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From the Private Secretary

10 June 1981

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The Prime Minister has seen your letter to me of 9 June describing the further steps which the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary intends to take to promote our proposal for an international conference on Afghanistan.

The Prime Minister agrees that Lord Carrington should proceed on the basis described in your letter. However, the Prime Minister remains very conscious that the proposed visit to Moscow is being arranged against the background of a deteriorating situation in Poland. She assumes that if the Soviet Union were to take any ^{overt} action against the Poles, Lord Carrington's visit to Moscow would be cancelled at once.

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