

RESTRICTED (AMENDED DISTRIBUTION 31/5)
FM MOSCOW
TO DESKBY 310900Z FCO
TELNO 1023
OF 310805Z MAY 90

FOR CONFERENCE SECTION

YOUR TELNO 984: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT

1. WE SOUGHT TO DISCOURAGE THE MFA FROM SUGGESTING A CHANGE OF GUEST HOUSE AT THIS LATE STAGE. AS REPORTED, WE SAID THAT WE WERE CONTENT WITH THE ARRANGEMENT FOR THE PRIME MINISTER TO SPEND A NIGHT AT THE GUEST HOUSE VISITED BY THE RECCE PARTY. WE URGED THE MFA TO STICK TO THE PLAN DEVISED BY THE RECCE PARTY FOR THE PM TO CHANGE AND REST IN A SUITE AT THE KIEV HOTEL BEFORE THE OPERA.

2. COULD YOU PLEASE LET US KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER, NOTWITHSTANDING THE PREVIOUS ARRANGEMENTS, YOU WOULD LIKE THE RUSSIANS TO LOOK FOR AN ALTERNATIVE GUEST HOUSE IN THE CENTRE OF KIEV. IF SO, WE SHALL REVERSE THE POSITION WE TOOK ON 29 MAY. IF THEY THEN COME UP WITH SUCH A GUEST HOUSE, WE SHALL SEEK THE INFORMATION REQUESTED IN PARA ONE OF YTUR.

3. IF, ALTERNATIVELY, YOU CONSIDER THAT A CHANGE OF GUEST HOUSE AT THIS STAGE WOULD BE MORE TROUBLE THAN IT IS WORTH (EG IN DEVISING NEW COMMUNICATIONS ARRANGMENTS), PLEASE GIVE US INSTRUCTIONS TO TELL THE RUSSIANS FIRMLY THAT NO 10 DOWNING STREET CANNOT AGREE TO A CHANGE BUT INSIST ON MAINTAINING THE PREVIOUS PLAN.

4. WE DO NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND PARA 2 OF YTUR. THE REVISED SOVIET TIMINGS HAVE THE PRIME MINISTER LANDING AT BORISPOL AIRPORT KIEV FROM LENINAKAN AT 1805 ON 10 JUNE, AND TAKING OFF FROM BORISPOL FOR HEATHROW AT 1900 (NOT/NOT 1955). THIS ALLOWS 55 MINUTES FOR THE PARTY TO CHANGE AIRCRAFT, AND FOR THE PRIME MINISTER TO TAKE HER LEAVE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE UKRAINIAN COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, RATHER THAN THE 15 MINUTE GAP IN THE PLAN DEVISED BY THE RECONNAISSANCE PARTY. 1955 IS THE TIME THAT WE ESTIMATE THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD LAND AT HEATHROW IF SHE TOOK OFF FROM BORISPOL AT 1900.

5. YOU MAY WISH TO INSTRUCT US TO TELL THE MFA THAT THE 55 MINUTE GAP SHOULD BE REDUCED TO, SAY, 25 MINUTES. THEY NEVER ENVISAGED THAT THE GAP SHOULD BE ONE HOUR AND 50 MINUTES

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Bette Davis
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we stick to the
original

I assume you have already
seen the attached telegram
on

about the possibility of the

Russians looking for an alternative

just lane for the line limits
in Kiev.

Bette Davis needs to know
what decision has been
reached - can you advise me
please. 1 June 1920. Saturday