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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

1 December 1988

Dear Charles,

President Gorbachev's Visit *lap*

Thank you for your letter of 28 November about the visit. It was very helpful to have the detailed information about the arrival arrangements and subsequent engagements in it.

We thought you would find it useful to have today a report on the progress made over the programme, on the reconnaissance visit of the Soviet team led by Mr Chernishev, the Director of Protocol, and of the main outstanding points. I should add that Mr Chernishev has flown to New York but the rest of his team will be staying here until President Gorbachev arrives.

The programme has now been agreed with the Russians in outline in all but two important respects: those on the Soviet side who will be accompanying the President and Mrs Gorbachev; and the proposed sightseeing on the afternoon of 13 December. / I enclose a copy of the latest draft.

We have brought repeated pressure on the Russians to give us an answer on the first point. Kossov of the Embassy has confirmed privately to us that Shevardnadze and Yakovlev are almost certain to accompany the President. And he has hinted that there will also be "someone important on the trade side", possibly a member of the Politburo. But we have been given no firm information. We have stressed that we need it urgently, given that the detail of many of the arrangements will depend on it. We need to take this forward very soon. If you could have a word with Karasin or Kossov, this would help to bring home to the Russians the importance both No 10 and the FCO attach to an early answer.

As regards sightseeing on the afternoon of 13 December, it is a great pity that, as Mike Bates may already have reported to you, the Russians should so adamantly have rejected the revised proposals put to them (travel by boat and hydrofoil from Westminster via the Festival Hall to a spot opposite Greenwich, followed by a car tour of Docklands). But they say they cannot agree to any travel other than in (Soviet) protected cars. Likewise, on security grounds, they say there can be no question of using the Docklands Light Railway. Without these aspects, a trip to Docklands could lose much of its attraction. A better alternative might be Whitehall

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and St Paul's (already agreed by the Russians) followed by The Tower and St Katherine's Dock (close by: but reconstruction of old premises rather than urban regeneration of the Docklands type). Mrs Gorbachev paid a very short visit to The Tower in 1984 but there are parts she did not see. Other possibilities are the Law Courts, Lloyds and the Museum of the Moving Image (on the South Bank: Mr Gorbachev is interested in the history of the cinema). It would be very helpful to have the Prime Minister's views. The Foreign Secretary believes that The Tower and St Katherine's Dock offer the best alternatives.

Finally, I should mention an organisational point. Bearing in mind the obvious importance of the visit and the need to ensure that the inevitably rather complicated arrangements run without a hitch, it has been agreed that we should establish a single point within the FCO to concentrate solely on the visit and bring all the organisational aspects together. Mr Robert Chase, Commercial Counsellor in Moscow until October, will be attached to Protocol Department as from 1 December for this purpose. He will be supported by the present FCO team working on the visit, the political aspects of which will continue to fall to Soviet Dept. Mr Chase will report through Mr Waldegrave to the Foreign Secretary.

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HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT IN THE
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND

Visit of

His Excellency

The General Secretary of the Central Committee
of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union,
Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet
of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
and Mrs.R.M.Gorbacheva

12 to 14 DECEMBER 1988

His Excellency Mr.M.S.Gorbachev,The General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and Mrs.R.M.Gorbacheva, will be accompanied by:

In attendance:

Group Captain Paul Gray	}	
Colonel Philip Worrall	}	<i>Government Hospitality</i>
Wing Commander Max Higson	}	
Air Commodore Philip Moore	}	

The visitors will stay at:

Embassy of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
13 Kensington Palace Gardens, W.8

Royal Garden Hotel
Kensington High Street, W.8

Programme

MONDAY, 12 DECEMBER

2300 hrs Arrive London Heathrow Airport by Special Flight from
Havana
Special Waiting Room, Southside

Met by the Lord-in-Waiting to Her Majesty The Queen,

the Prime Minister,
and Mr. Denis Thatcher,
the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth
Affairs,
The Rt. Hon. Geoffrey Howe, M.P.,
the Secretary of State for Defence,
The Rt. Hon. George Younger, M.P.
and the Secretary of State for Education and Science,
The Rt. Hon. Kenneth Baker, M.P.

Ceremonial Guard of the Royal Air Force

2315 Leave the Airport by car accompanied by the Prime
(approx) Minister,
The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.

