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6 January 1987

From the Private Secretary

Dear Colin,

SEMINAR ON THE SOVIET UNION

Thank you for your letter of 5 January about the Seminar on the Soviet Union.

I have had some further discussion with the Prime Minister and she has agreed that the following should be invited.

Academic

Dr Amman  
Mr Brown  
Mr Donnelly  
Professor Nove  
Professor Howard  
Mr Frank  
Mr Bialer  
Mr Conquest  
Lord Thomas

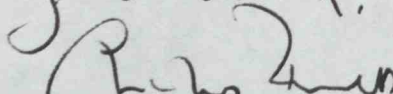
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Prime Minister  
Foreign Secretary  
Sir P Cradock  
Sir B Cartledge  
Mr Ratford  
Dr Nicholson  
Mr Powell

I will write to invite those on the academic list, but it would be helpful if the Embassy in Washington could contact Mr Bialer and Mr Conquest. I enclose a specimen of the letter of invitation which they could draw upon. In the case of these two, they can offer a club class return fare and up to three days subsistence (which will be met from Cabinet Office funds). I understand that we should offer to send the tickets from here.

I should be grateful if the department could speak to Mr Frank about producing a paper. To be useful, we need to have it by 13 February. It should not be too long.

Thank you for the revised agenda which is helpful.

Yours sincerely,  
  
Charles Powell

Colin Budd Esq  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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*From the Private Secretary*

6 January 1987

I have been asked by the Prime Minister to enquire whether you would be willing to join a small group at Chequers on Friday 27 February to discuss with her the Soviet system under Mr Gorbachev and the ways in which it is likely to develop. A fuller agenda would be sent nearer the time to those who are able to come. The Prime Minister sees the discussion as an important part of her preparation for the visit which she will pay to the Soviet Union in the late spring.

We propose that the group should assemble at Chequers at 1000 hours on 27 February, and hold its discussions throughout the morning and over lunch, finishing at about 1430. Since Chequers is not altogether easy to reach by public transport we shall arrange overnight accommodation at a nearby hotel for the night of 26/27 February for those participants who so wish. All accommodation and travel expenses will, of course, be reimbursed. Further details about the meeting will follow in early February.

The Prime Minister would much appreciate it if you were able to take part. It would be helpful to know fairly soon whether you can do so. If you prefer to reply by telephone the number to ring is (01) 930 4433. Please ask for Mrs Goodchild.

This letter is marked "PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL" because we would prefer knowledge of the meeting to be confined to the participants themselves.

Charles Powell

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Dear Peter,

I spoke to you this morning about the Prime Minister's decision to have a discussion on 27 February of the Soviet system under Gorbachev and the ways in which it is likely to develop. I enclose a copy of the letter which Charles Powell, her Private Secretary, has sent to you and some other academics.

I also enclose, and would be grateful if you would treat it as for your personal information, a draft agenda which I put to Number 10. I hope this may help to give you an idea of the sort of questions which the Prime Minister will want to clarify in her own mind.

We discussed your writing a short preparatory paper by 13 February. I think Charles Powell will be inviting one other academic to do the same. What you described over the telephone sounded very much on the right lines, and I would be grateful if you would go ahead on this basis, sending the completed paper direct to Powell with a copy to me.

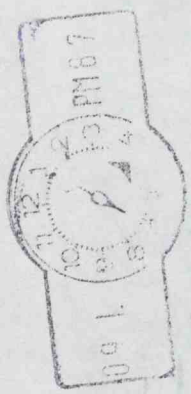
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*Yours ever,  
Michael Llewellyn Smith*

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8 January 1987

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Dear Mr. Powell,

Many thanks for your letter of 6 January. I should have been very happy indeed to have taken part in the small group discussion with the Prime Minister at Chequers on Friday 27 February, but unfortunately I return from a short visit to the United States only the following day. I accepted some time ago an invitation to speak to a small group which is being convened by Professor Seweryn Bialer on "Change in the Soviet Union and its implications for American foreign policy".

In the unlikely event that there will be several of the people you want already committed for that day, perhaps I should mention that the previous Friday or Saturday, or either of the following two Fridays or Saturdays would be perfectly possible for me. Unless I hear from you further, though, I shall assume that you are going ahead on 27 February, and I can only apologise again for my inability to attend.

Yours sincerely,

*Archie Brown*

Archie Brown



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28 January 1987

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Dear Charles,

Seminar on the Soviet Union

You asked in your letter of 22 January whether we had an alternative candidate to Professor Nove with similar expertise on the Soviet economy.

There is no-one with Professor Nove's depth of historical experience and knowledge. But Professor Amman of Birmingham, who we understand has accepted your invitation, is also very good on the Soviet domestic economy, Gorbachev's plans for economic restructuring etc.

The best substitute for Nove would be Philip Hanson, also of the Centre for Russian and East European Studies of Birmingham University. But he also is in America and is therefore presumably ruled out on the same grounds.

Michael Kaser of St Antony's College is a possible alternative. But as you know he is more expert on Soviet foreign trade and CMEA questions than on the internal economy.

If you decide that Amman is sufficient to cover the economy, thus leaving a vacant slot, we would still see value in issuing a further invitation. Our two suggested candidates, from whom you might like to choose, are :

Dr Alex Pravda



Dr Alex Pravda

The Royal Institute of International Affairs  
Chatham House  
10 St James's Square  
London SW1Y 4LE Tel. 01-930 2233

Dr Pravda is Director of Chatham House's new 5 year programme of Soviet and East European Studies. He gave a good address there on 27 January on Soviet foreign policy priorities to inaugurate the programme.

Dr Edwina Moreton

The Economist  
25 St James's Street  
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Dr Moreton would make a good contribution, particularly to the discussion of Soviet external policies. She is a particular expert on Soviet-East European relations. Before joining the editorial staff of The Economist in 1980, she was herself an academic, who worked in the US (MIT) as well as being Lecturer in Political Sciences at Aberystwyth.

Yours ever,

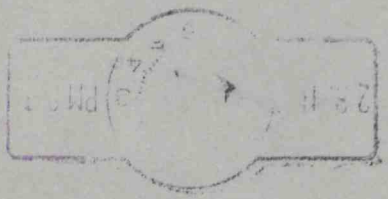
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*From the Private Secretary*

22 January 1987

SEMINAR ON THE SOVIET UNION

I understand that Professor Alex Nove will be in California until April and unable to attend the Prime Minister's seminar on the Soviet Union at Chequers. I should be grateful to know if you have an alternative candidate to suggest with similar expertise on the Soviet economy.

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Charles Powell

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Lyn Parker, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.



MR. POWELL

Seminar at Chequers  
Friday, 27 February

The University of Glasgow tell  
me that Professor Nove will be in California  
until April.

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22 January 1987

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**Center for the Study of**  
**Soviet International Behavior**

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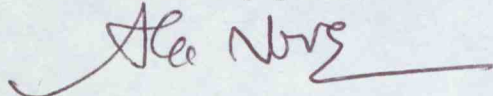
Mr. Charles Powell  
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Dear Mr. Powell:

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Thank you for your letter of January 6 and the kind invitation to the discussion at Chequers on February 27. Unfortunately, as you can see, I am at the moment in California, and I will not get back until early May. Please tender my apologies to the Prime Minister.

Sincerely yours,



Alec Nove

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