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40TH ANNIVERSARY: ATTENDANCE AT SOVIET COMMEMORATION

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER TO
MR GORBACHEV. BEGINS.

ON THIS 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR IN
EUROPE, IT IS RIGHT THAT WE SHOULD LOOK BACK AND PAY TRIBUTE
WITH PRIDE AND THANKFULNESS FOR THE HEROISM OF THOSE IN BOTH
OUR COUNTRIES WHO FOUGHT IN A COMMON CAUSE, AND WITH GRIEF
FOR THE TERRIBLE SUFFERINGS INVOLVED. WE IN BRITAIN
REDEDICATE OURSELVES ON THIS OCCASION TO THE VALUES OF FREEDOM
WITH JUSTICE FOR WHICH VICTORY WAS WON.

THE EXPERIENCE OF THESE 40 YEARS POINTS TO THE VITAL IMPORTANCE
OF OUR EFFORTS TO WORK PATIENTLY AND REALISTICALLY FOR BETTER
UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND
PEOPLES, ACKNOWLEDGING OUR MUTUAL DESIRE FOR SECURITY AND
LASTING PEACE.

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