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From the Private Secretary

2 April 1987

Dear Tony,

PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Page 8 of the note of the Prime Minister's meeting with the Soviet Chairman of the Council of Ministers, Mr Ryzhkov, recorded that Mr Ryzhkov handed to the Prime Minister a list of import and export opportunities although this was what the interpreter recorded. It now appears that the two pieces of paper handed over were copies of a list of those which the Soviet Union was ready to export to Britain. There was and is no Soviet import opportunities list. I am attaching a copy of the Soviet export list.

Two other small points on the record:-

1. I should have inserted the initials of the Soviet team. For that purpose I enclose a new first page of the record. *amended JB 3.4.87*
2. On page 3, paragraph beginning "After confirming", it should say towards the end "The Soviet Union had by far the largest stockpile of modern chemical [not nuclear as in the record] weapons."

I am copying this letter and enclosure to Alex Allan (HM Treasury), Trevor Woolley (Cabinet Office) and H.M. Ambassador (Moscow).

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of Soviet Goods Offered for Additional Supplies
to the United Kingdom

Description of goods	Unit of measurement	1990
Total:	million roubles	350-370
<u>Machinery and equipment</u>		<u>65-70</u>
including:		
- metal-cutting machine-tools and pressing and forging equipment	"-	4.5-5.0
- bearings	"-	1.3-1.5
- passenger cars	thou. pieces	15-20
- helicopters	pieces	3
Engineering household goods		
including:		
- domestic refrigerators	thou. pieces	28-30
- domestic timepieces, inclu- ding movements	"-	3000-3200
- TV sets	"-	25-30
<u>Commodities and finished goods</u>	million roubles	<u>285-300</u>
including:		
Chemicals		
- methanol	thou. tons	50-60
- ammonia	"-	70-90
- orthoxylene	"-	19-20
- urea	"-	13-15
Crude oil	"-	1000-1100
Oil products	"-	800-900
Non-ferrous metals		
including:		
copper	"-	35-40
nickel	"-	6.5-7.0
aluminium	"-	40-45
Ferrous metals rolled products	"-	13
Pig iron	"-	20
Fur-skins	million roubles	12-15
Other goods, including mass consumer goods	"-	30-50



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FOLLOWING FOR SOVIET DEPARTMENT

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: CALL ON RYZHKOV: RECORD

PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING IMMEDIATE TO WICKS, PRINCIPAL PRIVATE SECRETARY, NO. 10 DOWNING STREET FROM HEMANS

1. FOR COMPLETENESS YOU SHOULD INSERT INITIALS OF SOVIET TEAM. THEY ARE N I RYZHKOV, B L TOLSTYKH, V M KAMENTSEV, B I ARISTOV, A G KOVALEV, L M ZAMYATIN, E P GOUSSAROV (NOTE SPELLING).
2. RATHER MORE IMPORTANTLY ON PAGE 3 WHAT MR RYZHKOV ACTUALLY HANDED TO THE PRIME MINISTER TURNED OUT TO BE TWO COPIES OF A LIST OF GOODS WHICH THE SOVIET UNION WAS READY TO EXPORT, REPEAT EXPORT, TO BRITAIN. THERE WAS AND IS NO SOVIET IMPORT OPPORTUNITIES LIST.
3. ON PAGE 3, PARAGRAPH BEGINNING 'AFTER CONFIRMING' REFERS TO CHEMICAL WEAPONS. TOWARDS THE END IT READS 'THE SOVIET UNION HAD BY FAR THE LARGEST STOCKPILE OF MODERN NUCLEAR WEAPONS'. SHOULD THIS NOT BE 'MODERN CHEMICAL WEAPONS'?

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1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE LIST OF SOVIET GOODS OFFERED FOR EXPORT TO THE UK WHICH WAS HANDED OVER TO THE PRIME MINISTER IN THE SOURCE OF THE CALL ON CHAIRMAN OF THE USSR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS RYZHKOV YESTERDAY:

DESCRIPTION OF GOODS	UNIT OF MEASUREMENT	1990
TOTAL:	MILLION ROUBLES	350-370
MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT		65-70
INCLUDING:		
- METAL-CUTTING MACHINE TOOLS AND PRESSING AND FORGING EQUIPMENT	---	4.5-5.0
- BEARINGS	---	1.3-1.5
- PASSENGER CARS	THOU PIECES	15-20
- HELICOPTERS	PIECES	3
ENGINEERING HOUSEHOLD GOODS		
INCLUDING:		
- DOMESTIC REFRIGERATORS	THOU PIECES	28-30
- DOMESTIC TIMEPIECES, INCLUDING MOVEMENTS	---	3000-3200
- TV SETS	---	25-30

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INCLUDING:

CHEMICALS

- METHANOL

THOU TONS

50-60

- AMMONIA

70-90

- ORTHOXYLENE

19-20

- UREA

13-15

CRUDE OIL

1000-1100

OIL PRODUCTS

800-900

NON-FERROUS METALS

INCLUDING:

COPPER

35-40

NICKEL

6.5-7.0

ALUMINIUM

40-45

FERROUS METALS ROLLED PRODUCTS

13

PIG IRON

20

FUR-SKINS

MILLION ROUBLES

12/15

OTHER GOODS, INCLUDING MASS

CONSUMER GOODS

30-50

2. THE PURPOSE OF THIS LIST IS TO INDICATE HOW MR GORBACHEV'S TARGET OF 40-50 PERCENT INCREASE IN TRADE TURNOVER IS TO BE MET BY 1990. THERE WAS NO, REPEAT NO, CORRESPONDING LIST OF UK EXPORT GOODS OF INTEREST TO THE SOVIET UNION, ALTHOUGH WE HAD THE IMPRESSION FROM THE TRANSLATOR THAT THERE WAS ALSO A LIST OF POTENTIAL EXPORT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE UK. WE HAVE HAD IT NOW CONFIRMED BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS THAT THERE WAS ONLY THE LIST OF SOVIET GOODS TO BE HANDED OVER.

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