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From the Private Secretary

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Message from President Ceausescu

The Romanian Ambassador called on the Prime Minister this morning to deliver a message from President Ceausescu of Romania about the CSCE meeting in Madrid. I enclose copies of the texts handed over by the Ambassador. I understand that the signed original will follow later.

The only point made by the Ambassador which is not covered in the text of the message was that co-operation between the United Kingdom and Romanian delegations in Madrid is excellent and that the Romanians hope this will continue.

The Prime Minister told the Ambassador that President Ceausescu's message would be studied carefully and that a considered reply would be sent in due course. She said that as regards the Conference on Confidence Building Measures in Disarmament, the British Government had supported the approach of the French Government. We were of course aware of President Brezhnev's proposals and were trying to elucidate them. As regards medium-range missiles, the British Government were bound by the NATO decision and would continue to observe this. The Prime Minister concluded by saying that she had taken note of the Romanians' willingness to host the next CSCE meeting in Bucharest. She would respond on this point in her written reply.

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