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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Dear Charler,

Prime Minister's Visit to Moscow

We shall try to ensure that the Prime Minister has a good package of new bilateral agreements and initiatives for her visit to the Soviet Union. It is likely to include a new Long Term Agreement on Economic and Technical Cooperation; an MOU on Management Training which would expand on our existing effort; an Agreement on the opening of a Cultural Centre in Moscow; and, if a viable proposal can be worked up and agreement reached in Whitehall in time, the first announcement of a planned scheme to help small businesses in the Soviet Union. The Prime Minister will also be promoting the British Trade Centre project, which should also be seen as a successful outcome of her talks in Moscow. We are also discussing with the Department of Education and Science the series of new lectureships on Soviet studies in British universities. This is proving difficult. We shall write again soon.

We have been giving further thought to publicity. The Foreign Secretary agrees that a TV interview would be best. In the Soviet Union in April he was struck by the way in which Russians at all levels had vivid memories of the Prime Minister's 1987 interview. He believes strongly that she should go for an interview again; but equallly strongly that it should be during her visit, and not recorded in London in advance (your letter of 15 May). It would have far greater impact and immediacy if done on the spot. Although time is short, might it be possible to fit it in in the afternoon of 8 June, if necessary sacrificing the British media interviews which could perhaps be put off until later in the visit?

Yours ever, A. chaw Son

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MR Powell THE PRIME MINISTER'S PROGRAMME - KIEV Mr Ian Davies telephoned from Kiev about the Prime Minister's meeting with Central Television. He said the Prime Minister will be met by: Mr L Hill, Managing Director of Central Television and Director of BASTA Mr Philip Gilbert, General Manager of Central Television and Project Division of British Film and Television Festival in Kiev (he will explain about high definition TV) Mr Kevin Billington Mr Tony Byrne There will be a ten minute interview with Central TV - Richard Lutz. (Adjacent to the interview area is a room where the Prime Minister can arrange her hair if necessary.) B Davis Conference Officer 8 June 1990