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MR. THATCHER

VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION

I enclose your programme for the visit to the Soviet Union at the end of this week. I have outlined in yellow the few engagements which you are doing on your own. The remainder are all joint engagements with the Prime Minister. I am sorry it has taken so long to finalise the programme but it has been very difficult to get answers out of the Russians.

(C. D. POWELL)
5 June 1990

PROGRAMME FOR MR THATCHER'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION

THURSDAY 7 JUNE

Arrive Moscow: Met by Prime Minister Ryzkhov 2155 Depart airport in motorcade for HM Ambassador's Residence 2205 2220 Arrive Residence: overnight FRIDAY 8 JUNE Depart Residence for Ministry of Telecommunications 0900 Attend GPT Telephone System Presentation 0905 0920 Depart for Moscow City Council Presentation by the Carroll Group on their proposals for 0930 British/Soviet Trade Centre for 15 minutes, followed by seperate conversation with Mayor Popov Depart Mossoviet for the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier 1000 The Prime Minister lays a wreath at the Memorial 1005 Depart for the Soviet Exhibition Centre for Rank Xerox 1020 Joint Venture Presentation 1140 Depart for Kremlin and Armoury Lunch at Osobnyk with the Prime Minister and President and 1300 Mrs Gorbachev Depart for Baskin Robbins Joint Venture Signing Ceremony 1445 on Arbat Street Depart for visit to proposed site of Simon Carves Golf 1530 Course Depart for British-Soviet Chamber of commerce for meeting 1700 with British businessmen 1800 Return to the Residence Depart with the Prime Minister for dinner at the Kremlin, 1915 hosted by President Gorbachev

Dinner ends: return to the Residence

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SATURDAY 9 JUNE

0830	Leave residence for the Airport
0855	Arrive Airport: farewells
0900	Depart by air for Kiev
1015	Arrive Kiev: arrival ceremonies
1015	Leave Airport for British Exhibitions
1100	Arrive Park of economic Achievements: tour British Life Exhibition with President and Mrs Gorbachev

1140	Walk to Trade Exhibition: possibility of stopping en route to greet crowds lining the road. Short doorstep interviews with Ukrainian TV and reporters? (5 minutes?)
1150	Tour British Trade Exhibition
	SMALL MEDIA POOL WILL COVER TOUR OF THE EXHIBITION
1225	(President and Mrs Gorbachev depart site) PM attends signature ceremonies: John Brown Joint Venture and British pharmacy
1235	Walk to Pavilion 3: presentation of scholarships to Ukrainian students
	PRESS POOL WILL COVER PRESENTATIONS
1250	Depart Exhibition site for Kiev Hotel
1305	Arrive hotel: opportunity to freshen up
1325	Leave hotel for Marienski Palace
1330	Lunch hosted by Ukrainian Authorities
	PRESS POOL WILL COVER YOUR ARRIVAL
1430	Depart for Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
1440	Arrive and lay wreath
	PRESS WILL COVER WREATH LAYING
1450	Depart for October Revolution Square
1500	Arrive: walkabout in the Square
	PRESS WILL COVER WALKABOUT
1515	Depart for Babi Yar Memorial
1525	Arrive: lay wreath at Babi Yar
	PRESS POOL WILL COVER WREATH LAYING
1355	Depart for British Council Book and Fashion Exhibitions
1545	Tour British Council Book Exhibition and British Fashion Exhibition with Mrs Gorbacheva
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1615	Leave for Kievski Russ Cinema		
1625	Arrive: tour Central TV's demonstration of High Definition TV followed by short (10 minute) interview with Central TV		
1650	Depart for Kiev Hotel		
1700	Arrive hotel: time to change and have a snack meal		
1835	Depart for Kiev Opera House		
1840	Look in on pre-performance reception at the Opera House		
	PRESS WILL COVER YOUR ARRIVAL: HOUSE PHOTOGRAPHER WILL BE PRESENT DURING RECEPTION		
1850	Walk to seat escorted by Rank Xerox and British Council representatives		
1855	Take seat in VIP box		
1900	Opera begins (3 hours 40 minutes long: 2 intervals during with drinks will be served)		
2240	Opera ends: walk backstage to meet performers		
2300	Attend Reception given by Rank Xerox and British Council		
2330	Leave Opera House for State Guest House		
2350	Arrive Guest House: overnight		
SUNDAY 10 JUNE			
Breakf	ast will be available when required		
0825	Depart Guest House for airport		
0855	Arrive airport: Farewells		
0900	Depart Kiev in Soviet aircraft for Leninakan (2 hour flight plus one hour time difference)		
1215	Arrive Leninakan airport: met by Armenian Prime Minister and other senior local officials		
	PRESS WILL COVER ARRIVAL		
1225	Pennet in motorcade for Lord Byron School		

