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Prime Minister

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Agree that Mr. Rifkind
should invite Kornienko to pay
a return visit in mid-September 7 July 1983

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Yes Mr

Dear John,

Anglo-Soviet Relations

When Mr Rifkind visited the Soviet Union in late April he invited his Soviet host, First Deputy Foreign Minister Kornienko, to visit Britain. The invitation was accepted in principle.

The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary believes that there would be advantage in arranging for Kornienko to pay a return visit to Britain in mid-September for talks with Mr Rifkind. Kornienko is an experienced senior member of the Soviet Foreign Ministry whose main concerns are in the strategic field. The talks would enable us to impress on the Russians once again the firmness of our position on INF and our determination to carry through deployment later in the year should this be necessary. A visit by Kornienko in mid-September would also be useful in preparing for the meeting which Sir Geoffrey Howe would expect to have with Gromyko during the session of the UN General Assembly later in the month.

Yours ever,

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Anglo-Soviet Relations

Thank you for your letter of 7 July. The Prime Minister agrees with the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary that there would be advantage in arranging for Kornienko to pay a return visit to Britain in mid-September for talks with Mr. Rifkind.

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