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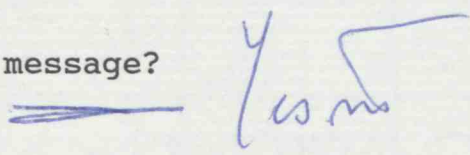
PRIME MINISTER

YOUR VISIT TO MOSCOW: FURTHER MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT BUSH

When you gave the American Chargé d'Affaires in Moscow a first account of your meeting with Mr. Gorbachev, you said that you would send the President a fuller message later. I now attach a draft.

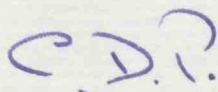
I also attach my own full record of the meeting (omitting one sensitive part). It occurs to me that an alternative - admittedly an unusual one - would be to give the whole record to the President on a very strictly confidential basis. You may like to consider this.

Agree to sign the message?

 A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'C.D.P.', with a horizontal line underneath.

Or

Prefer to send the full record?

 Handwritten initials 'C.D.P.' in blue ink.

(C. D. POWELL)

26 September 1989

srw:Moscow

me from 9
a: GORBACHEV

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From the Private Secretary

27 September 1989

**PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT
GORBACHEV: MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT BUSH**

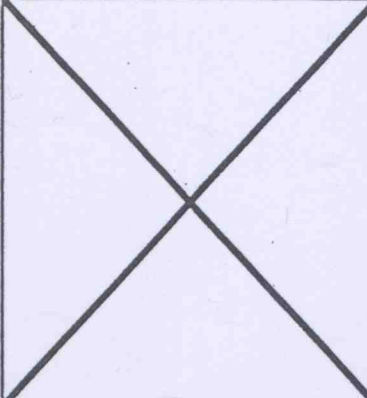
I enclose a message which the Prime Minister has signed to President Bush about her talks in Moscow with President Gorbachev. I propose to send it this morning on the hot line to the White House, subject to any comments you may have (by 11.30 am, please). I should be grateful if you could arrange for the signed original to be delivered to our Embassy in due course.

C. D. POWELL

Richard Gozney, Esq.,
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CC PC

Handwritten initials and a faint stamp.

Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's Meeting with Mr Gorbachev

Thank you for your two ^{attached} letters of 24 September with the full record of the Prime Minister's talks in Moscow and three points for follow up.

As the bag to Moscow will only arrive there late on Thursday evening we have sent a telegram to Sir R Braithwaite and to the UK Delegation at NATO with instructions for briefing partners and allies. This takes into account your instruction for suitable discretion. The full record will be sent only to Sir R Braithwaite.

I attach a draft message to President Bush which in the absence of the Foreign Secretary in New York has been approved by Mr Waldegrave.

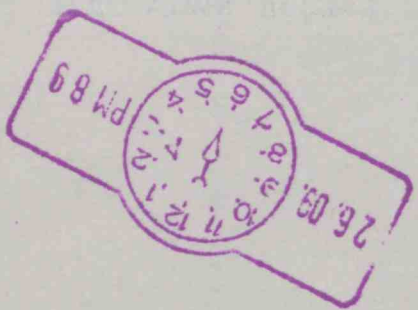
The MOD are working on the question of the way in which we destroyed our own chemical weapons stocks in 1958. This is unlikely to prove very helpful as it would appear that stocks were either dumped at sea or in some cases burned, neither of which would seem to be attractive options to recommend to the Soviet Union today. But we aim to write with recommendations shortly.

Yours sincerely,

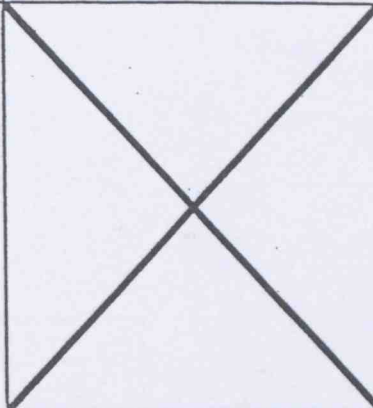
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