

Mr. CHARLES POWELL

MR. THATCHER O.R.

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION

The dates for the Prime Minister's visit to the Soviet Union are now settled for 28 March to 1 April inclusive. It would be helpful to know in due course whether you would propose to accompany the Prime Minister. As I am sure you will understand, the scope for arranging a separate programme in the Soviet Union is rather more limited than in a number of places (I do not think we can fix a guided tour of KGB headquarters!). But we could certainly set up meetings with British business representatives in Moscow and no doubt visits to Soviet factories, museums and collective farms (to look at collective cows!). The visit is likely to attract considerable press and television coverage in this country.

I should be grateful if you would let me know what you think.

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1. It is considered that I

Should go

Charles Powell

5 February 1987

2. Programme as per usual.
Work as priority. Try
and keep "culture" and
"welfare" to a minimum

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It might be an idea to visit
a Sports Centre or a sports
event

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FOLLOWING PERSONAL FOR POWELL, 10 DOWNING STREET
OUR TELECON ON 16 MARCH: COMPOSITION OF PRIME MINISTER'S PARTY
FOR MOSCOW VISIT.

1. YOU ASKED ME TO ADVISE ON WHETHER, IN VIEW OF RAISA GORBACHEVA'S
INCLUSION IN THE SMALL DINNER PARTY ON 31 MARCH, THE QUESTION OF
MR THATCHER'S INCLUSION IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S PARTY SHOULD BE
RECONSIDERED.

2. ON REFLECTION, MY RECOMMENDATION IS THAT THINGS SHOULD BE LEFT
AS THEY ARE. MRS GORBACHEVA'S CO-HOSTING OF THE DINNER WAS
DECIDED BY GORBACHEV IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT MR THATCHER WOULD NOT
BE PRESENT. THE PURPOSE IS PROBABLY TO ENABLE MRS GORBACHEVA
BOTH TO SHARE IN THE REPAYMENT OF CHEQUERS HOSPITALITY AND TO
TAKE PART IN THE "BROAD PHILOSOPHICAL DISCUSSION" WHICH THE
PRIME MINISTER HAS REQUESTED, AND TO WHICH SHE IS WELL ABLE TO MAKE
A SERIOUS CONTRIBUTION.

3. IF MR THATCHER WERE TO BE ADDED TO THE PARTY AT THIS STAGE,
THE RUSSIANS WOULD FACE A DILEMMA OVER THE OFFICIAL DINNER ON
30 MARCH: MRS GORBACHEVA WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO BE INCLUDED IN
THAT TOO, WHICH MIGHT PUT THE SMALL DINNER ON 31 MARCH IN
JEOPARDY - TWO SUCCESSIVE APPEARANCES BY MRS GORBACHEVA COULD
BE CONSIDERED EXCESSIVE.

4. WHEN I NEXT SEE CHERNEYSHEV (CHIEF OF PROTOCOL) I SHALL
EXPRESS THE PRIME MINISTER'S PARTICULAR APPRECIATION OF MRS
GORBACHEVA'S PRESENCE AT THE DINNER ON 31 MARCH AND HER REGRET
THAT MR THATCHER WAS NOT ABLE TO ACCOMPANY HER TO MOSCOW ON THIS
OCCASION.

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From the Private Secretary

11 February 1987

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO MOSCOW:

MR. THATCHER

I have spoken to Bryan Cartledge about whether Mr. Thatcher should accompany the Prime Minister to Moscow. His advice is that, while Mr. Thatcher would be most welcome and a programme could be arranged for him, his presence would not be likely significantly to increase the involvement in the programme of Mrs. Gorbachev or change the Soviet handling of the visit as a whole. In the light of this, it has been decided that Mr. Thatcher will not accompany the Prime Minister.

