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Dear Charles,

Prime Minister  
Some last minute  
briefing. CDP 27/3

Incorporated  
into main brief.

I enclose additional briefing material, reflecting the latest information from Moscow, in the form of 9 further personality notes and an updated version of the Prime Minister's programme which the Russians claim to be final.

Mr CHernyshev, the Soviet Head of Protocol, is the first official the Prime Minister will meet, when he boards the VC10 in Moscow on arrival. First Deputy Foreign Minister Kovalev will be in the greeting party. Mr Chernayev is an aide to Gorbachev and will be present at the meetings with the Prime Minister. Metropolitan Yuvenaly will now be the host at Zagorsk and Mr Kharchev will accompany the party on this visit; Mr Saikin, the Mayor of Moscow, will accompany the Prime Minister on her walkabout. Deputy Prime Minister Kamentsev will accompany the Prime Minister at the wreath laying and BSCC office opening in Moscow, and also to Georgia.

The Foreign Secretary will also be meeting Deputy Foreign Minister Chaplin and Mr Sepelev in the context of his visit to the Embassy sites. Although the Prime Minister is unlikely to meet them, I enclose notes on them for the sake of completeness.

Eight sets of the personality notes and programme are provided.

I also enclose for information :

- a copy of Moscow tel 483 reporting an exchange of letters today amending the Protocol to our bilateral Air Services Agreements. A reference to this is included in the Foreign Secretary's brief.

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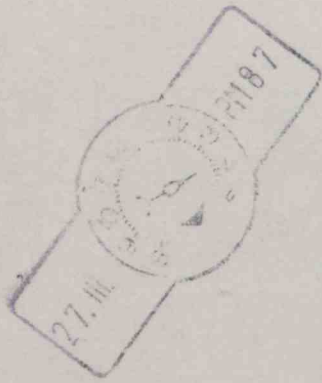
- a copy of a telegram we have just sent to Moscow  
about the reported release of Iosif Berenshtein.

Yours ever,  
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PS. we have just heard that  
Shavershede will be meeting you at  
the airport. [as well as Ryzhkov]





VISIT OF THE PRIME MINISTER TO THE SOVIET UNION,  
28 MARCH - 1 APRIL 1987

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Saturday 28 March

- 1230 (GMT) Depart LHR by RAF VC10 for Moscow  
(flying time 3 hrs 40 mins)
- 1910 Arrive Moscow Vnukovo 2 Airport.  
(GMT + 3)
- HM Ambassador boards aircraft with Chernyshev, Head  
of Protocol Department MFA, to greet Prime Minister
- Official welcoming ceremony  
Mr Ryzhkov (Prime Minister), Mr Shevardnadze (Foreign  
Minister), Mr Kovalev (First Deputy Foreign Minister)  
and Mr Zamyatin (Soviet Ambassador to Britain)  
expected to be present.
- 1930 Depart for Embassy accompanied by Mr Ryzhkov
- 2010 Completion of official welcoming ceremony, in St  
George's Hall of the Kremlin, with Mr and Mrs  
Gorbachev
- 2045/2100 Briefing meeting at British Embassy.
- 2200 Private dinner at British Embassy



Sunday 29 March (clocks will have gone forward one hour in Moscow as in UK)

0930 Depart by car for Zagorsk, accompanied by Mr Chernyshev and Mr Kharchev (Council for Religious Affairs)

Arrive Zagorsk.

Received by Metropolitan Yuvenaly

Attend service

Tour of monastery and churches

Lunch at Zagorsk

1500 Depart Zagorsk

1530 Walkabout in New Moscow suburb of Krylatskoye, together with the Mayor of Moscow Zaikin. The Prime Minister will be shown shops and a flat and will have an opportunity to talk with Muscovites in the street

1715 Arrive at Embassy.

1850 Depart Embassy

1900 Attend performance of "Swan Lake" at Bolshoi Theatre; Hosts Mr & Mrs Gorbachev

2145 Depart Bolshoi Theatre

2200-2300 Reception at British Embassy to meet British community and Embassy staff

Monday 30 March

- 1030 Wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior.  
Met by Mr Kamentsev, Deputy Prime Minister
- 1100 Restricted session of talks in the Kremlin  
with Mr Gorbachev and Mr Chernayev (Aide to Mr  
Gorbachev)
- 1330 Private lunch at the Residence with Soviet  
writers/intellectuals
- 1600 Continuation of restricted discussion with Mr  
Gorbachev, followed by:
- 1730 Plenary session of talks; with Foreign Ministers  
present, in the St Katherine's Hall of the Kremlin
- 1900-2040 Official Dinner, in the Facetted Hall of the Kremlin.  
(Speeches)



Tuesday 31 March

- 0930 Discussions with Chairman of the Council of Ministers, Ryzhkov, in the Kremlin, followed by:
- 1130 Signing of UK/Soviet documents in St Vladimir's Hall of the Kremlin by Foreign Ministers.  
(Mr Gorbachev will be present)
- 1200 Opening of the Office of the British/Soviet Chamber of Commerce in the International Trade Centre followed by attendance at the signature of commercial contracts between British firms and Soviet foreign trade organisations. Soviet host Deputy Prime Minister Kamentsev
- 1330 Private lunch at the Residence with Academician Sakharov and Mrs Bonner
- 1430 Visit to the Institute of Crystallography of the Academy of Sciences. Host: Academician Marchuk, President of the Academy of Sciences
- 1600 Recording of TV discussion programme at the MFA Press Centre
- 1715 Press Conference for Soviet and Foreign journalists, in the MFA's Press Centre
- 1850 Arrive Embassy
- 1930 Restricted dinner given by Mr and Mrs Gorbachev in the Reception House of the Soviet MFA
- 2200 Press Conference at the Embassy for British journalists



Wednesday 1 April

- 0830 Meeting with "refuseniks" at the Embassy.
- 0930 Farewell ceremony in the St George's Hall of the Kremlin (as for arrival)
- Farewell ceremony at Vnukovo 2 Airport (as for arrival)
- 1030 Departure from Moscow for Tbilisi in a special Soviet aircraft accompanied by Kamentsev, Deputy Prime Minister (actual flying time 2 hrs 35 mins)  
[Prime Minister's VC10, plus crew, will make its way to Tbilisi separately]
- 1405 Arrival in Tbilisi (Tbilisi time - one hour later than Moscow time). Met by Mr Cherkeziya, Georgian Prime Minister
- 1430-1515 Lunch with senior Georgian hosts
- 1530-1615 Discussions with the Georgian Council of Ministers
- 1630-1700 Wreath laying at the Grave of the Unknown Warrior;
- 1715-1745 Sight-seeing and walkabout in old Tbilisi
- 1800-1830 Visit to Georgian State Museum of Fine Art and History
- 1830-1900 Return to Georgian State Residence to change
- 1915-2000 Concert at the Georgian State Opera House
- 2015-2145 Dinner given by the Government of the Georgian SSR.



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2200

Departure from Tbilisi direct to London by VC10  
(the flight will gain four hours, vis-a-vis London  
time, en route: flying time 5 hrs 5 mins)

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Arrive LHR

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