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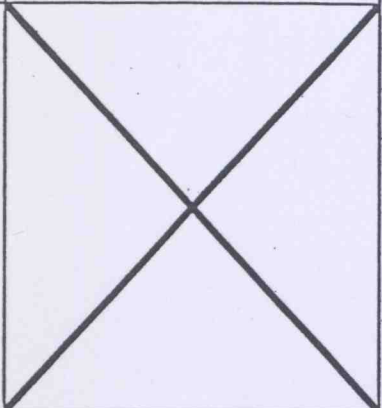
From the Private Secretary

~~Prime Minister~~

del & approved  
[Signature]

I attach a draft  
message to President Bush  
which might go off this  
afternoon if you agree.  
I also attach behind  
the FCO draft in case you  
prefer it.  
Agree to dispatch  
COP draft? [Signature]

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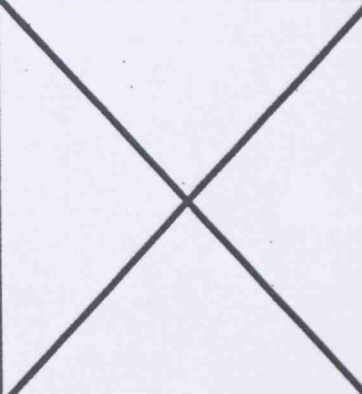
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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

16 November 1989

*Dear Charles,*East/West Relations: Message to President Bush

I enclose a draft message from the Prime Minister to President Bush.

The Foreign Secretary considered whether it was worth including in the message the question of the Americans wanting to take a more challenging position on Baltic independence. However in talks this week in London with the US Under-Secretary for Political Affairs, Kimmitt, we have made our views clear on the serious risks involved and believe that the point has gone home. If it turns out otherwise it will not be too late to suggest that the Prime Minister raise it in Washington next week.

As regards the handling of the Paris meeting, the Foreign Secretary believes that we should make clear in public that we welcome President Mitterrand's initiative, as the current President of the European Council, to call this meeting. It is right that Community partners should consult closely about recent developments; developments in the GDR are a European issue and not just a German problem.

The Embassy in Paris have confirmed that the French fully recognise that East/West is and should remain on the agenda for Strasbourg. Furthermore, President Bush's meeting with President Gorbachev and the Prime Minister's own meeting with President Bush will both fall between the Paris and Strasbourg meetings. And there will undoubtedly be new developments on the ground in Eastern Europe. It should be widely recognised by those present in Paris that the meeting cannot be more than an initial exchange of views.

Our objectives should be: to ensure a sensible and supportive voice from the rest of the Twelve; to establish a broadly common attitude on the lines of our own cautious and measured approach; to secure recognition of the desirability of maintaining close coordination with the United States; and to establish that the Paris meeting is an initial stage in a process of dialogue, exchanges and coordination which must continue, including at Strasbourg and beyond.

*Yours ever,**Richard Gozney*

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