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The Russia Invitation.

Adhyer. The Prime Minister agreed to let the invitation stand. I have informed the F.C.O.

Richard.

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1. Each year Central Office conduct every Embassy etc - List of Co-operative Countries (etc) - Young Countries, Local Government etc. They invite the Embassies to send representatives to the Conference. As far as the Central Council in Brussels is concerned the following Embassies will be requested - Cameroon, France, Czechoslovakia, France, GDR, Romania, Indonesia, Sudan, S. Africa and the USSR.

2. I am now informed that these diplomats will not be officially entertained (as they are at the full Party Conference). So the Russians will be taking pot luck with lad ladies and publicans ~~and~~ before reporting back on the mysteries.

of the Conventive Party to his
~~superior~~ Superior equals.

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Richard

The PM asked me to let you know that she will raise this with Ld Carrington when she sees him tomorrow. However she wishes to be reminded to do it.

Ld. Carrington will be here for a 1600 mtg.

Teresa Conway
9.3.80.

PLEASE GIVE TO
PM BEFORE
1600 meeting
That you Rd



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Prime Minister

Before Christmas, the International Office extended invitations to a number of Embassies for a party that they are holding at the Central Council Meeting in Bournemouth later this month. Amongst those who were asked and later accepted were the Russians.

Sir Anthony Royle tells me that he, Lord Thorneycroft, and Sir Ian Gilmour do not feel that it is worth "making a mountain out of a molehill" by withdrawing the invitation to the Russians.

However, from what I can gather, Sir Charles Johnston and the National Union officers believe otherwise.

The Russians will be sending a junior Embassy official, the Second Secretary, Mr. Ekimenko, to the party in Bournemouth. But my instinct tells me that Sir Charles Johnston may have a point.

Is there anybody's advice you would like to receive about this subject or are you willing to comment now? There is no doubt that your word would be final in spite of the fact that constitutionally it is the National Union's affair.

Rid

Richard

6th March, 1980.

*It would cause
questions in the House and I
should be in a very difficult
position if in / out of govt.
Aside to others, the Party of govt
asked that not withdraw an
invitation to the representative of the
U.S.S.R. I will speak to Lord C
on Mon. a.m.*

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