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VISITORS FROM THE SOVIET UNION

Academician Marchuk, President of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, whom you met in Moscow and urged to visit England, will be here at the invitation of the Royal Society from 9-14 November. He will have with him, among others, Academician Vainshtein, Director of the Moscow Institute of Crystallography.

Almost simultaneously, a separate delegation will be in the United Kingdom, led by Dr Tolstykh, Chairman of the Soviet State Committee for Science and Technology. This committee is responsible for overall science and technology policy.

Against the background of your visit to the Soviet Union, I think it would be right for you to see both Marchuk (plus Vainshtein) and Tolstykh. We could probably arrange for them to call on you together. Agree?

Yes

There is also an invitation to you from the President of the Royal Society to attend a dinner or some other social event which they are arranging for Marchuk. You cannot in fact manage the date for the dinner (you already have a Plowden Group Dinner) but would you look in at a reception?

Watch the timing for this period. It is very near the Guildhall dinner
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From the Private Secretary

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VISITS OF ACADEMICIAN MARCHUK AND
DR. TOLSTYKH

BK | Thank you for your letter of 19 October about the visits to the United Kingdom of Academician Marchuk and Dr. Tolstykh. The Prime Minister would indeed like to see them both (and Dr. Vainshtein) and could do so at 0915 on Friday 13 November. I should be grateful for a brief in due course.

I am in touch separately with the Royal Society about the possibility of the Prime Minister attending a social occasion in Marchuk's honour.

I am copying this letter to Tim Walker (Department of Trade and Industry) and Stephen Haddrill (Department of Energy).

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Dear Charles,

Visits of Academician Marchuk and Dr Tolstykh
to the UK

The Prime Minister will wish to be aware of the forthcoming visits to the UK of two important Soviet delegations.

The first, a high-powered scientific delegation, will be here from 9-14 November at the invitation of the Royal Society. It will be led by Academician Marchuk, the President of the Soviet Academy of Sciences. It will include, among five other full members of the Academy, Academician Vainshtein, the Director of the Moscow Institute of Crystallography. The Prime Minister met both men when she visited the Institute during her visit to the Soviet Union.

A full programme is being arranged for the Soviet team who are keen that their visit should give a boost to bilateral scientific contacts and cooperation. It is the most senior Soviet scientific delegation to visit the UK for many years and Academician Marchuk's first overseas visit since taking office. The Academy of Sciences is the Soviet Union's principal scientific establishment. Marchuk has been given the job of reforming its structure both to allow greater autonomy and to encourage closer links between research and industry.

The second delegation will be in the UK from 12-19 November, led by Dr Boris Tolstykh, Chairman of the Soviet State Committee for Science and Technology and a Deputy Prime Minister. Other members include the First Deputy Chairman of Gosplan, the Minister of the Medical and Microbiological Industry, and Mr Primakov, Director of the Institute of World Economy and International Relations.

They will be taking part in a trilateral conference (with the Americans) at Ditchley Park over the weekend of 14-15 November on "End of century tasks: coping with high technology, industrial transformation and economic interdependence". Thereafter the delegation will split to pursue separate programmes geared to their particular interests, with an appropriate focus on opportunities for trade. Dr Tolstykh will be meeting Mr Parkinson to review bilateral cooperation in the energy field, and is also likely to call on Ministers at the FCO and DTI.

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The State Committee for Science and Technology was set up in 1965 and is responsible for overall science and technology policy, the application of science to industry and the economy as a whole. Its activities are of considerable commercial interest. Mr Clark, the Trade Minister, is meeting Dr Tolstykh during the Joint Trade Commission in Moscow this week.

The visits of the two delegations are a direct result of the Prime Minister's own visit to Moscow and the impetus given by it to contacts in all fields. The Foreign Secretary believes that it would be a sign of the importance we attach to these contacts if the Prime Minister were to be involved personally at some stage. This would be particularly appropriate given the attention she paid to science during her visit to Moscow and her own interest in scientific issues. Both men will have interesting things to say about the "restructuring" taking place in Soviet science and the Soviet economy.

Sir Geoffrey Howe would normally have recommended that the Prime Minister see Marchuk and Tolstykh individually, but the visits fall very close together and she may not wish or be able to devote so much time to Soviet visitors. (As you know, the Soviet economist, Abel Aganbegyan, is in London shortly afterwards and a slot has been reserved for him.) If she were to see one and not the other, this would risk upsetting the unlucky one and taking something away from the effect of his visit. One way to get round this would be a joint call. They will both be in London on 13 November, enabling such a call then. Their areas of interest clearly overlap and Sir Bryan Cartledge has advised that the protocol/jealousy difficulties should not be a problem if the call is presented as the only opportunity for both men. The Foreign Secretary therefore hopes that the Prime Minister will agree to this arrangement if she is unable to see them both separately. I should add that we assume Academician Vainshtein would almost certainly wish to accompany Academician Marchuk on any call at No 10.

I would be grateful if you could let me know the Prime Minister's views. I enclose as background short personality notes on both Marchuk and Tolstykh in case these are useful. I am copying this letter to Timothy Walker at the Department of Trade and Stephen Haddrill at the Department of Energy.

*Yours ever,
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TOLSTYKH, Boris Leontevich

Deputy Chairman, USSR Council of Ministers and Chairman, State Committee for Science and Technology (GKNT) (1987)

Born 1936, Russian.

Graduated from Voronezh State University (Dr. Tech. Sci.).

- 1970 - Joined CPSU
- 1959-77 - Engineer, deputy chief engineer, later chief engineer of the "Elektronika" Production Association, Voronezh.
- 1977 - General Director of the "Elektronika" Association.
- 1979 - Member of USSR Supreme Soviet;
- 1979-84 - Member of Standing Commission for Consumer Goods and Trade, Council of the Unions;
- 1984 - Member of the Standing Commission for Science and Technology, Council of the Union.
- 1985 - (December - January 1987) Deputy Minister of the Electronics Industry USSR.
- Feb 1987 Deputy Chairman, USSR Council of Ministers, and Chairman, State Committee USSR for Science and Technology.

He is a Hero of Socialist Labour and holds two Orders of Lenin and the Order of the October Revolution; he holds a USSR State Prize.



MARCHUK, Gury Ivanovich

President of the Academy of Sciences; Member of the CC CPSU

Academician Marchuk (61) trained as a nuclear physicist and worked for many years in the Siberian Department of the Academy; in the late 1970s he was a Vice-President of the Academy and Chairman of the Siberian Department.

In 1980 he was transferred to Moscow as a Deputy Chairman of the Council of Ministers and Chairman of the State Committee for Science and Technology, retaining these posts until October 1986 when he replaced the 83 year old A P Aleksandrov as President of the Academy of Sciences.

Marchuk is a member of the CC CPSU. He has travelled little outside Eastern Europe (but he visited the UK in 1969) and speaks little English but fluent French.

In a recent major interview with "Izvestiya" Marchuk outlined a number of reforms adopted at the Academy's recent AGM including decentralisation and greater autonomy for the Academy's regional and functional departments, compulsory retirement for managerial posts at 65-70, re-establishment of the Academy's technical department and the formation of a State Programme of Fundamental Research. Among his principal tasks will be bringing about a radical improvement in the badly neglected area of developing and maintaining links between research and industry.

