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From the Private Secretary

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Dear Ben,

PRIME MINISTER'S VISITS TO THE SOVIET UNION:
MR. THATCHER'S PROGRAMME

Thank you for your belated letter with revised details of Mr. Thatcher's programme in Moscow.

Mr. Thatcher will certainly not want to make a speech or give an interview at the Baskin Robbins ice-cream store, and the ideas should be dropped forthwith. He will be happy just to pay the visit and be photographed. Whether he will agree to drink a toast in ice-cream cones is something which those on the spot can discover for themselves.

I am copying this letter to Richard Gozney (Foreign and Commonwealth Office).

Yours sincerely,

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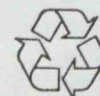
PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION: MR THATCHER'S PROGRAMME

I am writing further to my letter of 6 June with some additional details on Mr Thatcher's programme in Moscow; the order of events has been firmed up since my earlier letter and is set out in Moscow telno 1056 of 5 June. There are also a number of points on which we would welcome Mr Thatcher's agreement.

The formal opening of the ice cream store will take place at 1300 hours - the time which has been set for some time in promotional campaigns. Mr Thatcher, who arrives at about 15.15, depending when the lunch at the Kremlin ends, will therefore not be performing the formal opening ceremony as such, but will be very much a guest of honour for the opening formalities. The schedule proposed runs as follows:

- 15.15 Arrive Arbat street. Greeted by Baskin Robbins and shown around new store.
- 15.20 Short speech from podium (draft to be provided by Commercial Department on arrival in Moscow), followed by toast to opening of store.
- 15.25 Interview with journalist from the chat show "Good Evening Moscow".
- 15.30 Depart for Golf and Country Club site.

I should be grateful to know whether Mr Thatcher is content with these arrangements. The company have suggested a toast in ice cream if you can agree that this would be acceptable.



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Is Mr Thatcher also happy to give the proposed interview? We could expect it to touch on his first impressions of Moscow on his latest visit as well as the Baskin Robbins opening.

Moscow Golf and Country Club

Mr Thatcher is scheduled to arrive at the site for the proposed Club in the Krylatskoye region of Moscow at 1600 hours (my letter of earlier today suggested this would happen in the morning). In addition to both British and Soviet representatives of the joint venture, other dignatories present will include the Mayor of Krylatskoye and the Vice Minister of Goskomsport (Soviet State Committee for Sport). The Embassy have suggested that it would be useful to lobby the Vice Minister in support of Manchester's campaign to host the 1996 Olympic Games. Members of the Press will also be there.

I hope that Mr Thatcher can agree to these details. Additional points of detail, for example names of people he will be meeting, will be provided by the Embassy.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Richard Gozney (Foreign and Commonwealth Office).

Yours ever

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