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	12	YOUR TELNO 207: POLAND AND GERMAN UNIFICATION		
	13	1. Following Mazowiecki's and Jaruzelski's remarks to		
	14	Mr Kenneth Baker on 10 March, grateful if you would now convey		
	15	our views on the question of Polish involvement in discussions		
	16	in the two plus four framework on the question of Polish		
	17	borders, supplementing the Prime Minister's message already		
	18	delivered to Mazowiecki (FCO telno 134).		
	19	2. Background on procedural discussions about involvement of		
	20	the Poles is in the reporting telegrams of the meetings in		
	21	Paris and Bonn on 13 and 14 March respectively in the framework		
	22	of the two plus four. We took an active part in this		
	23	discussion, emphasising the need to involve the Poles in early		
	24	discussion of the Polish borders, preferably at the next		
	25	meeting at official level (planned to take place soon after the		
///	26	formation of a GDR government, in mid to late April). A		
//	27	Ministerial meeting in Warsaw was not agreed but there was		
/	28	complete agreement on the principle of Polish involvement in		
	29	that part of any discussion which concerned the Polish		
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Western border.

3. You should speak to the Poles on the following lines.

4. The Prime Minister was grateful to receive the views of Jaruzelski and Mazowiecki through Mr Baker. As indicated in a separate message, the Prime Minister shares the Polish view that the question of Poland's Western borders should be enshrined in a treaty. It is also our firm view that Poland should be invited to become involved in that part of the discussions of the two plus four which relates to the question of the borders between German and Poland. Our wish is that this should occur at an early stage and that Poland might, in the first instance, attend at official level in preparation for a possible subsequent meeting at Ministerial level.

5. If asked about the venue of a Ministerial meeting and the possibility that it might take place in Warsaw, you should be non-committal, saying, if necessary, that the question of the venue of meetings at Ministerial level has not yet been completely resolved. But it has been agreed in the two plus four that official-level meetings should take place on German soil. [For your own information you should be aware that we do not see much chance of a venue outside Germany.]

6. You should add that we have been in close touch with the Americans on this matter and believe that we share a very similar view (as indicated by Washington telno 622). [~~The Prime Minister intends [does not intend] to speak to Mr Bush before 21 March.~~]

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