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*Dear Charles,*

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*Die Minister  
Much more  
work is needed  
on this  
CDP 9/4.*

Follow-Up to the Prime Minister's visit to the Soviet Union

When this subject was discussed on 6 April, the Foreign Secretary undertook to send some further thoughts on the subject of follow-up to the Prime Minister's visit. I am therefore enclosing a short paper, prepared by officials, setting out the main elements in the future bilateral programme and some preliminary thoughts on how we might build on the visit.

We are working on the more detailed paper requested in your letter of 3 April. We have consulted the Embassy and will be also contacting Whitehall Departments and non-governmental organisations with an interest in Anglo-Soviet relations. As the enclosed paper makes clear, we have already been in contact with the Great Britain-USSR Association, the main channel for our non-official contacts with the Soviet Union.

We also need to exchange views with the Russians. The Soviet Embassy have told us that they are engaged in a similar follow-up exercise and would welcome an opportunity to exchange views.

*Yours ever,  
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## Follow-Up to Prime Minister's Visit to the Soviet Union

### A. High Level Visits

1. Invitations have been issued to Gorbachev and Ryzhkov. We should aim to get one to the UK next year. A second best would be Dobrynin. We should try to ensure a really senior inward visitor (Politburo or Secretariat) to the UK each year. We should also aim to get Marchuk (Academy of Sciences) here before long. He has an outstanding invitation from the Royal Society. We might also consider inviting Cherkesia, the Prime Minister's host in Tbilisi.
2. Shevardnadze confirmed his invitation to the Foreign Secretary; he will aim to go in the autumn.

### B. Inter-Governmental Cooperation

3. Our businessmen should aim to strike quickly over further contacts while the iron is hot. Two forthcoming meetings should help continue to engage high level Soviet interest-Industrial Economic Review Meeting, in London on 27 April, which will review trade and the long term economic programme in preparation for the Joint Commission; and the Joint Commission itself, in Moscow during the first week of June, which Alan Clark from the DTI will attend.
4. Shevardnadze showed some real interest in developing expert talks on health cooperation, eg alcoholism, AIDS, during the discussions in Moscow. He also accepted our suggestion for expert talks on drugs. We will ensure these points are carried through. We will be trawling Whitehall for other new areas of potential cooperation. The environment is one potential area. There is already a wide ranging programme of cooperation on agriculture and energy following the visits to Moscow by Peter Walker and Michael Jopling.



C. Information and Culture

5. We are considering ways to build on the useful facilitating clauses in the Memorandum of Understanding signed during the visit. We are writing to all interested bodies (eg the British Council) drawing their attention to the agreement and suggesting they use it to prompt contacts with their Soviet opposite numbers. We will be concentrating in particular on the provisions for exchanges of school children; colloquia and round tables; and closer contacts between television and broadcasting organisations. We have already spoken to the Great Britain-USSR Association who showed considerable enthusiasm at the possibilities opened up by the Memorandum. If they come up with new and worthwhile projects, we may need to look at the resources available to them. They are the main channel for our non-official contacts with Soviet organisations.

6. The Memorandum sets up a programme of annual lectures. We need to identify and approach a British lecturer.

D. Political Follow-Up

7. We are drawing up a wide ranging programme for bilateral consultations at official level with the Soviet MFA for the coming year. We hope to agree this with them soon.

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From the Private Secretary

6 April 1987

Dear Tony,

FOLLOW-UP TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S  
VISIT TO MOSCOW

On  
UK/Soviet  
relations  
file

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This was discussed briefly between the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary this evening. The Foreign Secretary said that he would be letting the Prime Minister have a full note on the subject.

Yours sincerely,  
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*From the Private Secretary*

3 April 1987

Prime Minister's visit to the Soviet Union:  
Follow up

The Prime Minister attaches very great importance to our following up her visit to Moscow in practical ways, covering all fields of our relations. I think she would welcome it if the Foreign Secretary were able to bring forward a paper as soon as practicable with proposals for this, which would of course need to be prepared in consultation with his principal colleagues. The Prime Minister may mention this at her bilateral with the Foreign Secretary on Monday. But you may wish to be giving preliminary thought to it before then, if indeed you are not already doing so.

I am copying this letter to Timothy Walker (Department of Trade and Industry).

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