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THE PRIVATE SECRETARY

*Any objection?*

*I leave you.*

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VISIT OF THE PRIME MINISTER OF YUGOSLAVIA

1. We will be giving representatives of the European Community in London a briefing on Mrs Planinc's visit on Monday 21 November at 3 p.m. I should like to say the following about her talks with the Prime Minister:

The two Prime Ministers discussed East/West relations, arms control, the world economic situation, bilateral trade and the Yugoslav economic situation in a friendly and constructive atmosphere. (This follows the line already given by the No 10 Press Office.)

Mrs Planinc outlined the problems facing the Yugoslav economy and said that difficult adjustments had already been made. Yugoslavia was determined to continue to increase exports. It was important to resist moves towards protectionism around the world. Without going into detail about 1984, Mrs Planinc said that another re-financing package would be necessary but at a lower level than in 1983. She stressed that Yugoslavia did not want to take on unnecessary new debt obligations and was determined to become a responsible member of the world economic community.

2. I should be grateful if you would seek approval from No 10 for me to speak on the above lines. I do not think there is anything privileged about this since Mrs Planinc has spoken in very similar terms to other Ministers ~~both in her meetings and~~ in her speeches.

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