

This is the first of the CSCG Follow-up Conferences. It is important that it is handled skilfully & robustly. (1)

1. MR POWELL

2. PRIME MINISTER

FCO preparations so far are pathetic: the idea of a balanced delegation laughable.

Agree to insist on inclusion of at least 3 of the names on

The list is ridiculous, have your names & hats your friends

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Not a good political move

Yes/no Bernard's list? CBP 3/3.

We discussed the proposed British delegation to this Forum (see attached papers).

The timing of the forum is far from ideal given the concerted campaign by elements of our media alleging an anti-libertarian and secretive Government. It is likely that the Soviet bloc will use this as a smoke screen for their own shortcomings, with or without encouragement from UK sources.

It is unfortunate that the attached list of proposed members of the delegation and part-time members have been cleared with Lord Rees Mogg without prior consultation on the names.

* by the FCO

It may well be that the trendy Leftwing nature of the delegation, and to a lesser extent the part-time members, are qualified to contribute to the main thrust of the Forum - improved working conditions for journalists and others in the Soviet bloc and a better flow of information there.

But they are singularly ill-equipped to repel criticism of the UK's performance - eg Spycatcher, Official Secrets Bill, banning of Sinn Fein broadcasting. Indeed, some of them are more likely to lead the charge against the UK, if not actually initiate it!

What we need is some intellectual, moral and political stiffening drawn from:

- Professor Norman Stone
- Dr John Vincent
- Paul Johnson
- Sunday Times (Bruce Anderson)
- Peregrine Worsthorne (part-time)
- Brian Walden
- ? ~~Lord Deedes~~

At least 3 from this list

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I do hope we can get some of these names incorporated in both the full-time and part-time delegates.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bernard Ingham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B" and a long, sweeping underline.

BERNARD INGHAM
March 3, 1989

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From the Private Secretary

5 March 1989

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The Prime Minister has seen the proposed list of candidates for the British delegation enclosed with Andrew Burns' letter of 2 March to Bernard Ingham. She does not think that this would amount in any way to a balanced delegation. She would wish to see at least three of the following included in the list:

Professor Norman Stone
Dr. John Vincent
Paul Johnson
Bruce Anderson
Peregrine Worsthorne
Brian Walden

(C.D. POWELL)

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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2 March 1989

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Bernard Ingham

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We spoke briefly on the telephone about possible candidates for the British delegation. I attach a list which reflects the current state of official level discussion with Lord Rees-Mogg. It will be discussed with Mr Eggar on his return from Central America next week. The Foreign Secretary has not seen it.

Lots of names have come to mind and it is obviously far from easy to identify the best balance. This is a discussion forum and not a decision-making one. We have to find a balance between seeming to pack the delegation with those who will tow the line and opening it so wide that we expose ourselves to unnecessary criticism on the domestic front.

The feeling here is that the best way of ensuring that the British contribution to the discussion is kept under control and that the British Government's view is adequately and effectively defended is to look to people who will have a real interest in making an effective contribution to what is the main thrust of this CSCE forum: improved working conditions for journalists and others in the Soviet bloc and a better flow of information there.

I attach the agreed agenda for the forum, which describes the kinds of subject for discussion.

We are writing separately to other Departments in Whitehall who may want to be associated with, or represented on, the official side of the delegation (which is not covered here).

Let's have a further word.

R A Burns
R A Burns
News Department

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FCO List

A Full time Delegation Member
GERARD MANSELL FORMER DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL
(OLD BBC)

ANTHONY SMITH PRESIDENT-ELECT MAGDALEN COLLEGE
EX-DIRECTOR BRITISH FILM INSTITUTE

!! NEAL ASCHERSON THE OBSERVER
(LEFT-OF CENTRE, BUT ANTI-COMMUNIST:
HIGHLY KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT PRACTICAL
PROBLEMS FOR JOURNALISTS IN E EUROPE.
ATTENDED BUDAPEST CULTURAL FORUM).

!! HUGO YOUNG THE GUARDIAN

EDWINA MORETON THE ECONOMIST

TIMOTHY GARTON ASH THE SPECTATOR

!!! MONTY JOHNSTON MARXISM TODAY,
(LIBERAL COMMUNIST ON BALANCED LEFT,
SENSIBLE ABOUT SOVIET UNION).

