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Dear Charles,

GORBACHEV VISIT: ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PRESS STATEMENT AT HEATHROW

1. We visited the VIP Suite at Heathrow South Side over the week-end to sort out the arrangements for the final statement to the press on departure. The Soviet side were content with the proposal to site a lectern with microphones some ten yards to the right of the red carpet opposite the corner of the L-shaped press stand as shown on the attached diagram, so that they are in full view of all the press. It is proposed that the General Secretary and the Prime Minister would proceed half way up the red carpet, past the guard of honour and then divert to the microphone position before reaching the official farewell party. We have arranged two separate microphones for the interpreters. Once Mr Gorbachev and the Prime Minister have spoken, they would then return to the carpet for the Anthem and the final farewells before the Gorbachevs board their aircraft.

2. We deliberately visited South Side between 1445 and 1510 hours in order to evaluate likely noise levels during that peak period. Although there was some disturbance from aircraft taking off, these interruptions were shortlived. The more serious problem involved taxiing aircraft. Unfortunately the VIP Lounge is situated close to the main taxiing path for British Airways aircraft coming from Terminal 4. It will be possible to divert BA aircraft to other taxi-ways, but this will involve them in extra fuel costs. We have talked to the Heathrow Airport Authorities about this problem and they have kindly undertaken to divert aircraft from this taxi-way for half an hour around the time of Mr Gorbachev's departure.

3. I would imagine that Lord King will be reasonably sympathetic, as increasing use of the non-stop Trans-Siberian route is so important for the competitiveness of British Airways' services to the Far East. A British Airways aircraft causing a prolonged interruption to the General Secretary's speech could jeopardise British Airways' position in the Soviet Union and would result in far greater losses than the marginal additional fuel costs involved in this temporary diversion from their preferred taxi-way. I thought, however, it was wise to alert you to this problem in case there is any come-back from Lord King or other airport users.

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4. We will be circulating the printed programme along with the final version of the administrative arrangements by mid-day tomorrow Tuesday 4 April.

Yours ever,

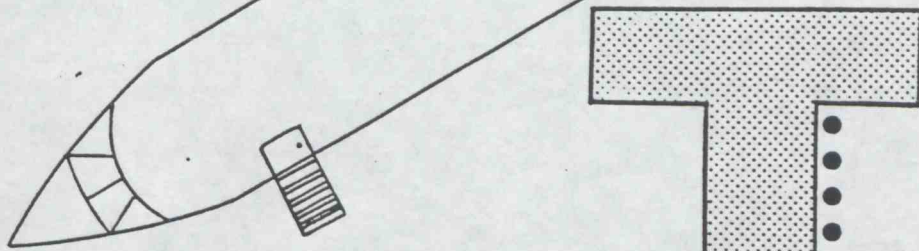
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Robert Chase
Protocol Department

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British Delegation

Soviet Delegation

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- A * Lord-in-Waiting (Lord Strathclyde) (for arrival only)
- B * His Excellency Mr.M.S.Gorbachev
- C * The Prime Minister The Rt.Hon.Margaret Thatcher MP

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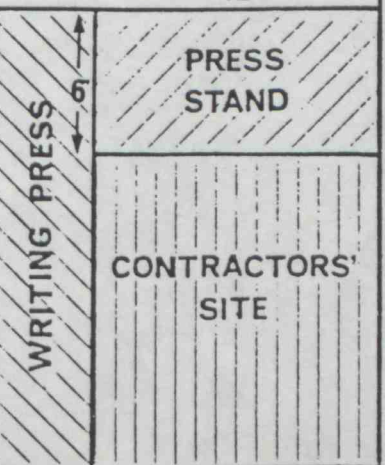
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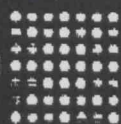
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BRITISH TRAINING FOR SOVIET MANAGERS ANNOUNCED AS PRESIDENT GORBACHEV ARRIVES IN LONDON

A new initiative to train senior Soviet managers in Britain was announced today (5 April) by the British Council and Rank Xerox. Up to 60 senior Soviet managers will be trained in a £100,000 programme jointly funded by Rank Xerox and the British Council.

A three week course for 25 managers is planned for the autumn at the London Business School. In addition, there are plans for a three week course in the USSR on the design and construction of management courses for Soviet management trainers. It is also intended that the joint initiative will fund two or more one-year awards in Britain.

Commenting on the announcement, Mr Ralph Land, Rank Xerox's Eastern Export Operations general manager, said, "There is considerable need for extensive management training to help Soviet managers succeed in implementing the economic reforms of Perestroika. Rank Xerox, with many years of successful cooperation with its Soviet partners, is proud to be associated with the British Council to provide such management training".

Mr Richard Francis, Director-General of the British Council said "These are exciting times for Anglo-Soviet relations and this is an exciting development. I am glad that Britain is able to respond to the rapidly growing interest in management training in the Soviet Union and I welcome our partnership with Rank Xerox which has made this initiative possible. This year, the Council has allocated an extra £800,000 of its new government funds for its Soviet programme. We intend to secure further support from the commercial sector to build on that investment, in particular to expand British contacts with the Soviet Union and other countries in Eastern Europe".

The Rank Xerox - British Council sponsored Soviet managers will be the second group to be trained in Britain. The first 20, part of an annual scheme funded by the FCO and managed by the British Council with the London Business School, arrive on 23 April.

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PRESS STATEMENT: CULTURAL CENTRES

We have agreed to begin work on drafting a long-term cultural agreement between the Governments of the Soviet Union and Great Britain, which will set out the basic principles and forms of cooperation in the fields of culture, education, and science. The Agreement will establish that cultural centres can be opened in London and Moscow respectively with the aim of increasing mutual understanding between the Soviet and British peoples. Free and unimpeded access to these centres by the public will be guaranteed. The two sides undertake to help each other over the provision of suitable sites for the cultural centres of the two countries.

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