

PRIME MINISTER

VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION: AGREEMENTS

We need to consider:

- how to respond to Soviet suggestions that agreements should be signed during your visit on Space Cooperation and Upgrading the hot-line;
- whether to propose a Memorandum of Understanding on information and culture;

On space, it is assessed that an agreement would bring valuable benefits in terms of access to data on astronomy, as well as life and material sciences. No additional expenditure would be involved on our side (assuming that funding for space activities remains at its present level). The Americans have such an agreement.

On the hot-line, the practical case for upgrading is not strong. We have only ever used it twice; it functions perfectly well in tests. But the Russians have proposed a new, coded facsimile line using satellite and ground channels. This would cut message preparation and transmission time in a crisis by about two-thirds. An agreement would demonstrate that we are serious about our obligations as a nuclear weapons power, and equipped to deal rapidly with a crisis. The Americans have now installed similar equipment. The cost would be £50,000; you would need to give your support to this being found for the Cabinet Office.

On culture and information, the idea is to tie the Russians down on a number of useful points: ending of jamming, impetus for our proposals on conferences, upgrading of Soviet studies in this country, etc.

None of these would be sufficient in content for you to sign. It would be done by Foreign Ministers. Your visit would be the occasion.

Agree to:

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
- space cooperation agreement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- hot-line agreement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- information agreement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

provided satisfactory texts can be settled?

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From the Private Secretary

17 February 1987

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION:
DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS

Thank you for your letter of 13 February about various documents and agreements which might be signed during the Prime Minister's visit to the Soviet Union.

The Prime Minister is content for us to try to negotiate with the Soviet Union both a space co-operation agreement and an agreement to upgrade the UK/Soviet hot-line, and also to table a Memorandum of Understanding on information and culture. Provided that we can reach satisfactory texts, she would be prepared to see all three agreements signed during her visit to Moscow.

As you point out, the agreement to upgrade the hot-line will require additional funds. Since the Prime Minister has subscribed to the view that it is important presentationally to improve this link, in the knowledge that additional funds will have to be found, I think it fair to conclude that she would support additional provision for this purpose if the Cabinet Office cannot find the money within their existing budget.

I am copying this letter to John Howe (Ministry of Defence), Timothy Walker (Department of Trade and Industry), Geoff Dart (Department of Energy), Shirley Staff (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food), Cathy Roberts (Mr. Walden's Office, Department of Education and Science), and Trevor Woolley (Cabinet Office).

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Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's Visit to the Soviet Union:
Documents and Agreements

Further to my letter of 13 February, I now
enclose a copy of the revised draft Memorandum of
Understanding which we would like to put to the
Russians.

Yours ever,

A C Galsworthy

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Private Secretary

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Revised

DRAFT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS CONCERNING COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF INFORMATION AND CULTURE

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics,

Recalling the provisions of the Helsinki Final Act on Cooperation in Humanitarian and other Fields;

Recalling in particular their aims as expressed therein to facilitate freer movement and wider dissemination of information of all kinds, to encourage cooperation in the field of information and the exchange of information, and to seek new fields and forms of cultural cooperation;

Noting the provisions of the Anglo-Soviet Cultural Agreement for 1987/89 signed in London on 16 January 1987;

Have reached the following understanding:

1) The two sides have decided to establish an annual lecture on a social, economic, cultural or political theme. The lecture will be given by a distinguished public figure, in alternate years in the UK and in the Soviet Union. The host country will arrange publication and the widest possible dissemination via the media, and will use its best endeavours to make arrangements for the lecture to be broadcast. The first lecture will be delivered by
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9) The two sides note plans for forthcoming Cultural Exchanges in the fields of the Arts and will facilitate the arrangements being made for such events. Examples of events under consideration at the time of the signing of this Memorandum are detailed at Annex A. The provisions of this Memorandum will not preclude either side from facilitating the arrangements for further mutually acceptable exchanges on such terms as may be mutually agreed.