MARY DEJEVSKY THE TIMES (VISA REFUSED FOR MOSCOW)

PROFESSOR GEORGE WEDELL MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY,
EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF THE MEDIA

RALPH LAND EAST EUROPEAN DIVISION; RANK XEROX -
RECENT DEAL WITH SOVIET UNION ON
COYING SHOPS

JOHN GRANT HEAD OF COMMUNICATIONS, ELECTRICAL
ELECTRONIC TELECOMMUNICATION AND

D.T.O.

PLUMBING UNION, FORMER MP,
BROADCASTER AND JOURNALIST

CHRIS CVIIC

CHATHAM HOUSE (AND WRITES FOR
THE ECONOMIST)

GEOFFREY HOSKING

SCHOOL OF SLAVONIC AND EASTERN
EUROPEAN STUDIES (SSEES), LONDON
UNIVERSITY

EVA SKELLEY

COLLETTS - HOPING TO OPEN BOOKSHOP IN
MOSCOW

B. PART-TIME DELEGATION MEMBERS

JOHN BIRT

DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL BBC (NEW BBC)

DAVID PUTTNAM

FILM DIRECTOR. EXPERIENCE OF CSCE
BUDAPEST CULTURAL FORUM

SIR ROBIN DAY
OR DAVID DIMBLEBY
OR TIM SEBASTIAN

ANDREAS WHITTAM SMITH

EDITOR, THE INDEPENDENT

MALCOLM RUTHERFORD

ASSISTANT EDITOR, FT

MAGNUS LINKLATER

SCOTSMAN

KENNETH ASHTON

FORMER SECRETARY-GENERAL, NUJ

KEVIN MAXWELL

MAXWELL MEDIA/PERGAMON PRESS

OR PETER SAY

JOHN GAU

BRITISH SATELLITE BROADCASTING

JONATHAN KING

OVERSEAS DIVISION, BT

ANDREW KNIGHT

MANAGING DIRECTOR, TELEGRAPH GROUP

GEORGE RICHARDSON CBE

OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS

TOM STOPPARD

PLAYWRIGHT (CZECH ORIGINS).

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EAST EUROPEAN LITERATURE

MICHAEL FRAYN

WRITER, AND TRANSLATOR OF RUSSIAN
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From the Private Secretary

14 March 1989

See Stephen,

CSCE: LONDON INFORMATION FORUM: UK DELEGATION

Thank you for your letter of 8 March about the UK delegation for the London Information Forum. I think that the Prime Minister would agree that there is now a better balance in the delegation. I note that the three names suggested from here are listed only as part-time members of the delegation. I hope that they can be offered the option of being full-time members if they so wish.

you mark.
Chris Powell

C. D. POWELL

Stephen Wall, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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8 March 1989

Dear Charles,

CSCE: London Information Forum: UK Delegation

I enclose a copy of the Delegation list.

It is essential that the Delegation should be perceived to be balanced so that we do not lay ourselves open to the sort of charges we normally make about Eastern European delegations to such meetings ie that they are stacked with the government's "yes men". The Foreign Secretary believes that the list he has chosen meets that requirement. Lord Rees-Mogg will now be issuing the invitations accordingly.

The mandate and agenda of the meeting give it an explicitly East/West character. We aim to keep the focus firmly on information issues within this context, in pursuit of the following objectives:

- to press the Russians and East Europeans to comply fully with their commitments under the Helsinki Accords in the field of information, by highlighting existing shortcomings;
- to stimulate and encourage direct personal contact between media experts from the West and the East, and to expose the latter to real debate and Western views;
- to work for improvements on the ground in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe in areas such as commitments to remove or relax controls and unwarranted censorship; the improvement of working conditions for journalists; greater commercial access for Western newspapers and publications; and greater openness to information carried by information technology, in a belief that this will stimulate internal demands for further liberalisation within the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

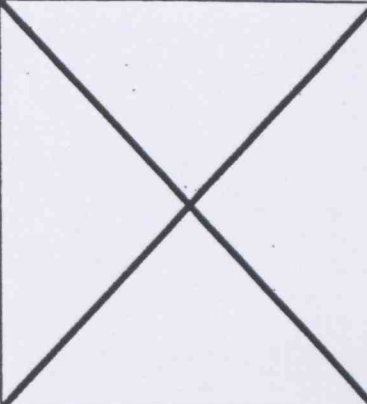
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