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From the Private Secretary

9 January, 1985

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your recent letter, reporting the account given in the Soviet press of the Politburo discussion of Mr. Gorbachev's visit to Britain. She was most interested to read this.

With best wishes.

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His Excellency Monsieur Victor I. Popov

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9 January 1985

Dear Charles,

Visit of Mr Gorbachev

I enclose a letter from the Soviet Ambassador to the Prime Minister which records the account given in the Soviet press of the Politburo discussion of Mr Gorbachev's visit.

We suggest that you might simply acknowledge this letter.

Yours ever,

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Dear Prime Minister,

I hope that you will find it of interest that the results of the visit to Great Britain of the Soviet Parliamentary Delegation headed by Mr.M.S.Gorbachev have been considered at the meeting of Politbureau of the CPSU Central Committee. An official report of the Soviet press on this matter says the following.

"The information of M.S.Gorbachev about the visit of the delegation of the USSR Supreme Soviet to Great Britain, the talks with the Prime Minister Mrs.M.Thatcher, parliamentarians and other British statesmen, representatives of the public and business circles has been considered and approved. It was specifically stressed that the ideas contained in the message of K.U.Chernenko, General Secretary of the CPSU Central Committee, President of the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet, to the Prime Minister Mrs.M.Thatcher about the willingness of the Soviet Union to have serious political dialogue with Great Britain, broader mutual understanding and co-operation on the mutually beneficial basis, are in conformity with the aims of strengthening peace and security in Europe and all over the world.

The hope was expressed that the efforts of the Soviet Union to solve such fundamental problems as the prevention of arms race in space, radical reduction and subsequent elimination of nuclear arsenals, removal of the threat of nuclear war would find realistic understanding and proper response from Great Britain".

Yours sincerely,

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