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PRIME MINISTER

## BILATERAL WITH THE FOREIGN SECRETARY

You have a bilateral with the Foreign Secretary tomorrow. The main subjects to cover are:

- Namibia. You will want to review the situation in the light of the UN Report on SWAPO's violation of the agreement and any consequent action in the Security Council, in particular the question of ensuring that the United Nations itself monitors SWAPO's commitment to withdraw north of the 16th parallel.
- Your visit to Africa. You will want to give him an account of your visit.
- His visit to India, Pakistan and the Gulf. He wants to tell you some of his impressions from this.
- Mr. Gorbachev's visit. You will have been through the brief and your speech. You will want to consider the public presentation of the visit and how you should respond to Mr. Gorbachev's speech at the Guildhall.
- Gorbachev's arrival. I am afraid that the Foreign Secretary refuses to take no for an answer and is likely to raise the question of whether Lady Howe should be at the airport. I can see no justification for this. The only spouses present will be Mrs. Gorbachev, Mr. Thatcher and the Soviet Ambassador's wife (which is fair enough since the Gorbachevs will be staying with her). If he does raise it you might simply say that you do not think it appropriate (Lady Howe's claim is fairly tenuous based on the fact that she met Mrs. Gorbachev in 1984).

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