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From the Private Secretary

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Dear Lillard,

UK/SOVIET RELATIONS

The Prime Minister had a short talk this afternoon with Sir Rodric Braithwaite, before his return to Moscow. She urged Sir Rodric to take an early opportunity to find out from Mr Gorbachev's principal advisers exactly what his current thinking on German unification is and to urge them to step up efforts to secure an early meeting of the Berlin Four plus the two Germanies. He should also express our sympathy for the Polish Prime Minister's request for help in securing a formal guarantee of the Polish/German border.

The Prime Minister also had some discussion with Sir Rodric about arrangements for her visit to Kiev in June. She thought we would need to use the occasion to announce some significant package of assistance to the Russians, possibly on the lines of the Know-How Funds we have established for East European countries. To some extent this might simply draw together existing activities. But there would no doubt be a need for some additional money.

*Yours sincerely,
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