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cc. PC.
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Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's Lunch for Mr Gorbachev

I attach some Speaking Notes on which the Prime Minister could draw in any remarks she decides to make at her lunch for Mr Gorbachev on 16 December. The Notes are longer than the Prime Minister will need, but they are intended for you to use as a quarry. Consecutive interpretation into Russian will be needed, and Mr Bishop, who will be attending the lunch as the British interpreter, will stand ready to provide this.

Yours ever,

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MEETING WITH GORBACHEV

Introduction

1. Want to set out general hopes for East/West and UK/Soviet relations.
2. End 1984 with more hope. Communication has been restored. Increase in high-level contact. Need to move on to better mutual understanding of each other's problems and attitudes. Look forward to Gromyko/Schultz meeting.
3. 1985 offers opportunities. Getting to know each other and building mutual confidence is first priority. My personal commitment and that of HMG to

search for better relations. Reagan also sincere in this.

4. Study of public statements by both sides shows interesting similarities : wish for peace and stability, desire for greater prosperity, help development in third world.

5. Don't hide behind old ideas. Want to convince you we are not threatening Soviet Union. Our weapons are defensive.

6. Suggest agenda of East/West, arms control and bilateral relations

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East/West

1. Want more consultation between Ministers and experts. Purpose: to understand each other's intentions and interests: build confidence: and co-operate in solving problems.
2. Regional problems. Central America - avoid delivery of major new weapons systems. Afghanistan - need negotiation and timetable for withdrawal. Middle East - welcome our consultations: international conference premature. Far East - prospects for Arkhipov's discussions in China.

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Arms Control

1. Welcome renewed talks with US on nuclear weapons. Soviet objectives/priorities in Geneva? Case for interim agreements?
2. Genuine commitment to halt/reverse NATO INF deployments if right agreement. But moratorium on NATO programme unacceptable.
3. Impression that US/Soviet negotiating positions on strategic nuclear weapons far from irreconcilable.
4. Particular importance of discussion of weapons in space. Glad Soviets now recognise logical link.

between space-based defensive weapons and offensive nuclear forces.

5. Total CW ban needed. Must be adequately verifiable.

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NUM

1. Reports in British press of contacts between Scargill and other NUM officials and Soviet Embassy. Also reports from Swiss sources of Soviet activities to transfer funds to NUM through Swiss banking channels. Take a very serious view of such activities as unfriendly and unwarrantable interference in British affairs. Urge not to make or allow such transfers.

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UK/SOVIET

1. Welcome Ministerial and Parliamentary contacts, also in cultural/educational field. More freedom of travel for individuals.
2. Trade: Welcome upturn but we need substantial contracts in next 5-year plan if upward trend to be maintained. Discuss with Mr Channon.
3. Further moves on human rights would do immeasurable good to Soviet reputation. Affects climate of opinion for intergovernmental relations.