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1987/88

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Art

Exhibition on Anglo/Russian Relations
in the Reign of Catherine the Great
(the 18th Century Exhibition)

1988

- May : Tour by the BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra
(Leningrad, Moscow, Novosibirsk)
- May/June : Tour by the National Theatre Company
- August/October : Exchange of Exhibitions between the
National Gallery and the Pushkin and
Hermitage Museums

1989

Tour by the Scottish Chamber Orchestra

1990

Tour by the Royal Opera Company

SOVIET EVENTS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

1987

- May/July : Tour by the Georgian State Dance Company
- July/August : Tour by the Kirov Opera Company
- July/August : Tour by the School of the Bolshoi Ballet
- August : Soviet Week at the Edinburgh Festival
(to include exhibitions; performances by
the Orchestra of the Bolshoi Theatre,
the Sextet of the Bolshoi Theatre, the
Shostakovich Quartet, a Soviet Folk
Group and the Gorky Drama Theatre of
Leningrad)
- August : Anglo/Soviet Theatre Colloquium and
Exhibition "Chekhov on the British Stage"
- August/
September : Tour by the All Union Dance Company
- October : Tour by the Leningrad Philharmonic Orchestra
- October : Festival of Russian Music at the South Bank
with concerts by Leningrad Philharmonic
Orchestra and the Borodin Quartet

1988

- March/April : Tour by the Novosibirsk Symphony Orchestra
- May : Tour by the Moscow Classical Ballet
- Summer Season : The Moscow State Circus
- November : The Moscow Radio Symphony Orchestra

1989

- March : The New Moscow Symphony Orchestra
- July/August : The Kirov Ballet Company

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13 February 1987

Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's Visit to the Soviet Union:
Documents and Agreements

We need to decide how to respond to Soviet proposals that agreements on space cooperation and on upgrading the UK-Soviet hotline should be prepared for signature during the Prime Minister's visit. They have also said, though with less emphasis, that they would be interested to see documents on road and rail transport (which have been under discussion) concluded. They have also hinted at the possibility of a political declaration, which they will almost certainly see as concentrating on arms control (Kossov's discussion with you of 6 February).

There is no need to decide on all these questions now, in particular on a declaration. But if agreements are to be ready in time we must reply soon on Space and the Hotline. We also have proposals of our own to make in the field of information and culture and need to put these to the Russians as soon as possible.

The Foreign Secretary's advice is that (i) we should tell the Russians that we accept in principle that an agreement on space cooperation should be concluded and signed during the Prime Minister's visit, subject to negotiation of a satisfactory text; (ii) we should likewise agree in principle to conclude an agreement on upgrading the UK/Soviet hotline; (iii) we should propose to the Soviet authorities that a Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in Information and Culture be concluded and signed during the Prime Minister's visit. More background is set out below.

Sir Geoffrey Howe envisages that these agreements would be signed by himself and Mr Shevardnadze: they are not documents of such central importance as to justify signature at Head of Government level.

/Space

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Space

In October the British National Space Centre and the Soviet Institute of Space Research agreed a protocol on cooperation in space sciences.

The Russians have told us they want to convert this into an intergovernmental agreement. I enclose the text which they have given us. We see advantage in meeting their request.

Consultations in Whitehall have revealed a consensus in favour of negotiating a space agreement. No one has expressed opposition in principle. In his minute to the Prime Minister of 30 January Mr Pattie gave the proposal his support. The Chief Scientific Adviser has advised that the arguments are substantially in favour of concluding an agreement of the kind proposed, assuming that we can negotiate a satisfactory text.

The precise level of cooperation with the Russians under the Agreement will depend on decisions Ministers need to take on the British National Space Plan and on the priorities Ministers decide to give publicly funded R & D as a whole. E(A) is due to discuss these matters on 26 February. But so long as funding for space activities remains at least at its present level, an agreement with the Soviet Union would provide improved prospects of UK access to data, experience, and flight opportunities. These would secure valuable scientific benefits for the UK both in traditional fields such as astronomy and in newer areas of life and materials sciences. A further advantage is that a formal agreement enables the Soviet side to plan their own funding on a firm and long term basis and to obtain the high level clearance needed for collaborative projects. The existing protocol, though a step in the right direction, would probably be inadequate for these purposes.

Negotiation of an Agreement would not be without its problems. The text proposed by the Russians contains some language which is unacceptable to us, for example on the peaceful uses of space. We would also have to guard against the danger of technology transfer: we propose to inform the Americans of the proposed agreement and to reassure them that we are alive to such potential problem areas; since the Americans already have a similar cooperation agreement with the Russians we do not expect them to raise difficulties.

/Decisions



Decisions will be needed on the duration of the agreement, given the lengthy timescale required for space projects. If a space agreement is to be a serious undertaking it will imply long term commitment (of the order of 10 years) to collaborative projects. An agreement of this kind will always be susceptible to a sudden deterioration in political relations, such as was caused by the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and martial law in Poland. There is no way of avoiding the political risk involved. However, ESA will remain the centrepiece of our space programme, so the damage done by termination or suspension would not be crippling.

UK/Soviet Hotline

The Russians have proposed an agreement on improving and upgrading the hotline with a new coded facsimile line using satellite and cable channels. I enclose a text. This would cut the time taken to prepare and transmit a message by about two thirds, from 9 to 3 minutes.

