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Gorbachev Visit: The Queen's Lunch

We have now put the two names agreed in your letter of 22 February (Lady Limerick and Sir Alistair Burnett) to the Palace. For different reasons, neither will in fact be attending the lunch and I would, therefore, be grateful to know if the Prime Minister would be happy for us to recommend two other candidates:

Jeremy Isaacs (Covent Garden, ex-Channel 4).

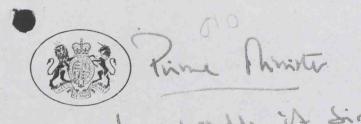
(ii) John Tusa (BBC External Services).

Alternative names (none of them on the list for the No 10 dinner), which we have in mind, are Sir Michael Howard (Oxford) or Murray Lawrence (LLoyds of London) or, from the media, David Dimbleby.

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Mr Gorbachev's Visit

The Palace have asked for our early recommendations for those who might be asked to the luncheon The Queen will be giving for Mr and Mrs Gorbachev at Windsor on 7 April. The number planned is 30, of whom 8 will be Members of the Royal Family and Royal Household. We have allowed for 6 on the Soviet side (Mr and Mrs Gorbachev, Mr Shevardnadze, Mr Yakovlev, Mr Kamentsev, or if he does not come someone of comparable standing, and the Ambassador). Leaving aside the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary, the remaining 14 names have been selected from those approved in December. We have not, however, included Lord Callaghan or Lord Home

We have added Lady Limerick and Sir Robin Day instead. Lady Limerick is Chairman of the British Red Cross which has played a major role in our aid effort to Armenia. Sir Robin Day would be able to talk about British television's approach to current affairs (this should be something of an eye-opened for the Gorbachevs).

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From the Private Secretary

13 March 1989

MR. GORBACHEV'S VISIT: THE QUEEN'S LUNCH

Thank you for your letter of 10 March proposing two additional names for The Queen's lunch for Mr. Gorbachev. The Prime Minister would be content for Jeremy Isaacs' name to go forward, but not that of John Tusa. She suggests that the BBC should be represented by Mr. Checkland.

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From the Private Secretary 22 February 1989

MR. GORBACHEV'S VISIT

Thank you for your letter of 20 February with a draft guestlist for The Queen's lunch at Windsor on 7 April for Mr. and Mrs. Gorbachev. As you say this is very much in tune with the list prepared when the visit was first mooted last December. I think the Prime Minister would be content with the addition of Lady Limerick but would think Sir Alistair Burnett a better choice than Sir Robin Day.

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me ha MR. TURNBULL I have the dates for the re-instated Gorbachev visit and I know that he will arrive sometime on Wednesday 5 April (probably early in the afternoon). Will you have a word with Bill Heseltine about changing the dine at Windsor for that evening? Presumably The Queen will be involved in the visit, but do we need to find an alternative date? TESSA 23 January 1989