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VISIT OF PRESIDENT GORBACHEV

Simply for the record, I should let you know that Mr Kossov told me this morning that the Soviet Embassy still had no firm news of Mr Gorbachev's plans. But the Ambassador hoped to speak to Mr Gorbachev in Moscow today or tomorrow and would be back in London on Thursday bearing news. Mr Kossov himself continues to think it quite possible that a visit in the last few days of January will be proposed.

I am copying this letter to Bill Heseltine (Buckingham Palace).

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