Arrive school. Enter through group of young children, who 1245 will be singing English and Armenian songs, to school hall PRESS WILL COVER YOUR ARRIVAL Opening ceremony (short speeches from the Prime Minister, 1250 followed by Mrs Thatcher unveiling a plaque) SMALL PRESS POOL WILL COVER CEREMONY 1310 Leave hall for tour of school building, ending up in the gymnasium, where the Prime Minister meets the British workers who helped build the school Leave the school from the gymnasium and walk across to the 1330 'portacabin city' where some of those made homeless in the earthquake now live. Walk about 300 yards to the waiting motorcade (the Prime Minister may greet some of the people who live here) PRESS WILL COVER YOUR WALKABOUT Depart by car for the Ani redevelopment area, where new 1345 houses are being constructed for the homeless, and then to the former KGB HQ for lunch. During the drive the Prime Minister may wish to stop and look at some of the scenes of destruction, and reconstruction, and meet some of the people en route 1430 Lunch with local dignitaries (to include few words, and toasts, from the Prime Minister and Armenian Prime Minister) Depart for the site of an old church destroyed in the 1545 earthquake Disembark and walk to the church (walkabout, talk to the 1550 media?) PRESS WILL COVER WALKABOUT 1605 Depart for the Memorial for those who died in the earthquake 1610 Arrive Memorial: lay wreath SMALL PRESS POOL WILL COVER WREATH LAYING 1615 Depart for the airport 1625 Arrive airport: farewells

1630	Depart in Soviet plane for Kiev (2 hour flight less I hour time difference)
1805	Arrive Kiev airport
1810	Interview with Soviet TV in Airport VIP lounge
1830	Farewells: embark VC 10
	PRESS WILL COVER DEPARTURE
1840	Depart Kiev by air for London (3 hour 55 minute flight less 3 hour time difference)
1935	Arrive LHR: return to No 10

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From the Private Secretary

6 June 1990

PRIME MINISTER'S VISITS TO THE SOVIET UNION: MR. THATCHER'S PROGRAMME

Thank you for your belated letter with revised details of Mr. Thatcher's programme in Moscow.

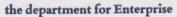
Mr. Thatcher will certainly not want to make a speech or give an interview at the Baskin Robbins ice-cream store, and the ideas should be dropped forthwith. He will be happy just to pay the visit and be photographed. Whether he will agree to drink a toast in ice-cream cones is something which those on the spot can discover for themselves.

I am copying this letter to Richard Gozney (Foreign and Commonwealth Office).

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION: MR THATCHER'S PROGRAMME

I am writing further to my letter of 6 June with some additional details on Mr Thatcher's programme in Moscow; the order of events has been firmed up since my earlier letter and is set out in Moscow telno 1056 of 5 June. There are also a number of points on which we would welcome Mr Thatcher's agreement.

The formal opening of the ice cream store will take place at 1300 hours - the time which has been set for some time in promotional campaigns. Mr Thatcher, who arrives at about 15.15, depending when the lunch at the Kremlin ends, will therefore <u>not</u> be performing the formal opening ceremony as such, but will be very much a guest of honour for the opening formalities. The schedule proposed runs as follows:

- 15.15 Arrive Arbat street. Greeted by Baskin Robbins and shown around new store.
- 15.20 Short speech from podium (draft to be provided by Commercial Department on arrival in Moscow), followed by toast to opening of store.
- 15.25 Interview with journalist from the chat show "Good Evening Moscow".
- 15.30 Depart for Golf and Country Club site.

I should be grateful to know whether Mr Thatcher is content with these arrangements. The company have suggested a toast in ice cream if you can agree that this would be acceptable.





Is Mr Thatcher also happy to give the proposed interview? We could expect it to touch on his first impressions of Moscow on his latest visit as well as the Baskin Robbins opening.

