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OF 220902Z FEBRUARY 90

PERSONAL FOR CHARLES POWELL, NO 10
YOUR TELNO MISC 055: BORIS ELTSIN

1. AS YOU SAY, ELTSIN REMAINS A LEADING FIGURE IN SOVIET POLITICS. THE PRIME MINISTER HAS A LEGITIMATE INTEREST IN SEEING HIM.
2. GORBACHEV WILL THEREFORE UNDERSTAND, EVEN IF HE DOES NOT LIKE THE IDEA. I AM TAKING SIR PERCY CRADOCK TO SEE CHERNYAEV ON 23 FEBRUARY AND CAN TIP HIM OFF ON THE LINES YOU PROPOSE IF THE PRIME MINISTER DECIDES TO SEE ELTSIN.
3. ON THAT BASIS, I WOULD SEE NO OVERRIDING OBJECTION TO THE CALL. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO KNOW THE PRIME MINISTER'S DECISION DESKBY 230600Z. THE CALL ON CHERNYAEV IS AT 10.00AM LOCAL TIME.

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