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		went on to say that, in this context, she had been interested by				
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- 3. In response Shevardnadze agreed that a CSCE meeting should not be an end in itself. Mr Gorbachev's idea was that completion of the CFE talks would be an opportunity for all heads of government to meet and discuss the next phase of reductions in Europe. This would be much more difficult and sensitive. Of course heads of government would only be asked to set guidelines.
- 4. The exchange on mechanisms for a dialogue on European affairs was not as described by Shevardnadze. The Prime Minister said that the Soviet intention to call a four- power meeting at Ambassadorial level had been timely and very effective in drawing attention to four- power responsibilities. She thought it right to keep the meetings at Ambassadorial or deputy level. To escalate them to the level of Foreign Ministers might only aggravate nationalist feelings in Germany, although she would not discount the possibility of discreet four- power Ministerial contacts in the margins of other meetings if the need arose.
- 5. It seems that Shevardnadze has put his own construction on the two points raised by the Americans. On both issues there was a clear distinction between the points made by the Prime Minister and Shevardnadze's approach.

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