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## CALL BY MR KARPOV

Mr Viktor Karpov, accompanied by the Chargé d'Affaires of the Soviet Embassy, Mr Guerman Gventsadze called this morning on the Prime Minister as a personal emissary from Mr Gorbachev.

Mr Karpov gave the Prime Minister a full account of the Reykjavic meeting from the Soviet point of view. It was agreed that no details of their discussion would be disclosed. But both sides agreed it was vital to find a way forward and that there were grounds for further negotiations.

Mr Karpov said that Mr Gorbachev was looking forward to meeting the Prime Minister in Moscow next year.

*ended* The meeting lasted just under 90 minutes.

*ended* The Prime Minister was accompanied by *an official* ~~Mr Charles Powell~~.

*Not done*  
Mr Karpov isto give a press conference at the Soviet Embassy at 17.30 hours this evening. ]

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**TUESDAY 14 OCTOBER: MR KARPOV'S WORDS TO WAITING PRESS IN  
DOWNING STREET FOLLOWING MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER**

**VK:** ...I informed the British Prime Minister about the result of the Reykjavik meeting between General Secretary Gorbachev and President Reagan and expressed our opinion about why the meeting failed to produce results that would mean a movement forward. Complicated, yes, but very important issues for nuclear disarmament and we agreed that there should be searched for a way out of this situation and we agreed that needs effort on both sides.

**QUESTIONER:** What is the possible way out - will the two Leaders meet again ?

**VK:** I think that the result of the Reykjavik meeting should be pondered on by both sides - and it takes some time.

**QUESTIONER:** Geneva or where sir ?

**VK:** Geneva, yes

**Q:** Was Mrs Thatcher sympathetic to your view ?

**VK:** We had a discussion, of course not all views are coinciding and I invite you all to our press conference at our Embassy at 5.30 pm. Thank You.