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## PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO POLAND: 2-4 NOVEMBER 1988

1. This note describes the communications arrangements which have been made for the Prime Minister's visit to Poland. Communications security will be much more difficult to maintain in this iron curtain environment and for this reason facilities will be curtailed. Secure facsimile will not be provided and if Brahms is used, it is important to remember that "walls have ears". If it is necessary to hold a secure sensitive conversation with London this is best carried out from within the Embassy in Warsaw taking advice from the resident TSD engineer. The accommodation at Gdansk will be particularly suspect and Brahms should only be used if the concern is to protect the conversation through the international network: there will be little or no protection against eavesdropping.

## VC10 COMMUNICATIONS

2. Secure telegraph communications will be available during flights.

## TELEGRAMS

3. These will be passed via the Warsaw Embassy using FCO secure networks. There will be no telegram service at Gdansk.

## BRAHMS SECURE SPEECH

4. Brahms will be available for use in both Warsaw and Gdansk but note paragraph 1 above.

## TELEPHONES

5. A direct circuit to the No 10 Downing Street switchboard has been ordered for the Private Offices at both Warsaw and Gdansk. International Direct Dial (IDD) telephones will also be available. The Residence in Warsaw has one IDD plus a line to the Embassy which will give access to international calls via the Embassy switchboard. Particular care must be exercised with regard to security when using any telephone, see paragraph 1 above.



6. Telephone Numbers:  
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COMMUNICATIONS SUMMARY

1. Brahms will be available but should be used with caution, see paragraph 1 of the letter.
2. Secure radio communications will be installed on the aircraft for exchange of telegrams.
3. There will be direct circuits to No 10 switchboard and IDD at both Warsaw and Gdansk. Timetable and facilities are as follows:

PLACE	DATE/TIME (SEE NOTES)		FACILITIES
	FROM	TO	
Airborne			Secure Telegrams
H/Row-Warsaw	2 NOV 88 1345 HRS	2 NOV 88 1715 HRS	Secure Telegrams via Embassy Brahms Direct Circuit + IDD
Airborne			Secure Telegrams
Warsaw/Gdansk	4 NOV 88 0900 HRS	4 NOV 88 1000 HRS	Direct Circuit and IDD
Airborne Gdansk/London	4 NOV 88 TBN	4 NOV 88 TBN	Secure Telegrams

- NOTES: 1. Times stated are local and are to be confirmed.
2. Both UK and Poland are on the same time.
3. Zulu time = Local minus 1 hour



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TO CABINET OFFICE/044 IMMEDIATE

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AIRBORNE.

1. TO KEEP YOU IN THE PICTURE, WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PROVIDE AIRBORNE COMMUNICATIONS DURING THE WARSAW/GDANSK/WARSAW LEGS.
2. THIS HAS BEEN CONFIRMED AND ARRANGED.
3. WE WILL ADVISE YOU OF THE INTENDED TIME OF DEPARTURE FOR GDANSK IN DUE COURSE.

REGARDS

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