The experts' view is that the present arrangements are reliable. The existing line has been used only twice to transmit live messages (in the time of Brezhnev). The view of the Cabinet Office is therefore that there is no case on technological grounds for upgrading the hotline. The cost of upgrading on the lines suggested by the Russians would be about £50,000 in FY 1987-8, which has not been budgeted for.

An agreement would however show the public and the Russians that we are serious about the security aspects of our relationship and the special obligations of nuclear weapons states. The Russians are proposing what they have already agreed and implemented with the Americans. It is arguable that if only the best - and fastest - new technology will do for the US and the Soviet Union, we should be equally demanding and that in time of crisis we would not want to be consulted more slowly than the Americans. There is also the point that, if discussions on security and arms control go badly, the Russians might publicize the fact that we had rejected even this uncontroversial proposal which they would present as manifestly designed to make the world a marginally safer place. This would not be an easy point to rebut. On balance, Sir Geoffrey Howe concludes that these arguments point towards concluding a new agreement, subject to the Cabinet Office finding the necessary money.

/Culture and Information



Culture and Information

We need to exploit glasnost as far as we can. We have therefore put together a small package of measures in the form of a draft Memorandum of Understanding which we would like now to put to the Russians. I enclose a copy. We are going to have another look at this in the light of some drafting comments just received from our Embassy in Moscow, who agree with the broad thrust of the proposal. I will send you a revised draft early next week. The Memorandum attempts to do a number of different things:

- Innovation (establishment of an annual lecture; exchange of jazz musicians; etc)
- Ratification of the end of jamming of the BBC
- Stop the Russians from preventing entry to film shows at the British Embassy
- Give impetus to existing British proposals for conferences (Ditchley and Wilton Park) involving the Russians, and for an exchange of British and Soviet weeks
- Facilitate more exchanges between radio and tv organisations and newspapers and periodicals, and make it easier for British people to get access to Soviet media
- Highlight parts of the forthcoming cultural programme, such as the Royal Ballet and National Theatre tours of the Soviet Union.

We understand that Mr Walden is considering what might be done to give Soviet and Russian studies in this country a shot in the arm. If something can be agreed before the Prime Minister's visit, a reference to it might be included in the Memorandum of Understanding.

In putting forward this draft, we risk a Soviet response that we are giving too much prominence to one aspect of the bilateral relationship (information, glasnost etc) and neglecting others (trade, energy, agriculture etc). They might propose a wider joint statement or other document on bilateral activity. We do not think this should be excluded; though any document would need to be carefully drafted so as to be action-oriented and make an impact. But the Foreign Secretary's view is that we should firmly resist going wider than the

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bilateral into a joint Statement or Declaration on a range of international issues (or for that matter a communique on the visit). This would be an unhelpful precedent for our Western partners (who might also be less successful than the Prime Minister in negotiating satisfactory language!) It would also consume a great deal of energy which could better go into more productive aspects of the visit.

I am copying this letter to Trevor Woolley (Cabinet Office) John Howe (Ministry of Defence) Timothy Walker (DTI), Cathy Roberts (PS to Mr Walden, DES), Geoff Dart (Dept of Energy) and Shirley Staff (MAFF).

Yours ever,

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MY TELNO 1568 OF 31 DECEMBER 1986: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT;
TEXT OF DRAFT BILATERAL AGREEMENT ON SPACE COOPERATION

1. FOLLOWING IS AN UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF THE TEXT
HANDLED OVER BY USPENSKY:-

BEGINS

THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE USSR AND UK PROFESSING INTEREST
IN THE PROMOTION OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE RESEARCH
AND UTILISATION OF SPACE FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES AND DESIROUS
OF CONTINUITY TO THE FURTHER INCREASE AND DEVELOPMENT,
DESIROUS OF APPLYING FOR THE GOOD OF THE PEOPLES OF
BOTH COUNTRIES AND ALL PEOPLES OF THE WORLD, THE RESULTS
ACHIEVED IN THE WORK OF MASTERING SPACE FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES,
STRIVING TO KEEP SPACE PEACEFUL AND OPEN FOR COOPERATION FOR
PEACEFUL PURPOSES,

SUPPOSING, THAT SUCH COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF SPACE
WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT STEP IN THE WORK OF CONSOLIDATING
EUROPEAN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION,

DRAWING ATTENTION TO THE POSITION OF THE TREATY CONCERNING
THE PRINCIPLES GOVERNING STATES IN THE RESEARCH AND UTILISATION
OF OUTER SPACE, INCLUDING THE MOON AND OTHER HEAVENLY BODIES
AND OF OTHER MULTINATIONAL AGREEMENTS, REGULATING QUESTIONS
CONCERNING THE MASTERY OF SPACE,

