

CONFIDENTIAL
FM MOSCOW
TO DESKBY 011700Z FCO
TELNO 1043
OF 011401Z JUN 90

ADVANCE COPY

*A. Jile
er*

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 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

1930

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

BRAITHWAITE

YYYY

DISTRIBUTION

3

ADVANCE 3HD/SOVIET D
HD/PROTOCOL D

PS/N010

NNNN