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YOUR TELNO 1239: PRIME MINISTER'S INTERVIEW WITH SOVIET
TELEVISION, 9 DECEMBER 1987

SUMMARY

1. EXTRACTS SHOWN ON MAIN SOVIET EVENING NEWS PROGRAMME
'VREMYA' ON 9 DECEMBER AND THE WHOLE INTERVIEW, WITH ONE
SIGNIFICANT OMISSION, BROADCAST ON THE LATE NIGHT FOREIGN
NEWS PROGRAMME THAT EVENING.

DETAIL

2. THE PRIME MINISTER'S ANSWER TO THE QUESTION ON THE SIGNING
OF THE INF AGREEMENT WAS CARRIED ON VREMYA AS ONE OF A SERIES
OF REPORTS OF INTERNATIONAL REACTIONS TO THE SIGNATURE. HER
COMMENT CAME AFTER POLAND AND CHINA AND WAS FOLLOWED BY THAT
OF CHANCELLOR KOHL.

3. THE WHOLE INTERVIEW WAS BROADCAST ON THE LATE NIGHT FOREIGN
NEWS PROGRAMME 'SEVODNYA VE MIRYE' WITH ONE POINT OF
SUBSTANCE OMITTED IN THE RUSSIAN LANGUAGE VERSION. THIS WAS
THE PHRASE 'AND I LEFT A CONSIDERABLE LIST, REFERRING TO
FAMILY REUNIFICATION'.

4. IT IS PERHAPS ALSO WORTH NOTING THAT LATER IN THE SAME
PROGRAMME THE PLIGHT OF THE HOMELESS IN LONDON WAS FEATURED
BOTH WITH STATISTICS AND A TWO MINUTE FILM OF LIFE UNDER THE
ARCHES OF CHARING CROSS.

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