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From the Private Secretary

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Dear Stephen,

MR. GORBACHEV'S VISIT

The Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary had a brief word this evening about Mr. Gorbachev's visit. It seemed likely the programme would follow very closely the one which had been arranged for December, although lunch with The Queen was likely to be at Windsor rather than Buckingham Palace. The Prime Minister commented that we should plan Mr. Gorbachev's visits in London, and in particular any visit to a factory or firm, very carefully so that he did not travel through filthy streets. It was agreed that we should avoid setting too highly structured an agenda for the talks. This might only lead the Russians to try to get us to adopt common statements or declarations.

*Yours sincerely,
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