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From the Private Secretary

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UK/USSR COOPERATION IN SPACE

Your minute of 3 March asks whether the Prime Minister told Dr. Marchuk in November 1987 that we would like to co-operate with the USSR in space to the extent that the French were co-operating with them.

I cannot recollect any such exchange nor does my record of the Prime Minister's meeting with Mr. Marchuk on 13 November 1987 suggest that it took place (I attach a copy). I cannot rule out that something was said at a social occasion at which they met at the Royal Society. But the Prime Minister has no recollection of it.

C. D. POWELL

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