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From the Private Secretary

29 June 1984

UK/SOVIET RELATIONS

Thank you for your letter of 28 June about the arrangements for Sir Geoffrey Howe's visit to Moscow. The Prime Minister has noted these and also the text of the speech which Sir Geoffrey will be making on the first day of his visit.

The Prime Minister does not, however, wish Sir Geoffrey Howe to extend to President Chernenko an invitation from her to visit the UK. She feels that it is much too soon for this. She has also commented that it would simply look like copying President Mitterrand.

I should be grateful if you would ensure that the Prime Minister's views are made known to Sir Geoffrey Howe before the start of his visit.

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