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Dear John,

Mr Pym has seen the draft of the Prime Minister's speech for the Guildhall tonight, enclosed with your letter of 12 November. He would like to suggest the following amendments (enclosed). He believes that the section on the Soviet Union will be looked on as the government's response to the leadership change in Moscow and analysed with particular care. Both internationally and domestically, there is much weight behind the argument that this is a moment of opportunity which the West cannot afford to neglect. The opportunity may prove not to be there, but it is politically important - not least in

views of the INF deployments in Europe next year - that we should be seen to be giving the hypothesis a fair test. The Prime Minister's exchange of messages with President Reagan is very much in this spirit. In Mr Pym's view, the amendments proposed would be helpful in this respect. There are a couple also to other parts of the draft.

I will let you know as soon as possible if we have any other comments.

Yours ever

John Hines

WE SHALL ALSO BE LOOKING FOR SIGNS OF A GREATER RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND INTERNATIONAL LAW THAN WE HAVE SEEN IN RECENT YEARS. AND WE SHALL BE EQUALLY READY TO RESPOND TO THAT. THERE IS MUCH THAT WE CAN ACHIEVE TOGETHER IF THE SOVIET UNION IS WILLING TO COOPERATE .''

PAGE 33: DELETE REFERENCE TO CENTRAL AMERICA IN FIRST LINE. THERE IS CLEAR EVIDENCE OF INVASION AND OCCUPATION IN AFGHANISTAN AND CAMBODIA AND IT SEEMS WRONG TO PUT CENTRAL AMERICA IN THE SAME CONTEXT.

PAGE 33: SUBSTITUTE FOR FINAL PARAGRAPH :

'' I CANNOT FORGET THAT IN POLAND AN ALIEN CREED WAS IMPOSED ON A PEOPLE FROM OUTSIDE. NOW THE SPIRIT OF THAT BRAVE PEOPLE IS SUCH THAT NOT EVEN MARTIAL LAW, INSPIRED AND SUSTAINED FROM MOSCOW , CAN WEAKEN THEIR PRIDE OR EXTINGUISH THEIR HOPES.

PAGE 37: ADD AFTER '' RISK OF WAR'' A NEW SENTENCE TO READ ::

'' IT IS MULTILATERAL DISARMAMENT , PATIENTLY NEGOTIATED WHICH REMAINS OUR OBJECTIVE.'' YOU MAY THEN NEED A '' MEANWHILE '' TO LINK IN THE SENTENCE ABOUT MAINTAINING DEFENCES , AND MAY WISH TO DELETE ''BUT'' AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PENULTIMATE SENTENCE.

2. FOLLOWING ARE THE SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS :

PAGE 6: SECOND SENTENCE TO READ '' THE ILLUSION THAT SOVIET AMBITIONS COULD BE CONTAINED BY WISHFUL THINKING ABOUT DETENTE .''

PAGE 14: DELETE THE REFERENCE TO MEXICO AND POLAND IN THE FIRST PARAGRAPH AND REPLACE BY '' AS WAS THE CASE FOR MANY COUNTRIES IN THE THIRD WORLD AND IN EASTERN EUROPE .''

PAGE 29: DELETE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE THE REFERENCE TO DISAGREEMENT WITH AMERICA OVER THE FALKLANDS . IT IS NOT IN OUR INTERESTS TO SUGGEST THAT THE DISAGREEMENT GOES WIDER THAN THE UNGA VOTE , OR TO EXAGGERATE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DISAGREEMENT OVER THE VOTE.

PAGE 30: IN THE LINE READING '' AGREEMENT ON THE SIBERIAN PIPELINE'' INSERT '' A STRATEGY FOR EAST/WEST ECONOMIC RELATIONS INCLUDING '' BETWEEN '' AGREEMENT ON '' AND '' THE SIBERIAN PIPELINE ''.

PAGE 32: REVISE ALL BEFORE '' OVER THE PAST YEARS '' TO READ AS FOLLOWS :

'' IN THE WEEKS AND MONTHS AHEAD WE SHALL WATCH THE NEW SOVIET LEADERSHIP EARNESTLY FOR SOLID WILLINGNESS TO WORK FOR GENUINE MULTILATERAL DISARMAMENT. ANY SUCH EVIDENCE WILL BE MET WITH A READY WELCOME AND QUICK RESPONSE.