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Finally may I ask you to convey my warm appreciation to all those concerned in the organisation of my visit, for the excellent arrangements which they made.

With best wishes to you and Mrs. Ryzhkov.

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