

PERSONAL

PRIME MINISTER

MEETING WITH HM AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW

Rodric Braithwaite is coming to see you this afternoon. The main points you will want to cover are:

- German unification. Gorbachev's resolve on this seems to be crumbling fast. He has told Kohl that it is up to the German people to decide whether and when. So far as we know, he has not imposed any particular price, other than that unification should take account of the security interests of others, and within the CSCE process. Rodric needs to get straight into see Chernayer in Gorbachev's office as soon as he gets back to Moscow, to obtain an authoritative account of Gorbachev's views.
- Central Committee plenum. You will want to hear Rodric's assessment of the meeting and its outcome. There is a growing feeling that it was not actually quite as much a substantive victory for Gorbachev as first reports suggested.
- your visit to Kiev. You might ask him how he sees the programme for this.
- Sir Percy Cradock's visit. I have passed on your view that Percy should see 'behind the scenes' people and not Shevardnadze. This must be right - the Foreign Secretary would be very unhappy if you decided otherwise.

C.D.P.
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