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SUBJECT: THATCHER DESIRE TO SEE THE PRESIDENT BEFORE
ANY SUMMIT WITH GORBACHEV

DURING THE COURSE OF A DISCUSSION ON JULY 22 WITH CHARLES POWELL, PRIME MINISTER THATCHER'S PRIVATE SECRETARY, POWELL TOLD ME THAT SHOULD A SUMMIT MEETING WITH GORBACHEV BE SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER, THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD "NO DOUBT WISH" TO VISIT WASHINGTON AND SEE THE PRESIDENT IN ADVANCE. POWELL NOTED THAT SHE MIGHT WELL PROPOSE A VISIT IN MID NOVEMBER, PERHAPS OVER A WEEKEND. HE MADE CLEAR THAT HE WAS GIVING US A HEADS UP AND WAS REFLECTING THATCHER'S OWN THINKING. PRICE

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