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From the Private Secretary

PRIME MINISTER

HETMAN

The following are the points for decision at your meeting this afternoon.

1. Do we continue to try to secure the release of his family ?
Or, in the light of the Soviet response so far, do we give up ?

The Foreign Secretary wants to give up. Officials are agnostic but pessimistic about the chances of success.

2. How many Russians do we expel ? The Options are :

(a) 25

(b) 9 with 16 others required to leave

(c) 9 [This is Foreign Secretary's preference]

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3. What effect should this have on the ceiling for Soviet staff ?
Should we reduce the overall ceiling, but allow the ceiling for diplomatic staff to rise ?

4. Should we further restrict the free travel zone for Soviet diplomats (from 25 to 20 miles) ?

5. Should we take action against intelligence residents identified by HETMAN in East European Embassies ?

6. What should be the timing of any action against the Russians ?
Should we wait to see if the Gorbachev/Cartledge encounter materialises ?

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7. Should you send a message to Gorbachev once we have decided what action to take ?
8. How do we respond meanwhile to the Soviet request - unofficial so far - for access to HETMAN ?
9. How should publicity be handled ?

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