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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

Prime Minister
Agree not to
include Mrs. Gorbachev
in the
lunch?
Chequer's

19 November, 1984

Dear Charles,

CDP 19/xi

Yes

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Mr Gorbachev's Visit

I enclose a copy of the list of names in the Supreme Soviet delegation which Mr Gorbachev will be leading on a visit from 15-22 December. The Soviet Embassy passed the list to the IPU on 13 November.

As you see, the Russians have suggested that Mrs Gorbachev should accompany her husband. We see some advantage in this, and could arrange a separate programme for her, taking account of her wishes and interests. The question arises, however, as to whether Mrs Gorbachev should be included in the various official meals that will be offered by the Government during the visit.

Given the views expressed in your letter of 29 October about the Prime Minister's desire to keep her guest list as restricted as possible on the Soviet side, we assume that the Prime Minister would not wish to invite Mrs Gorbachev to Chequers on 16 December. We would see no problem in explaining this to the Russians, who would probably not expect Mrs Gorbachev to be included.

The Foreign Secretary proposes to include Mrs Gorbachev in the dinner he is hosting on 17 December with Lady Howe as the hostess on the British side (but no other wives). Mrs Gorbachev would also be invited to the evening entertainment on 19 December. We would hope that Mr Channon and Mr Younger would be prepared to invite Mrs Gorbachev to the dinners they are hosting on 20 and 21 December, perhaps on the same basis as the dinner given by Sir Geoffrey Howe, ie balanced by Mrs Channon and Mrs Younger but not necessarily including other wives. I should be grateful for confirmation from Steve Nicklen and John Graham that their Ministers are content. We would then plan on this basis and so inform the Russians.

Copies of this letter go to Steve Nicklen (DTI) and John Graham (Scottish Office).

Yours ever,
Colin Budd

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Private Secretary

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GORBACHEV Michail Sergeevich /leader of the delegation/ -

- Secretary of the Central Committee of the CPSU, Member of Politbureau of the Central Committee of the CPSU, Chairman of Foreign Affairs Commission of the Soviet of Union

with wife GORBACHEVA Raisa Maximovna

VELIKHOV Evgeni Pavlovich -

- Chairman of the Energy Commission of the Soviet of Nationalities, Vice-President of the USSR Academy of Science

ZAMYATIN Leonid Mitrofanovich -

- Secretary of the Foreign Affairs Commission of the Soviet of Nationalities, Head of International Information Department of the Central Committee of the CPSU

ISAEV Egor Alexandrovich -

- member of the Legislative Commission of the Soviet of Nationalities, poet, Secretary of the Board of the Writers' Union of the USSR

KOMAROV Nickolai Dmitrievich -

- member of the Consumer Goods and Services Commission of the Soviet of Nationalities, First Deputy minister of Foreign Trade

PARSHINA, Valentina Romanovna -

- member of the housing-communal and town services Commission of the Soviet of Union, brigade-leader of the vegetable growers of the specialized production complex of the state farms "Detskoslensk" in Leningrad area

STRELCHENKO Ivan Ivanovich -

- member of the Commission on Youth Affairs of the Soviet of Union, foreman of the Pit "Trudovskaya" of the production complex "Donetskugol"

YAKOVLEV Alexandr Nickolaevich -

- member of the Foreign Affairs Commission of the Soviet of Nationalities, director of the Institute of World economy and international relations of the USSR Academy of Science

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VISIT OF GORBACHEV

1. ON 13 NOVEMBER SOVIET EMBASSY GAVE US DETAILS OF THE DELEGATION ACCOMPANYING GORBACHEV.
2. GORBACHEV WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE. THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION WILL BE: (IN RUSSIAN ALPHABETICAL ORDER)
 - I) ACADEMICIAN YEVGENI VELIKHOV, A LEADING SOVIET SCIENTIST AND EXPERT ON ARMS CONTROL IN SPACE.
 - II) LEONID ZAMYATIN, HEAD OF THE INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION DEPARTMENT OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND A PROMINENT OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS.
 - III) YEGOR ISAEV, AN ELDERLY ESTABLISHMENT POET AND SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF THE WRITERS' UNION.
 - IV) NIKOLAI KOMAROV, FIRST DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE.
 - V) VALENTINA PARSHINA, LEADER OF VEGETABLE GROWERS BRIGADE IN LENINGRAD REGION.
 - VI) IVAN STRELCHENKO, PIT FOREMAN, DONETSK.
 - VII) ALEXANDR YAKOVLEV, FORMER AMBASSADOR TO CANADA, NOW HEAD OF AN INFLUENTIAL SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY INSTITUTE.

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