EXPRESSING SATISFACTION WITH CONTACTS ALREADY MADE BETWEEN
INTERESTED ORGANISATIONS OF THE USSR AND THE UK IN THE SAID
FIELD,

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NATIONAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE USSR AND THE UK CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT
OF ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL AND INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION,
SIGNED ON 6 MAY 1974,

AND WITH THE AIM OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF MUTUALLY
ADVANTAGEOUS COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES HAVE
AGREED ON THE FOLLOWING:

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MPT: THE HOTLINE

1. FOLLOWING IS SOVIET DRAFT AGREEMENT (ORIGINAL RUSSIAN TEXT BY BAG TO SOVIET DEPARTMENT).

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND ON THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE DIRECT COMMUNICATION LINK BETWEEN THE KREMLIN AND THE RESIDENCE OF THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE UNITED KINGDOM IN LONDON.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND HERINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE PARTIES, TAKING NOTE OF THE POSITIVE EXPERIENCE ACCUMULATED IN THE PROCESS OF UTILISING THE EXISTING DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS LINK BETWEEN THE KREMLIN AND THE RESIDENCE OF THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE UNITED KINGDOM IN LONDON, WHICH WAS CREATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS LINK SIGNED ON THE 25TH OF AUGUST 1967, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE OBLIGATIONS SET OUT IN ARTICLE II OF THE AGREEMENT ON THE PREVENTION OF THE ACCIDENTAL BREAKING OUT OF NUCLEAR WAR, SIGNED ON THE 10TH OCTOBER 1977, HAVING EXAMINED IN A SPIRIT OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS LINK, HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE I:

WITH THE OBJECT OF INCREASING THE RELIABILITY AND SPEED OF OPERATION OF DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS THE PARTIES WILL CREATE AND WILL BRING INTO OPERATION A CODED FACSIMILE LINE WHICH WILL BE BASED ON THE UTILISATION OF BOTH SATELLITE AND CABLE CHANNELS.

ARTICLE II:

WITH THE OBJECT OF CREATING, BRINGING INTO EFFECT, AND SUBSEQUENT UTILISATION OF THE CODED FACSIMILE LINE, EACH OF THE PARTIES TO THIS AGREEMENT WILL DETERMINE THE ESTABLISHMENT WHICH WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ORGANISATION, TECHNICAL COMPOSITION, UNINTERRUPTEDNESS AND RELIABILITY OF OPERATION OF THE LINE AND OF ITS FURTHER IMPROVEMENT. THESE ESTABLISHMENTS SHALL BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT:

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(A) DETERMINE THE CONFIGURATION, TECHNICAL PARAMETERS OF THE LINE AND CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION, THE SPECIFIC TYPES OF EQUIPMENT TO BE USED, AND WILL AGREE ON THE TECHNICAL DECISIONS AND MEASURES AND PLANS ON THE BASIS OF WHICH THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE LINE WILL BE CARRIED OUT.

(B) WORK OUT RECOMMENDATIONS AND RULES IN ACCORDANCE WITH WHICH THE UTILISATION OF THE LINE WILL BE CARRIED OUT.

(C) AS NECESSARY CONSIDER AND EXAMINE QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE CARRYING OUT OF POSSIBLE CHANGES IN THE CONFIGURATION, IN THE PROVISIONS FOR EQUIPMENT AND PROGRAMMING AND IN THE WORKING PROCEDURES FOR THE DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS LINK IN THE FUTURE.

MEASURES FOR THE CREATION UTILISATION AND FURTHER IMPROVEMENT OF THE LINE WILL BE TAKEN ON THE BASIS OF DECISIONS PROTOCOLS OR OTHER CONCLUDING DOCUMENTS OF MEETINGS OF TECHNICAL EXPERTS SIGNED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED ESTABLISHMENTS OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

ARTICLE III

THE CONTRACTING PARTIES WILL TAKE MEASURES TO ENSURE THAT THE CODED FACSIMILE LINE IS CREATED IN THE SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIME AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE PRESENT AGREEMENT.

BOTH PARTIES WILL PROVIDE THE EQUIPMENT WHICH HAS BEEN AGREED FOR USE ON THE DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS LINK AND THE NECESSARY SPARE PARTS AND MATERIALS FOR ITS UTILISATION AND WILL CARRY OUT THE AGREED TECHNICAL DECISIONS INDEPENDENTLY.