2345 Arrive at the Embassy of the Union of Soviet Socialist
(approx) Republics
13 Kensington Palace Gardens, W.8

The Prime Minister,
The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.,
will call at the Embassy
Golden Room

TUESDAY, 13 DECEMBER

(See page for programme for Mrs. Gorbacheva)

- 0950 hrs Leave the Embassy
- 1000 Arrive 10 Downing Street
- Talks with the Prime Minister,
The Rt.Hon.Margaret Thatcher, M.P.
- Working Luncheon
- 1410 Leave 10 Downing Street accompanied by the Prime
Minister,
The Rt.Hon.Margaret Thatcher, M.P.
- 1415 Arrive Westminster Abbey
Great West Door
- Met by the Dean of Westminster,
The Very Reverend Michael Mayne
- His Excellency the President will lay a wreath on the
Grave of the Unknown Warrior
- 1430 Leave Westminster Abbey
- Sightseeing tour via Whitehall and Embankment
- 1440 Arrive St.Paul's Cathedral
St.Paul's Churchyard, E.C.4
- Met by the Dean of St.Paul's,
The Very Reverend Eric Evans
and the Canon in Residence for the Month of December,
Canon Graham Routledge
- Tour the Cathedral
- 1500 Leave St.Paul's
- 1500 Tour Docklands
to
- 1600 DETAILS TO BE CONFIRMED
(approx)
- 1630 Arrive at the Embassy
- 1700 The Leader of the Opposition
to
1730 The Rt.Hon.Neil Kinnock, M.P.,
will call at the Embassy
- 1750 Leave the Embassy

TUESDAY, 13 DECEMBER (Contd.)

1805 Arrive Mansion House
Walbrook Entrance

1800 Reception given by the Corporation of London
Host: The Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor,

1900 Leave Mansion House

1915 Arrive at the Embassy

1920 Leave the Embassy

1930 Arrive 10 Downing Street

1915 Dinner given by Her Majesty's Government
for
1930 Host: The Prime Minister,
and Mr. Denis Thatcher
Dress: Lounge Suit

PROGRAMME FOR MRS.GORBACHEVA

TUESDAY, 13 DECEMBER

1000 hrs Leave the Embassy accompanied by the Secretary of State
for Education and Science,
The Rt.Hon.Kenneth Baker, M.P.

1040 Arrive Windsor Castle
King Henry VIII Gate

Met by the Director of the Royal Collection,
Sir Geoffrey de Bellaigue

Visit the State Apartments

1135 Leave Windsor Castle

1215 Arrive at the Embassy

1240 Leave the Embassy

1250 Arrive 10 Downing Street

Met by Mr.Denis Thatcher

Programme for the early afternoon as for His
Excellency the President

1630 Arrive at the Embassy

1700 Leave the Embassy

1715 Arrive Museum of London
London Wall, E.C.2

Met by the Chairman of the Board of Governors,
Mr.Michael Robbins
and the Director,
Mr.Max Hebditch

View Selected exhibits

1800 Leave Museum of London

1815 Arrive at the Embassy

1920 Leave the Embassy

1930 Arrive 10 Downing Street

Programme for the evening as for His Excellency the
President

WEDNESDAY, 14 DECEMBER

(See page for programme for Mrs. Gorbacheva)

- Leaders of the Communist Party will call at the Embassy
- 1005 Leave the Embassy
- 1015 Arrive 10 Downing Street
- Talks with the Prime Minister,
 The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.
- 1125 Leave 10 Downing Street
- 1130 Arrive Buckingham Palace
 Grand Entrance via Centre Gate and South Arch
- Received by Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal
 Highness The Duke of Edinburgh
- A Guard of Honour found by The Queen's Guard made up to
 a strength of 100 and provided by the 2nd Battalion
 Scots Guards with The Queen's Colour and accompanied by
 the Band of the Regiment and the Pipes and Drums of the
 Battalion under the command of Major Julian Lawrie is
 mounted in the Quadrangle
- His Excellency the President will inspect the Guard of
 Honour
- 1200 Luncheon given by Her Majesty The Queen
- 1300 Leave Buckingham Palace
- 1335 Arrive London Heathrow Airport
 Special Waiting Room, Southside
- 1350 Depart by Special Flight for Moscow

The Lord-in-Waiting to Her Majesty The Queen,
the Prime Minister
and Mr. Denis Thatcher,
the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth
Affairs,
The Rt. Hon. Geoffrey Howe, M.P.,
the Secretary of State for Defence,
The Rt. Hon. George Younger, M.P.
and the Secretary of State for Education and Science,
The Rt. Hon. Kenneth Baker, M.P.
will bid farewell

PROGRAMME FOR MRS.GORBACHEVA

WEDNESDAY, 14 DECEMBER

No official engagements for the early part of the morning

1130

*Arrive Buckingham Palace
Grand Entrance via Centre Gate and South Arch*

*Programme for the remainder of the day as for His
Excellency the President*

SOVIET UNION: Visit by
Pres Gorbachev Pt. 2

