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From the Private Secretary

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Mr. Gorbachev's Visit: UK Objectives

Thank you for your letter of 19 November setting out suggested objectives for Mr. Gorbachev's visit. The Prime Minister is content with these,

The question of the presence in the Supreme Soviet delegation of a coal-pit foreman is being dealt with in separate correspondence. You will doubtless let me know in due course the outcome of the discussions with the Soviet Embassy on this.

The Prime Minister would find it helpful to have a meeting before Mr. Gorbachev's visit with a small number of experts, perhaps including outside experts, to prepare for her meeting with him. She has mentioned the name of Mr. Malcolm Mackintosh. I should be grateful if you could let me have suggestions for four or five such experts who might be invited to a meeting.

I am copying this letter to Richard Mottram (Ministry of Defence), Steve Nicklen (Department of Trade and Industry), Ivor Llewellyn (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food) and Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

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