BY AGREEMENT OF THE ESTABLISHMENTS OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES ELEMENTS OF THE EQUIPMENT AND PROGRAMMING PROVISIONS OF THE LINE CAN BE DEVELOPED BY ONE OF THE PARTIES AND DELIVERED TO THE OTHER PARTY JUST AS EQUIPMENT, SPARE PARTS AND MATERIALS WHICH ONE OF THE PARTIES MAY HAVE AVAILABLE CAN BE DELIVERED TO THE OTHER PARTY IF THIS IS NECESSARY.

ARTICLE IV

THE DISSEMINATION AND RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS ON THE DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS LINK FROM MOSCOW TO LONDON WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN THE RUSSIAN LANGUAGE AND FROM LONDON TO MOSCOW IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CORRESPONDING PROVISIONS OF INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS AND AGREED RECOMMENDATIONS AND RULES.

ARTICLE V

EXPENDITURE ON THE CREATION AND UTILISATION OF THE CODED FACSIMILE LINE WILL BE DIVIDED BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT OF THE ESTABLISHMENTS OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES DEFINED IN ARTICLE III OF THE PRESENT AGREEMENT

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AFTER THE ENTRY INTO OPERATION OF THE IMPROVED LINE, BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT OF THE ESTABLISHMENTS OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES, THE PRESENT DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS TELEPRINTER LINE WILL BE CLOSED WITHOUT MUTUAL ACCOUNTING BETWEEN THE SIDES.

ARTICLE VIII

THE PRESENT AGREEMENT WILL ENTER INTO FORCE ON THE DATE OF ITS SIGNATURE. IN WITNESS WHEREOF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE SIGNED THE PRESENT AGREEMENT.

DONE IN TWO COPIES IN THE CITY OF _____, EACH IN THE RUSSIAN AND THE ENGLISH LANGUAGES, BOTH TEXTS HAVING EQUAL FORCE.

FOR AND BEHALF OF THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION
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FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE
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Exhibition of Anglo/Russian Relations in the Reign of Catherine the Great (the 18th Century Exhibition)

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May	Tour by the BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra (Leningrad, Moscow, Novosibirsk)
May/June	Tour by the National Theatre Company
August/October	Exchange of Exhibitions between the National Gallery and the Pushkin and Hermitage Museums

1989

Tour by the Scottish Chamber Orchestra

1990

Tour by the Royal Opera Company

SOVIET EVENTS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

1987

- May/July Tour by the Georgian State Dance Company
- July/August Tour by the Kirov Opera Company
- July/August Tour by the School of the Bolshoi Ballet
- August Soviet Week at the Edinburgh Festival (to include exhibitions; performances by the Orchestra of the Bolshoi Theatre, the Sextet of the Bolshoi Theatre, the Shostakovich Quartet, a Soviet Folk Group and the Gorky Drama Theatre of Leningrad)
- August Anglo/Soviet Theatre Colloquium and Exhibition "Chekhov on the British Stage"
- August/September Tour by the All Union Dance Company
- October Tour by the Leningrad Philharmonic Orchestra
- October Festival of Russian Music at the South Bank with concerts by Leningrad Philharmonic Orchestra and the Borodin Quartet

1988

- March/April Tour by the Novosibirsk Symphony Orchestra
- May Tour by the Moscow Classical Ballet
- Summer Season The Moscow State Circus
- November The Moscow Radio Symphony Orchestra

1989

- March The New Moscow Symphony Orchestra
- July/August The Kirov Ballet Company





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VISIT BY MR RICHARD CLARKE, INR: 30 JANUARY 1987

1. Two points of interest arose out of my talks with Mr Clarke:

a) Soviet-Israel

Mr Clarke had just been to Israel, and said that the Russians were now offering to free 12,000 Jewish refuseniks, in return for which they wanted Israeli agreement for Soviet participation in a Middle East Peace Conference. The Russians seemed to be suggesting that they could accept quite a small role. Apparently Mr Peres has asked Mrs Thatcher to raise the subject during her visit to Moscow, and to make the point that, for Israel, emigration is more important than the establishment of diplomatic relations.

b) SDI

A team from the Rand Corporation had recently been in Moscow, and had called upon the Space Institute. They found them well plugged in, and believed they now wielded as much influence as the USA/Canada Institute (headed by Arbatov). They had discussed in some detail exactly what might be allowed under a US/Soviet SDI deal - what power lasers could be permitted, what 'laboratory' might mean, etc. When the Rand people asked the Russians why their delegation in Geneva was unwilling to discuss these points, the Russians said that it was because they knew the Americans would stonewall.

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an extremely unimpressive reply.

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