

FILED

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

- 2155 Arrive Moscow: Met by Prime Minister Ryzkhov
- 2205 Depart airport in motorcade for HM Ambassador's Residence
- 2220 Arrive Residence: overnight

FRIDAY 8 JUNE

- 0900 Depart Residence for Ministry of Telecommunications
- 0905 Attend GPT Telephone System Presentation
- 0920 Depart for Moscow City Council
- 0930 Presentation by the Carroll Group on their proposals for British/Soviet Trade Centre for 15 minutes, followed by separate conversation with Mayor Popov
- 1000 Depart Mossoviet for the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
- 1005 The Prime Minister lays a wreath at the Memorial
- 1020 Depart for the Soviet Exhibition Centre for Rank Xerox Joint Venture Presentation
- 1140 Depart for Kremlin and Armoury
- 1300 Lunch at Osobnyk with the Prime Minister and President and Mrs Gorbachev
- 1445 Depart for Baskin Robbins Joint Venture Signing Ceremony on Arbat Street
- 1530 Depart for visit to proposed site of Simon Carves Golf Course
- 1700 Depart for British-Soviet Chamber of commerce for meeting with British businessmen
- 1800 Return to the Residence
- 1915 Depart with the Prime Minister for dinner at the Kremlin, hosted by President Gorbachev
- c2100 Dinner ends: return to the Residence

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

SMALL PRESS POOL WILL COVER TOUR OF THE EXHIBITION

- 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

Breakfast 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 Depart in motorcade for Lord Byron School

1245 Arrive school. Enter through group of young children, who will be singing English and Armenian songs, to school hall

PRESS WILL COVER YOUR ARRIVAL

1250 Opening ceremony (short speeches from the Prime Minister, 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

1330 Leave the school from the gymnasium and walk across to the '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

1345 Depart by car for the Ani redevelopment area, where new 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)

1545 Depart for the site of an old church destroyed in the earthquake

1550 Disembark and walk to the church (walkabout, talk to the 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 1 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



File
PK

10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON SW1A 2AA

From the Private Secretary

6 June 1990

Dear Ben,

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).

Yours sincerely,

C. D. POWELL

Ben Slocock, Esq.,
Department of Trade and Industry



the department for Enterprise

code

The Rt. Hon. Nicholas Ridley MP
Secretary of State for Trade and Industry

Charles Powell Esq
Private Secretary to the
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
LONDON
SW1A 2AA

CAF 716

Department of
Trade and Industry

1-19 Victoria Street
London SW1H 0ET

Enquiries
071-215 5000

Telex 8811074/5 DTHQ G
Fax 071-222 2629

Direct line 071 215 5622
Our ref JW3AMK
Your ref
Date 6 June 1990

See Charles

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 not 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.



Recycled Paper



the department for Enterprise

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).

Yours ever

Ben Slocock

BEN SLOCOCK
Private Secretary



Recycled Paper

RESTRICTED fle

SRW



10 DOWNING STREET

LONDON SW1A 2AA

From the Private Secretary

22 May 1990

Dear Nikolai,

**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).

*Yours sincerely,
Richard Gozney*

(C. D. POWELL)

Richard Gozney, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

RESTRICTED

cc/pe
cc/D/1000

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

22 May 1990

*Dear Charles,*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)



(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).

Yours ever,

Richard Gozney

(R H T Gozney)
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
10 Downing Street

CONFIDENTIAL



v6
e. Soviet

10 DOWNING STREET

LONDON SW1A 2AA

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.

Charles Powell

Stephen Wall Esq
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

CONFIDENTIAL