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From the Private Secretary

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION

Both the briefing for the Prime Minister's visit to Moscow and her speeches there (and to the NATO Foreign Ministers en route) will need to take account of the results of the US/Soviet Summit. We are unlikely to have these, I imagine, much before 4 June. On the other hand, the exigencies of the Prime Minister's programme are such that she has virtually no time next week to work on preparations for Moscow. The bulk of the material will have to be with her next weekend, indeed preferably for Friday.

With this in mind, it would be helpful:

- BY - to have as much written material as possible by the early morning of Friday 1 June.
- BY - to have a second wave of material, dealing basically with the US/Soviet Summit, by 1600 on Tuesday 5 June.
- the Foreign Secretary's bilateral on 6 June should extend for one hour, to allow ample time to discuss the Moscow visit.

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