4 I should be grateful if you would despatch the enclosed personal telegram to Sir Bryan Cartledge.

Charles Powell

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A. C. Galsworthy, Esq., C.M.G.
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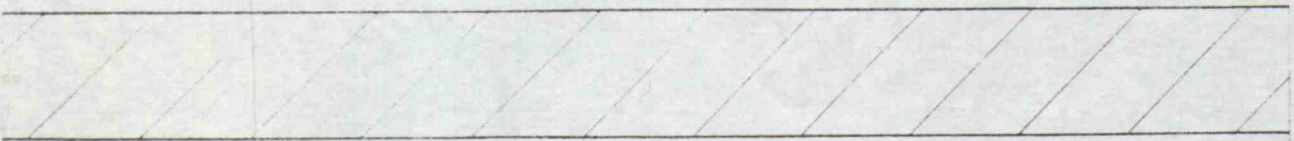
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TO IMMEDIATE MOSCOW

PERSONAL FOR AMBASSADOR FROM CHARLES POWELL, 10 DOWNING STREET

Your telegram No. 175: Prime Minister's Visit

Thank you for this assessment which was helpful. In the light of it, the Prime Minister has decided that Mr. Thatcher will not accompany her on the visit. There will, therefore, be no spouses on our side.



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FOLLOWING PERSONAL FOR CHARLES POWELL, 10 DOWNING STREET.

OUR TELECON OF 10 FEBRUARY: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT

1. WHEN I CALLED ON USPENSKY (HEAD OF SECOND EUROPEAN DEPARTMENT, MFA) ON 11 FEBRUARY TO DISCUSS VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE VISIT, USPENSKY MADE IT CLEAR THAT IF THE PRIME MINISTER WISHED MR THATCHER TO ACCOMPANY HER HE WOULD BE MOST WELCOME AND THAT THERE WOULD BE NO DIFFICULTY IN ARRANGING A SEPARATE PROGRAMME FOR HIM. I GAVE USPENSKY A GENERAL INDICATION OF MR THATCHER'S INTERESTS: A VISIT TO A FACTORY AND A SPORTS CENTRE WOULD PRESENT NO DIFFICULTY BUT IT MIGHT BE HARD, GIVEN THE TIME OF YEAR, TO FIND AN ACTUAL SPORTING EVENT WHICH WOULD NOT CLASH WITH EVENING EVENTS IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S PROGRAMME (EG A BALLET PERFORMANCE) ON WHICH MR THATCHER WOULD PRESUMABLY WISH TO ACCOMPANY HER.

2. MR THATCHER'S PRESENCE WOULD NOT, IN MY VIEW, BE LIKELY SIGNIFICANTLY TO INCREASE THE INVOLVEMENT IN THE PROGRAMME OF EITHER RAISA GORBACHEVA OR OF MRS RYZHKOVA. AN EXCEPTION TO THIS WOULD BE THE MAIN DINNER (OR LUNCH) GIVEN IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S HONOUR, WHICH MIGHT BE HOSTED EITHER BY GORBACHEV OR BY RYZHKOV: IF MR THATCHER WERE TO ACCOMPANY THE PRIME MINISTER, THE HOST'S SPOUSE WOULD OF COURSE ALSO BE PRESENT ON THAT OCCASION. IT IS PERHAPS WORTH BEARING IN MIND THAT RAISA GORBACHEVA HAS IN ANY CASE BEEN KEEPING A LOWER PROFILE LATELY, POSSIBLY AS A RESULT OF CRITICISM AT AN EARLIER STAGE THAT IT WAS TOO HIGH.

3. I TOLD USPENSKY THAT I HAD NOT YET BEEN INSTRUCTED TO CONFIRM THAT MR THATCHER WOULD DEFINITELY ACCOMPANY THE PRIME MINISTER BUT THAT I HOPED TO BE IN A POSITION TO LET HIM KNOW ONE WAY OR THE OTHER VERY SOON. I SHOULD WELCOME EARLY INSTRUCTIONS.

4. USPENSKY ASKED WHETHER LADY HOWE WOULD BE ACCOMPANYING THE SECRETARY OF STATE. I SAID I HAD NO INFORMATION OR INSTRUCTIONS ON THAT POINT.

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9 February 1987

From the Private Secretary

Dear Tony,

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION:
MR. THATCHER

Mr. Thatcher has now confirmed that he will accompany the Prime Minister on her visit to the Soviet Union in March. The Embassy will wish to give some thought to his programme. As you know, Mr. Thatcher likes to visit British companies wherever he goes and I imagine there will be some scope for this in the Soviet Union. He would also, I am sure, be willing to visit a Soviet factory or laboratory. He has expressed interest in seeing a sports centre, and perhaps being present for some sporting event. He would attach less priority to cultural occasions or visits to social welfare organisations.

BF || I should be grateful if the Embassy could let us have some proposals for a programme in due course.

Yours sincerely,
Charles Powell

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