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FOLLOWING FOR POWELL, NO 10 DOWNING STREET

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: BRIEFING MEETING

1. SUBJECT TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S VIEWS, I SUGGEST THAT THE BRIEFING MEETING IN THE EMBASSY ON THE EVENING OF 28 MARCH MIGHT BE DEVOTED, (A) TO ANY QUESTIONS WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER MAY HAVE IN THE LIGHT OF OUR RECENT REPORTS ON THE PRESENT SITUATION IN THE SOVIET UNION (E.G. MY DESPATCH OF 17 MARCH ON (NEXT WORD UNDERLINED) 'PERESTROIKA' AND MY 'SCENE-SETTING' TELEGRAM NO 454); AND (B) TO A DISCUSSION OF THE TACTICAL APPROACH TO HER SESSIONS WITH GORBACHEV, E.G. WHICH TOPICS SHOULD BE RAISED WHEN.

2. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO KNOW ON ARRIVAL WHETHER THIS WOULD BE IN LINE WITH HER WISHES. SHE WILL PROBABLY NOT HAVE HAD TIME TO READ THE 'PERESTROIKA' DESPATCH YET BUT YOU MIGHT TAKE IT WITH YOU ON THE AIRCRAFT IN CASE SHE IS ABLE TO GLANCE AT IT EN-ROUTE: SHE WOULD, I THINK, FIND IT HELPFUL BACKGROUND TO HER DISCUSSIONS HERE.

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