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Prime Minister

Sir Bryan Cartledge may be called to see Mr. Gerbachev at any time.

Agree

Yes
No (1) the draft speaking note attached to the FCO letter?

Yes
No (ii) that, in the light of this development, Mr Rittkuhl should take receipt of Mr. Gerbachev's letter asap?

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Dear Mark,

Call by our Ambassador in Moscow on Mr Gorbachev

Sir Bryan Cartledge has been told today by the Soviet Foreign Ministry that Mr Gorbachev would receive him. There has been no indication of the subject or the timing. Sir Bryan had requested a call on the General Secretary among a long list of initial calls put to the Soviet Ministry, but it is most unusual that one should be granted in this way and so quickly. Mr Gorbachev may have some specific message to deliver.

Clearly the Ambassador should take advantage of the call to reiterate the importance the Prime Minister attaches to her previous contacts with Mr Gorbachev and to the development of UK/Soviet relations generally. The speaking notes in the attached telegram reflect this, and also stress the importance we attach to the super-power Summit in November and to progress on arms control. I would be grateful for the earliest possible indication that the Prime Minister is content with the telegram. A call from Mr Gorbachev's office could come at any time.

I understand that before hearing of this development the Prime Minister had decided in principle that she would receive the Soviet Charge d'Affaires tomorrow evening at 1800. Mr Rifkind's advice is that, in the light of Mr Gorbachev's summons to Sir Bryan Cartledge, it would be better for the Prime Minister not to see Mr Parchine-given especially that if Mr Parchine could be received at the FCO today (Mr Rifkind stands ready to see him) we could then hope to inform Sir Bryan Cartledge of the outcome before he sees Gorbachev.

*Yours Sincerely,
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CALL ON GORBACHEV

1. When you call on Gorbachev you should tell him that the Prime Minister personally has asked you to convey her warm greetings and regards. She remembers the General Secretary's visit to the UK and the opportunity it offered for a constructive and detailed exchange of views between our two countries, and also the shorter meeting they had following Chernenko's funeral. The Prime Minister has been able to reflect the insights she gained of Soviet thinking through these conversations in talks with other world leaders, and she believes that this has made a significant

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development
contribution to the ~~beginnings of the~~ growth
of East/West understanding. She believes,
however, that we still have a long way to
go, and that determination and good faith
will be required on both sides if we are
to succeed in the shared aim of making the
world a safer place. It is in this context
that the Prime Minister has reiterated the
UK's strong wish to continue the course
set by her conversation with Gorbachev last
December and to work for better bilateral
relations. As she said in Moscow on
13 March, the British people have put great
faith in Mr Gorbachev personally; they look
to him to reflect the concern for stable
peace ~~and the human face~~ that he showed in
London in working for real and substantive
progress in arms control negotiations.

2. We welcome Gorbachev's continuing
efforts to get to know the West and its
leaders better. The Summit meeting with
President Reagan in November is regarded by
us as of special importance. It offers
the opportunity to put US/Soviet relations
on a more stable basis. Our hope is that
this will not prove simply an event in
itself but the beginning of a series of
exchanges between the super powers. And we
hope that in this way impetus can be given
to the Geneva nuclear arms talks. If

/Gorbachev

NOTHING TO BE WRITTEN IN THIS MARGIN

Gorbachev mentions the Soviet Unilateral Moratorium on nuclear explosions, you should draw appropriately on FCO guidance 119.

3. On bilateral relations, you should say that the past eighteen months have seen a considerable expansion in the level and frequency of UK/Soviet contacts. We are determined to work to fill out our relationship through a continuing programme. We hope that Shevardnadze will be able to accept Sir G Howe's invitation to London soon. We hope that other contacts with members of the Politburo will be possible. The suggestion was made last year to the Soviet Ambassador that Aliev might visit the UK at some stage. We shall be following this up. And we shall also be continuing our programme of contacts at other levels, official and unofficial.

4. If Gorbachev invites the Prime Minister to Moscow you should say that you will communicate this welcome invitation to her, ^{and} but that you are sure she will wish to accept in principle.

5. Grateful for any early indication as to whether the Russians intend to make the call public eg. through an announcement in ^{the press} Pravda. Unless it for some reason seems inappropriate, we would intend to take the line here that as the recently arrived British Ambassador you ^{had requested} made an initial courtesy call on the General Secretary, who had been a recent visitor to London, ~~and~~ that in the course of your conversation you touched on international and bilateral matters, and that you stressed importance that the
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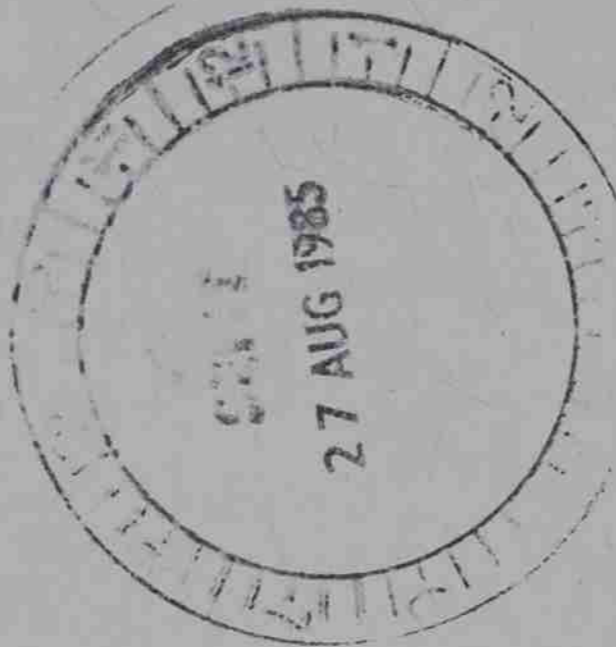
British Government attached to ^{developing} ~~working for better~~ UK/Soviet relations.

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CALL ON GORBACHEV

1. THE HEAD OF THE SECOND EUROPEAN DEPARTMENT OF THE SOVIET MFA, SUSLOV, TELEPHONED ME AT 0645Z ON 28 AUGUST TO SAY THAT THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CPSU MR M S GORBACHEV WOULD RECEIVE ME. HE DECLINED TO AMPLIFY THIS INFORMATION, EITHER WITH REGARD TO SUBJECT OR TO TIMING. THE ACTUAL SUMMONS FROM GORBACHEV'S OFFICE COULD FOLLOW VERY QUICKLY ON THIS PRELIMINARY WARNING. I SHOULD THEREFORE BE GRATEFUL FOR VERY URGENT INSTRUCTIONS AS TO ANYTHING WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER OR YOU WOULD WISH ME TO USE THIS OCCASION TO CONVEY. YOU WILL APPRECIATE THAT THE OPPORTUNITY IS UNLIKELY TO RECUR FOR SOME TIME.

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