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To: Mr. John Whittingdale 18th May 1990
cc: The Rt. Hon. Douglas Hurd, C.B.E., M.P.

Jan Carnogursky, the Czech Deputy Prime Minister, will be in London on 22nd and 23rd May.

He has expressed a particular wish to meet the Prime Minister during his visit. I realise that the diary for those two days is very full but I know a meeting, however short, would be very much welcomed.

I am meeting Dr. Carnogursky here on 23rd May at 4.15 p.m.

As you will see from the attached note, he is the leading political figure in the Slovak Republic.

I am copying this note to the Foreign Secretary.

*I endorse - fun about him for our party friends - kit
E.D.U. Anders Wahl.*

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By Telefax

The Rt.Hon. Kenneth Baker, MP

URGENT

Vienna, 17th May 1990

Dear Ken,

Geoffrey Pattie being in Washington, I address myself to you as an exception in an urgent matter: Jan Carnogursky, deputy Prime Minister, will be in London on 22 and 23 May. The Foreign Office has now taken in hand to plan a programme for him on 22 and 23. On Carnogursky's personal request (he telephoned) I have asked Geoffrey to be helpful as regards a meeting with the Prime Minister. I think that this would be most important and rewarding for both sides.

Geoffrey has now told me via his secretariate (he is in Washington) that the Foreign Office is dealing with this programme and that he doesn't want to interfere. Since I can't reach him I want to ask you to interfere, because that is exactly what EDU is for.

Jan Carnogursky has now applied for membership. His party will be in a leading position, and he might be either Slovak Prime Minister or Federal Deputy Prime Minister. It would be very good if you could use your influence to arrange such a short meeting. The two leaders will then meet in Helsinki again.

I give a copy to Jim Spicer, as head of the International Office, and to Geoffrey Pattie, of course, and apologize for addressing myself, of course on the instructions of the EDU Chairman, directly to you. I would love to have some information in reply, and I will try to telephone you today, although I have a heavy parliamentary day today.

Best regards,

yours

Andreas Khol

cc: Sir James Spicer
Sir Geoffrey Pattie

Dr. Jan Carnogursky
Deputy Prime Minister
Czechoslovakia

Born on January 1st, 1944.

Jan Carnogursky studied law at the Comenius University in Bratislava and at Charles University in Prague. In 1971, he received a Doctor of Law degree in Bratislava. From 1970 until 1981, Carnogursky worked as a trial lawyer in Bratislava, where he defended people in political and religious trials. In 1981, he was expelled from the Lawyers' Association for his defence of a young woman charged with preparing to commit incitement for having typed the works of Czech and Slovak writers who had been expelled from the Writers' Union in 1969. He continued to provide legal consultations to dissidents and religious activists. Since 1987, he has been unemployed. Carnogusky is an active Catholic, a member of the Movement for Civil Freedoms (HOS) and of Czechoslovak-Polish Solidarity.

Carnogursky's wife is a construction engineer, and they have four children.

Mr. Carnogursky is the leader of the Christian Democratic Movement in Slovakia, which has up to 1 million members and will have 60% of the vote in the Slovak republic, Carnogursky will be Deputy Prime Minister, or even Prime Minister, in the new government.

He is a charismatic leader of great intellectual strength. He has applied for membership in the EDU, and that is very important.