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IMPRESSIONS OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO MOSCOW

1. The Prime Minister may be interested to see the attached comment on her Moscow visit from a young Soviet intellectual. He is Alexei Yanshin, the son of Academician A. L. Yanshin, a distinguished Soviet geologist. The letter is to Mr F. W. Dunning, Curator of the National Geological Museum, whom young Yanshin escorted during a meeting of the International Geological Congress in Moscow in 1984. He has continued writing since.

2. Elsewhere in the letter Yanshin speaks about "fantastic changes in the internal life of my country". But he goes on to admit that the standard of living is not rising, indeed he suggests that it is falling for some.

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She was very rational and humanic. Now I often can see ladies dressed and hair-cutted a-la M.T. And at last - the main idea of the whole story. It's of no importance who is she indeed - she fulfilled a great job - she change the attitude to U.K. - not in common it's not considered that U.K. is a country with no face and only a political echo, mirror of U.S.A. Now we suppose - the U.K. is a very interesting country, original, with normal residents, with normal leaders, and the problem is in finding of common tongue.

Well, another one idea of the letter - to inform you that I exist,

This letter is very bad - illeteral, dirty, but if I'll try to change smth ~~am~~ I'm afraid, ... well you know what am I afraid of.

I'm waiting for Alex Aleysha, he should be in Moscow in the end of May. I'm lucky to have opportunity for our meeting!

Thank you for attention!

With best wishes,
Sincerely yours



With great thanks for your lessons of life. It seems to me I become cleverer while writing you. You can rise people. A

Surely, I want to say about my impressions ⁽²⁾ on your Prime-minister visit. It was a real shock of impressions. I remember very good your story about your meeting with Prime Minister, your attitude to the "iron lady". But you should take into account the absolute unreadiness of mass media to the foreign political leader. We usually see them in our press as stupid, ugly persons, who usually prefer to spend their time in psychiatric clinics and like hobby from time ^{like} to time play in a political theatre.

And suddenly she arrived - normal, clever and attractive. The apogee of her visit was the interview to Soviet TV, when 3 huge, fat political commentators (all - male) attacked her. They, the cleverest ones, were untactful, nonprofessional, simply rude. They interpreted her words terribly, so I even can't find words to describe it. Poor political boys were obliged a week later to describe their behavior on a TV, because it was a lot of letters with critics. In the Soviet TV hit-parade that program (with M.T.) got the first place. Near my work Izvestiya Newspaper Publishers is situated. They exhibited photos of M.T., Gorbachev, - simple photos, which were published in newspapers, but large, during 2 weeks a huge crowd was standing in front the windows, ~~peop~~ crowd was so expressed, that in a moment discussions started. The main idea was - oh, ye, oh, ye !!!!!!! etc.

I don't want to discuss the personality of your Prime Minister, but I can say, that she acted extremely professional, very attractive and even sincerely (may be only on the face).