

PRIME MINISTER

LUNCH FOR MR. GORBACHEV

The Foreign Office need some guidance as to what sort of occasion you intend this to be. It seems to me that it will be a unique opportunity to try to get inside the minds of the next generation of Soviet leaders. This points to a rather small lunch to allow a real discussion rather than any sort of social or ceremonial occasion. Geoffrey Howe will be giving him lunch the next day at Lancaster House and that can be the protocol event.

If you agree, we might think in terms of a small lunch for 12/14 people including the Lord President, Geoffrey Howe, Michael Heseltine, Antony Acland, Clive Whitmore, HM Ambassador, Moscow and Sir Percy Cradock.

Agree?

Yes *ms*

*EDP*

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