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VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION

I know what a very great deal of effort went into the preparations for our visit to the Soviet Union. I should be grateful if you would, on my behalf, thank the members of the Soviet Department and everyone else who contributed very warmly indeed for their excellent work. The same goes for officials in the Department of Trade and Industry, the Ministry of Defence, the Cabinet Office and ECGD. Our combined effort produced an important success for British interests and, I believe, made a real impact on the people and government of the Soviet Union. I am truly grateful.

I am sending copies of my minute to Paul Channon, George Younger and Sir Robert Armstrong.

*Margaret Thatcher*

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3 April 1987

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