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