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PRESS OFFICE BULLETIN

Mr. Callaghan's proposed meeting with Mr. Andropov

Following is the FCO line:-

"Mr. Callaghan did, of course, tell us of his plans to visit the Soviet Union when this was first proposed much earlier this year. He has no doubt considered carefully whether he should go ahead with it in the light of the Korean airliner disaster and of the Government's and other reactions to it. His decision to do so is clearly for him to make."

The above has been cleared with the Foreign Secretary.