

PRIME MINISTER

MEETING WITH THE SOVIET DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER

You are to have a very brief meeting with the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister at the Conference Centre before you open the CSCE Information Forum. Mr. Petrovsky has an oral message for you from Mr. Gorbachev.

I understand that there are three parts to the message:

- he is instructed to give you an account of the discussion in the Politburo following Mr. Gorbachev's return from his visit to Britain;
- he will confirm Mr. Gorbachev's invitation to you to visit the Soviet Union next year;
- he will have a concrete proposal about possible dates and format of next year's meetings which are "very interesting". I think they may embrace the idea that you and Mr. Gorbachev would jointly visit the British Week in Kiev.

Mr. Petrovsky speaks fluent English.

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