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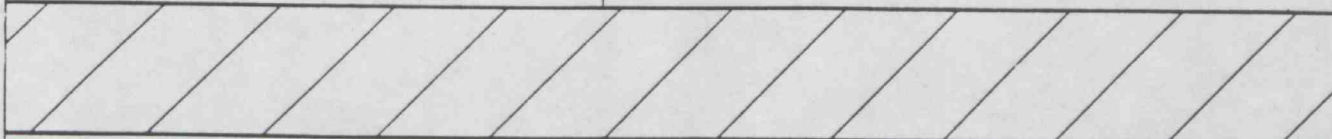
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12	MIPT: MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO GORBACHEV	
13	MESSAGE BEGINS	
14	Thank you for your message conveyed to me on 10 November by	
15	Ambassador Zamyatin. Historic events are taking place and I	
16	share your view that developments in East Germany are	
17	encouraging. The lifting of travel restrictions for GDR citizens	
18	is most particularly welcome.	
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20	The events in Berlin over the weekend have made a great	
21	impression on public opinion in Britain and in other Western	
22	countries. I have been struck by the good sense of all concerned	
23	and their readiness to work together. Very great credit is due	
24	to your policies of glasnost and democratisation, and I have paid	
25	sincere tribute to your role in my public statements.	
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// 27	I agree with you that the speed with which these changes are	
/ 28	taking place carries its own risks of instability. I have	
29	publicly underlined the need to proceed in an orderly way which	



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2 preserves stability and to take a measured view of the way ahead.  
3 As I told your Ambassador the firmest basis for stability in the  
4 longer-term is thorough-going reform in East Germany - including  
5 free elections with a multi-party system and complete freedom of  
6 movement, so that there is genuine democracy and an economic  
7 system which can support it.

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9 There is no intention on the part of any Western country to  
10 intervene in the GDR or to act in a way which might damage GDR or  
11 Soviet security interests. I am confident that Britain's allies  
12 and partners share this view. West Germany's leaders have been  
13 at pains to stress the importance of a step-by-step approach to  
14 change in the GDR and the need to avoid destabilising the wider  
15 European situation: and Chancellor Kohl has assured me of this  
16 personally when we spoke on the telephone.

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18 We are very ready to enter into contacts with representatives of  
19 the Soviet Union in Berlin, as you suggest. The contacts which  
20 have already taken place ~~between~~ British officials in Berlin and  
21 the Soviet Embassy have proved useful and I hope that they will  
22 continue. Our Ambassador in Bonn is ready to meet the Soviet  
23 Ambassador in the GDR at any time. In this connection, the  
24 British Government remain committed to the Quadripartite  
25 Agreement on Berlin of 1971 and attach importance to the  
26 provision by which the four governments concerned will strive to  
27 promote the elimination of tension and the prevention of  
28 complications.

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30 I very much hope that you and I can remain in regular contact  
31 about these issues.

32 MESSAGE ENDS

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