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tomorrow to day.

(1) Table plan agreed
with one change

3 December 1987

(2) Mr. Mellor
to low second table.

(3) Dear Charles,
PM does want Pollock behind her during
Gorbachev's Stopover: Seating at Lunch
lunch. *cdp.*

I am sending you with this letter a draft placement for the top table at lunch at Brize Norton on 7 December.

The seating has been arranged on the assumption that the Prime Minister will wish primarily to continue her talks with Mr Gorbachev; that Mrs Gorbacheva will have spent an hour with Mr Baker and should therefore be seated next to another senior British Minister, and that the object of including Mr Clark and the CDS is that they should be given the opportunity of talking to Mr Kamentsev and Marshal Akhromeyev. This leaves the other senior Politburo representative, Mr Yakovlev, seated next to two senior Ministers and Mr Gorbachev placed next to the Defence Secretary, although there will probably not be much conversation in that direction.

Mr Yakovlev, Mr Dobrynin and Mr Zamyatin all speak English. Interpreters, a mixture of British and Soviet, will be spaced for other guests. It would be useful to know whether the Prime Minister wishes Richard Pollock to sit behind her, or whether she is relaxed about the interpretation at lunch being done by the senior Soviet interpreter who will probably be Mr Uspensky, as it was in Moscow.

There is one minor potential awkwardness in that there are two Central Committee members on the delegation for whom room could only be found at the top table either by a considerable squash or by replacing two others. These are Messrs Boldin and Kruchina, who are Heads of Central Committee Departments respectively for general coordination and administration. They will not take part in the talks, but are quite senior and the Russians may press for them to be given higher priority. However, there is a defensible distinction between those already selected for top table status and these two other senior visitors and we would propose to place them in the top slots on the second table which we suggest should be hosted by Mr Mellor. The details of the seating on the second table cannot yet be finalised as the Russians have not yet clearly indicated who else will need to be accommodated there.

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I should welcome a very early indication of the
Prime Minister's views.

Yours ever,
A C Galsworthy

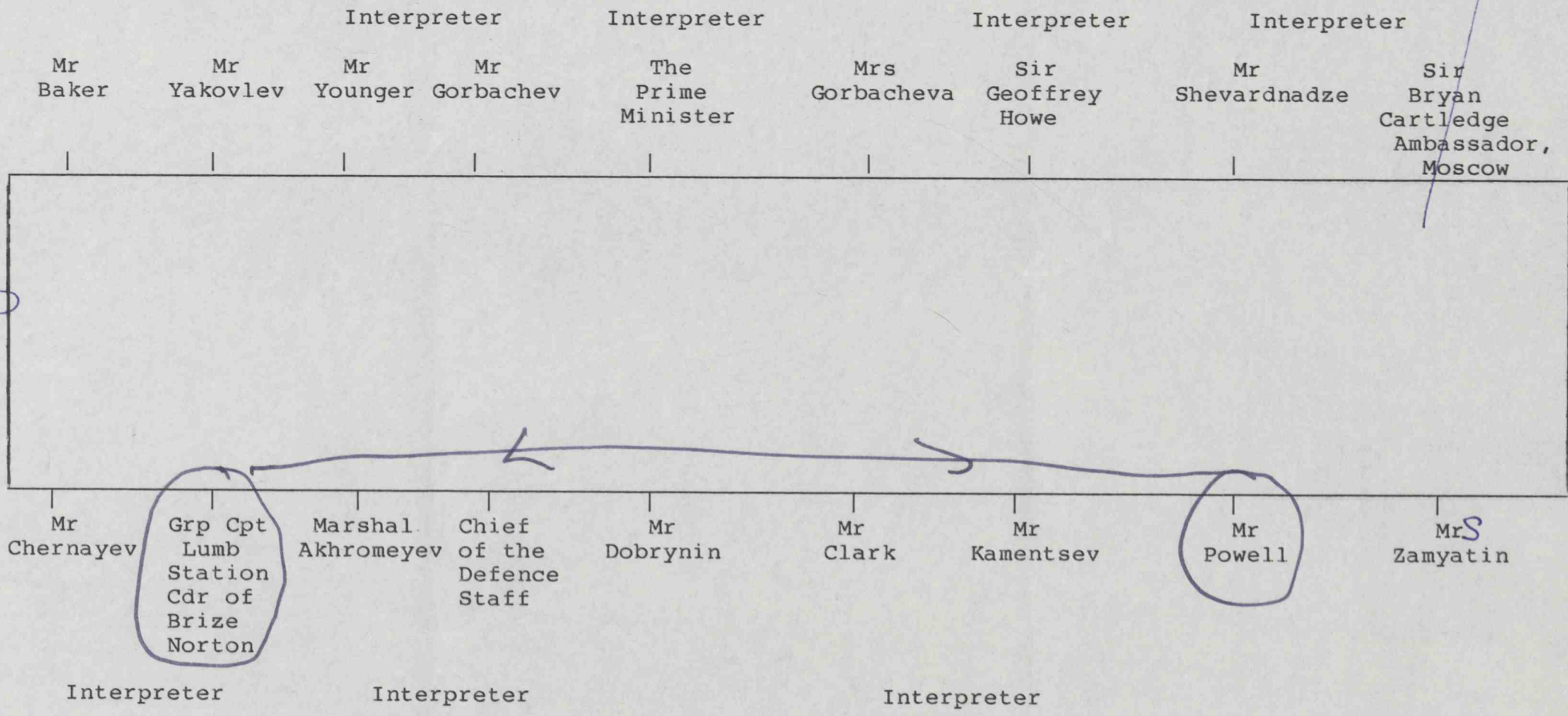
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