

PRIME MINISTER

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Bob Conquest has telephoned me on his return from Moscow. He found the situation there very worrying, with everything slipping badly and is dubious about Gorbachev's prospects. I have asked him to set his main reflections down on paper before he returns to California and will try to have a further word with him at the weekend.

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