M Alexander PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE WHITEHALL TONDON SWIA LAT Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster 13th March 1981 12 Ams Henr Francis. Thank you for your letter of 5 March about the points raised by the Soviet Ambassador during his recent call on Mr Pym. In the light of your and other comments, I now attach a proposed draft reply for the Chancellor of the Duchy to send to Mr Popov. I should be grateful if you and copy addressees could confirm that you are content with its terms. I also plan to mention the matter to John Osborn, as chairman of the Anglo-Soviet Group, before Mr Pym writes. I am sending copies of this letter to the same recipients as before. Une am. duid, D C R HEYHOE Private Secretary F N Richards, Esq Private Secretary Foreign and Commonwealth Office LONDON Enc

DRAFT LETTER FOR THE CHANCELLOR OF THE DUCHY TO SEND TO THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR, MR POPOV.

When you came to see me on 13 February, you asked about exchanges of visits between Parliamentarians and also about prominent members of the Conservative Party whom you might meet.

On both counts, I do not think that I can do better than draw to your attention the Anglo-Soviet Parliamentary Group, whose Chairman is Mr John Osborn MP.

You also asked about exchanges of visits at the level of scientific and research cooperation and on this I am advised that the right course would be for you to take up with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office any ideas that you may have.

I hope that this is helpful.