Moscow Golf and Country Club

Mr Thatcher is scheduled to arrive at the site for the proposed Club in the Krylatskoye region of Moscow at 1600 hours (my letter of earlier today suggested this would happen in the morning). In addition to both British and Soviet representatives of the joint venture, other dignatories present will include the Mayor of Krylatskoye and the Vice Minister of Goskomsport (Soviet State Committee for Sport). The Embassy have suggested that it would be useful to lobby the Vice Minister in support of Manchester's campaign to host the 1996 Olympic Games. Members of the Press will also be there.

I hope that Mr Thatcher can agree to these details. Additional points of detail, for example names of people he will be meeting, will be provided by the Embassy.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Richard Gozney (Foreign and Commonwealth Office).

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From the Private Secretary

22 May 1990

Dear Ridard.

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION: MR. THATCHER

Thank you for your letter of 22 May about Mr. Thatcher's engagements in the Soviet Union.

Mr. Thatcher will indeed wish to be included in the main programme on 9 June in Kiev and 10 June in Armenia as well as in the ceremonial events on 8 June and the dinner that evening. Whether or not he would take part in the working lunch on 8 June would depend on whether Mrs. Gorbachev intends to be present. Precedents for this are mixed.

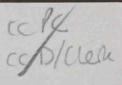
As regards the other suggestions, I think he would enjoy a meeting with British businessmen based in Moscow, although this need not necessarily be a round-table discussion. He would, I am sure, be interested in the proposed Moscow Golf and Country Club and would probably welcome a brief tour of the Kremlin since he has never been there. I cannot see how the Prime Minister is going to fit in a visit to the GPT System X telephone exchange, so we ought also to keep that in mind for Mr. Thatcher's programme. The Baskin Robbins ice cream parlour could be kept in reserve, although I do not think it would have much attraction. I would not pursue the All-Union Centre for Cardiology (you do not much enjoy that sort of thing when you are 75).

Incidentally we are still awaiting a reply from Moscow on the possibility of the Prime Minister meeting Soviet military leaders. If that can be fitted in early on the Friday we might have to drop the presentation by the Carroll Group of their proposals for the new British-Soviet Trade Centre (they have already been to see the Prime Minister about them). In that case, Mr. Thatcher might take this on.

I am copying this letter to Ben Slocock (Department of Trade and Industry).

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22 May 1990

Dear Charler,

Prime Minister's Visit to the Soviet Union: Mr Thatcher

We have been thinking about a programme for Mr Thatcher in the Soviet Union.

We assume that Mr Thatcher would want to be included in the main programme on 9 June in Kiev and 10 June in Armenia, as well as in the ceremonial elements on 8 June and both meals. This leaves from 1100 until 1300 on Friday 8 June and a reasonable amount of time in the afternoon. I enclose the latest programme for the whole visit.

Subject to your views, we would suggest some of the following:

- (a) a round-table discussion with British businessmen based in Moscow at the British-Soviet Chamber of Commerce;
- (b) visit to the All-Union Centre for Cardiology. The Centre (originally a candidate for a visit by the Prime Minister) is likely to buy high technology equipment from Amersham International to assist them in producing a range of clinical diagnostic tests;
- (c) a tour of the Kremlin, including the Armoury, the Cathedrals and the Kremlin Palace. This would normally take about 2 hours, but could be shortened to nearer 1 hour by doing just the Palace. (This is not open to the public.)
- (d) visit to the site of the proposed Moscow Golf and Country Club, 15 minutes drive from the City Centre, in attractive countryside on the banks of the Moscow River. No construction is yet under way but UK project leaders (Simon Carter/Golf Shows) would welcome a visit by Mr Thatcher and a chance to explain their plans to him. Such a visit could help to attract the balance of the equity required from UK (or overseas) investors;



(e) Open the new Baskin Robbins ice cream parlour if, as Allied Lyons hope, it is ready by 8 June. This will be the second Baskin Robbins outlet in the USSR, but the first to sell ice-cream for roubles (rather than hard currency).

If it does not prove possible, as we are suggesting separately, to reinstate a visit by the Prime Minister to the GPT System X telephone exchange, there would be a case for Mr Thatcher including this in his programme.

I am copying this letter to Ben Slocock (DTI).

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From the Private Secretary

9 May 1990

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION

Mr Thatcher has just confirmed to me that he will now accompany the Prime Minister on her visit to the Soviet Union.

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