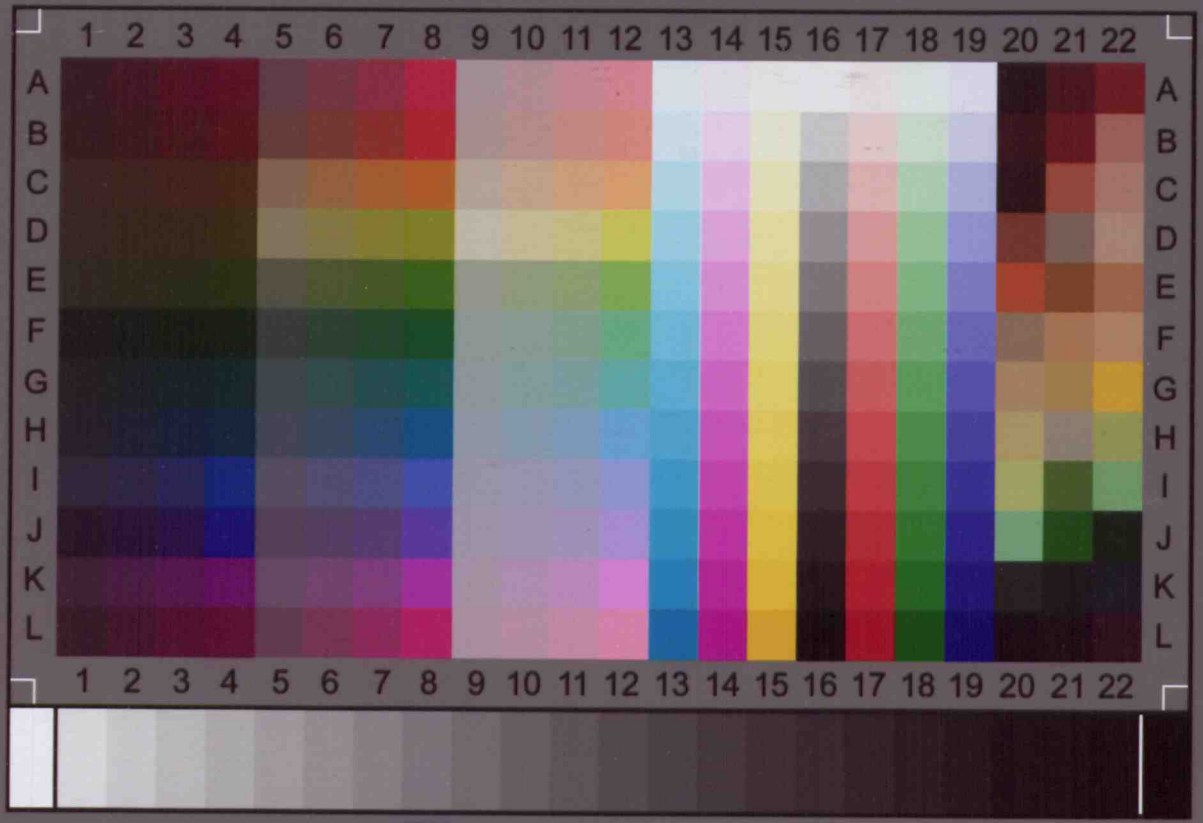
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