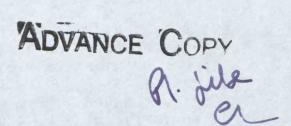
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FCO TELNO 999: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT

1. AT OUR FURTHER MEETING WITH THE MFA ON 1 JUNE, KRASNOV SAID THAT WORD HAD JUST COME FROM WASHINGTON THAT GORBACHEV HAD AGREED TO A JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE. HOWEVER YAZOV, SENDING SINCERE APOLOGIES, WAS UNABLE TO MOVE HIS MEETING FROM 1630 TO THE EARLY MORNING SLOT. KRASNOV ALSO SAID THAT THE LUNCH WOULD NOW BE HELD NOT IN THE KREMLIN BUT IN THE MFA GUESTHOUSE (THE HANDSOME SHEKTEL-DESIGNED MANSION WHERE GORBACHEV GAVE THE PRIME MINISTER LUNCH IN SEPTEMBER LAST). THE POSITION ON THE WORKING LUNCH WAS UNCHANGED: I E THE MFA FORECAST IS STILL THAT IT WILL INCLUDE MR THATCHER AND MRS GORBACHEVA, BUT THAT CONFIRMATION IS NOT EXPECTED BEFORE 5 OR 6 JUNE.

2. WITH KRASNOV CONTINUING TO STRESS THAT ALL TIMINGS SHOULD BE REGARDED AS PROVISIONAL UNTIL GORBACHEV'S RETURN FROM WASHINGTON, WE AGREED THAT THE DRAFT PROGRAMME FOR FRIDAY 8 JUNE WAS NOW AS FOLLOWS:

0900	DEPART RESIDENCE
0905	VISIT MINISTRY OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS ON GORKY STREET FOR
	GPT PRESENTATION
0925	LEAVE MINISTRY
0930	VISIT MOSSOVIET, GORKY STREET. ATTEND CARROLL GROUP
	PRESENTATION ON BRITISH TRADE CENTRE FOR 15 MINUTES,
	FOLLOWED BY BRIEF (SEPARATE) CONVERSATION WITH MAYOR POPOV
1000	LEAVE MOSSOVIET
1010	WREATH LAYING
1030	TALKS WITH PRESIDENT GORBACHEV
1300	WORKING LUNCH AT MFA OSOBNYAK
1500	MEETING WITH RYZHKOV IN KREMLIN
1600	SIGNING CEREMONY IN KREMLIN
	(IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE CEREMONY WILL BE HELD BEFORE
	RATHER THAN AFTER THE TALKS WITH RYZHKOV. THE MFA EXPECT,
	SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION, THAT GORBACHEV WILL ATTEND AND THAT
	RYZHKOV WILL SIGN THE AGREEMENTS).
1630	MEETING WITH MARSHAL YAZOV AND MILITARY LEADERS AT MINISTRY
	OF DEFENCE
1745	APPROX

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JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE AT MFA PRESS CENTRE. (THE PRESS

CENTRE IS 5 MINUTES DRIVE FROM THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE.

WE HAVE REMINDED THE MFA THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WANTED

A GOOD HOUR WITH THE MILITARY, AND THAT SHE WOULD NEED A FEW
MINUTES OF PEACE AND QUIET TO PREPARE HER THOUGHTS FOR THE
PRESS CONFERENCE. THEY MAY EASE THE PRESS CONFERENCE BACK

TO 1800 (THE JOINT MITTERRAND/GORBACHEV PRESS CONFERENCE
WAS HELD AT 1830). BUT THIS IN TURN WOULD SQUEEZE
CHANGING TIME BEFORE DINNER, AND MIGHT PERHAPS NECESSITATE
MOVING THE DINNER BACK TO 1945 OF 2000. THERE WILL
CLEARLY NOT BE TIME TO DO SHORT BRITISH NEWS INTERVIEWS
BEFORE DINNER. IF, AS IS LIKELY, THE PRIME MINISTER
RETURNS FROM DINNER BY ABOUT 2130, WHICH IS 6.30PM
BRITISH TIME, NEWS INTERVIEWS THEN SHOULD JUST BE FEASIBLE)
DINNER

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MR THATCHER'S PROGRAMME ON 8 JUNE
3. PLEAS SEE MIFT

KIEV PROGRAMME 9 JUNE

4. WE SPOKE IN TERMS OF PARA 9 OF YTUR. THE MFA MADE NO IMMEDIATE COMMENTS, BUT SUGGESTED THAT THIS PROGRAMME COULD ALSO NOT BE REGARDED AS FINAL UNTIL GORBACHEV RETURNED FROM AMERICA

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