

PRIME MINISTER

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East/West Relations

The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary has asked to see you for 15 minutes before OD(FAF) tomorrow to discuss the above subject. You are aware of his talk in Moscow with Mr. Shultz. There has also been President Reagan's message to you about East/West relations, and Vice President Bush and Andropov have had a brief discussion in Moscow.

I understand that Mr. Pym has it in mind to write to Mr. Shultz, setting out some views on how we should handle East/West relations. He is particularly keen that the Alliance should adopt a collective policy at the important meeting of NATO Foreign Ministers on 9 December.

I gather that Mr. Pym believes that the West should make it plain publicly that it is giving the Soviet Union every reasonable opportunity to adopt more constructive policies. This could be particularly important in dealing with critics of the IMF talks in Geneva.

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