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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Dear Charles,

Mr Gorbachev's visit: The Queen

The Soviet Ambassador told the head of our Soviet Department "on a strictly informal basis" on Friday that Mr Gorbachev now definitely intended during his visit to invite The Queen to visit the Soviet Union.

May I leave it to you to let Bill Heseltine know of this?

The Prime Minister has already decided how this might best be handled in briefing the press after the visit.

Yours ever,

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