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29 April, 1985

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Dear Charles,

Yes no

40th Anniversary of VE Day: Reception at the Soviet Embassy

on 7 May

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We sent you a holding/on 18 April about Ministerial attendance at the Soviet Ambassador's reception for the 40th Anniversary of VE Day.

Although we have not yet managed to agree all the details of representation in Moscow with our Western Allies, it is clear that all will be represented in one way or another at most of the Soviet events. The Foreign Secretary therefore believes that we should not delay any longer in replying to Mr Popov's invitations.

✓ The Foreign Secretary would intend to go to the Reception himself, and would be content that those Junior Ministers who have regular and substantive business with the Russians should also attend.

✓ Since this reception commemorates the end of the War, the Foreign Secretary believes it would also be appropriate for a Junior MOD Minister accompanied by members of the Armed Forces to attend if they so wish.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries of all members of the Cabinet, to those of other Ministers with responsibility for Departments, and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

Yours ever,

Colin Budd

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From the Private Secretary

30 April 1985

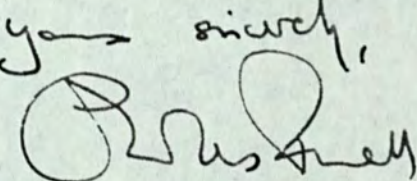
For Colin.

40th Anniversary of VE Day: Reception at the Soviet Embassy

Thank you for your letter of 29 April conveying the Foreign Secretary's proposals on Ministerial attendance at the Soviet Ambassador's reception for the 40th anniversary of VE Day.

The Prime Minister is content with the Foreign Secretary's proposals.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to all members of Cabinet and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

Yours sincerely,

Charles Powell

Colin Budd Esq
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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18 April, 1985

*1) Mark
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Dear Charles,

40th Anniversary of VE Day: Reception at the Soviet Embassy
on 7 May

A number of Ministers and officials in Whitehall have received invitations to attend a reception at the Soviet Embassy on 7 May to mark the 40th Anniversary of VE Day.

The Foreign Secretary believes that it would be right for us to be represented, possibly at Ministerial level, at the reception. But he would prefer to wait until a final decision has been taken on representation at the commemorative events in Moscow (a matter which we are currently discussing with our Allies) before giving advice to colleagues.

Meanwhile, I would be grateful if those to whom I am copying this letter would let this office know if an invitation has been received, and would not send any reply for the moment.

I am copying this to the Private Secretaries of all Members of the Cabinet, to those of other Ministers with responsibilities for Departments, and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

Yours ever,
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