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The Foreign Secretary gave the Prime Minister a brief account this evening of his visit to East Germany. Herr Modrow was near the end of his tether and it was touch and go whether he would last until the elections in May. It was important to help him get through to orderly elections and keep East Germany from sliding into total chaos. The Foreign Secretary added that, in his contacts with various groups in East Germany, he had detected no evidence that people had begun to think through the consequences of reunification.

The Foreign Secretary said that he had spoken to Monsieur Dumas in Dublin and they would be meeting in about a fortnight's time to follow up the Prime Minister's meeting with President Mitterrand.

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