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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Prime Minister
Agree that Mr.

3 August 1984

Dear Charles,

Yes - please give all help possible

Kinnock's visit should be handled in this way?

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Mr Kinnock's Visit to Moscow: November 1984

You may like to know that a member of Mr Kinnock's office called at the FCO on 27 July to discuss this visit, planned for late November (either 19-23 or 21-27). The plan is for Messrs Kinnock and Healey to call on Gromyko and Chernenko, although the arrangements have not yet been confirmed on the Soviet side.

Against that background we have been considering how far the Embassy should go in helping these visitors. We propose:

- ✓ (a) that HM Ambassador should offer to accommodate Messrs Kinnock and Healey;
- ✓ (b) that he should be at the airport to meet the party;
- ✓ (c) that he should give some form of entertainment for Mr Kinnock to include Russian guests;
- ✓ (d) that the Embassy should in general offer administrative assistance to ensure that the visit is properly organised and that Mr Kinnock gets a well-balanced view of the Moscow scene;
- ✓ (e) that we should offer a Counsellor or the Minister to attend the main calls;
- ✓ (f) that we should offer the party a briefing at the FCO before their departure.

It would be helpful if you could let me know at an early stage whether you have any comments on these proposals.

Yours ever,
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