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From the Private Secretary

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO POLAND

Thank you for your letter of 12 August about the Prime Minister's programme in Poland. I am sure the Prime Minister would be ready in principle to open the British Council's new cinema and exhibition hall. But I would prefer to reserve a decision until we see the overall shape of the programme. Now that we are going to Gdansk, we may need to squeeze the Warsaw part of the programme, in which case we shall be looking for items to drop. It is probably worth while going ahead with the plaque nonetheless. But we should make clear to the Council that there is not yet a definitive decision from the Prime Minister to go.

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Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's visit to Poland

Among the programme items covered in your letter of 2 February, you said that the Prime Minister would be happy to open the British Council's new cinema and exhibition hall as proposed in Tony Galsworthy's letter of 1 February.

We hope that the Prime Minister will still be content to visit the British Council even though the new rooms have been in operation since May. The British Council propose that she should unveil a plaque to mark the occasion. In order to have this ready in time, the British Council would be grateful for urgent agreement to the wording of the plaque, which I attach. This is based on the wording proposed in our letter of 1 February. Unfortunately, we cannot include a precise date since the Prime Minister's programme has not yet been finalised and may not be for some time.

Yours ever

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PROPOSED WORDING FOR THE BRITISH COUNCIL PLAQUE

To commemorate the visit of the Prime Minister, the Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher FRS MP, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the British Council in Poland.

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