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The Rt Hon Mrs Margaret Thatcher MP
The Prime Minister
No 10 Downing Street
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21 June 1990

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Dear Prime Minister

It was a great pleasure to hear of the visit you made to the Amersham Stand at the Kiev Trade Exhibition during your recent USSR tour. Your supportive and knowledgeable introduction to the Ukranian Prime Minister of Amersham's business interests was most helpful. You will be pleased to note that as one consequence of the Exhibition, clinical trials will start shortly at the Kiev Institute of Endocrinology employing our Amerlite Clinical Diagnostic System as part of the post-Chernobyl thyroid testing programme.

May I thank you for the tremendous support you clearly gave to British business interests in such a short and busy visit programme in Russia. I know that this was greatly appreciated by the business community on the ground, including our own staff.

I understand you indicated that a visit to our Company would be of interest to you. On behalf of our Chairman, Sir Edwin Nixon and the Board of Directors, I am delighted to invite you to Amersham International. It would be a most fitting recognition of this Company's many achievements if you were able to visit us during our fiftieth year. We very much hope that we can capture even more of your interest and support.

Yours sincerely

Bill Castell

W M Castell
Chief Executive



26/6/90



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*Charles Powell
Could you pass this
to the Prime Minister.
It was sent via me
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A N Thatcher
Chief Executive

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The Right Honourable
Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, MP,
Prime Minister,
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22nd June 1990

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Dear Prime Minister,

I write to thank you for being so supportive of my staff on your recent visit to Kiev, where as you know, we had a significant display of Information Technology equipment. These are the sorts of products which we are selling on a world wide basis, and have recently had considerable success in the Soviet Union.

You will recall that President Gorbachev visited the company last year, and our good progress to date can only be furthered by your own exceptionally well briefed remarks.

We believe that Information Technology has much to offer in the area of distribution and health in all world markets and particularly in Eastern bloc countries, where of course we are ever mindful of payment problem.

It is especially helpful for us to have your support, not only in terms of our selling effort, but also the encouragement you have personally given to manufacturing industries during your term of office. Although in respect of the latter, I imagine there have been times when it has been at odds with the advice you have received from some colleagues and officials. We are most grateful.

Yours sincerely,

A N Thatcher

A. N. Thatcher
Chief Executive

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THE PRIME MINISTER

Personal Minute

No. M6

Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs

VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION

Although I have already written to the Ambassador about the part played by the Embassy in my recent visit to the Soviet Union, I want to put on record also my gratitude to the contribution made by the staff of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. They provided admirable briefing for my various meetings: and I know that the Information Departments played a great role in the very successful British Life exhibition in Kiev. I thought this was extremely well done, and the reward was the very substantial number of visitors who have seen it.

I am most grateful to all concerned.

Margaret Thatcher

18 June 1990

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From the Private Secretary

13 June 1990

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you very much for flying her and her party to and from Moscow last weekend. We had the usual excellent service which we have come to expect from the RAF and very smooth flights. Thank you again.

* You were very lucky you didn't have to land or take-off from Leningrad - it was like a ploughed field!

(C. D. POWELL)

Yours sincerely
Chris Young

Squadron Leader Young, R.A.F.

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13 June 1990

Dear Mr Petrosian

The Prime Minister has asked me to write and thank you for the lovely painting entitled 'Hayravank' which she received in Armenia.

Mrs Thatcher very much enjoyed her visit and was particularly touched by the warmth of the welcome she received in Armenia. She has asked me to pass on her best wishes to you and all the people she met during her visit.

Yours sincerely

Elizabeth McCrossan

Elizabeth McCrossan

Mr Andranik Akopovich Petrosian



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From the Private Secretary

11 June 1990

Dear Stephen,

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION

I enclose a first wave of the Prime Minister's thank you letters for her visit to the Soviet Union. I should be grateful if you could arrange for the texts to be sent by telegram for delivery as soon as possible, with the originals to follow by bag.

Yours sincerely,
C. D. Powell

C. D. POWELL

J.S. Wall, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

11 June 1990

Dear Marshal Yazov.

It was a great pleasure to see you again when I was in Moscow: and may I thank you most warmly for receiving me at the Soviet Ministry of Defence, and for the very interesting and worthwhile discussion which you arranged. It is tremendously important in this new period of relations between East and West that we should have as many direct contacts as possible, and be able to talk absolutely frankly about the problems which have to be resolved. I felt that we were able to do that, and I am most grateful to you and your colleagues for giving their time. Please convey to them my best wishes, and my invitation to any of them to come to see me when they visit the United Kingdom - and that of course extends to you.

Thank you also for the very kind and thoughtful gifts, which I much appreciated.

With every good wish.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

Marshal D.T. Yazov



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THE PRIME MINISTER

11 June 1990

Yevhen Nason.

I am most grateful for the very warm hospitality which you extended to us all during my visit to the Ukraine. One feels immediately all the great history of Kiev and of the Ukrainian people, and we were able to see how much has been done to restore your historic buildings to their full beauty and magnificence.

You were immensely generous in the amount of time which you devoted to the visit and I am most grateful for that, as well as for the tremendous hospitality which the Ukraine has extended to all those from Britain involved in the British Days. I hope very much that many more links will grow out of the contacts established over the past weeks and that Britain will play an important part in Ukraine's future development.

As a parliamentarian, it was a particular honour and privilege to be invited to address the Supreme Soviet of the Ukraine and take questions. There is no doubt about the vitality of the political life which is developing.

Finally, may I ask you to convey my gratitude to all those concerned with the arrangements for my visit for their excellent work. And thank you particularly for your very kind and generous gifts.

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My husband joins me in sending you and Mrs. Masol every good wish.

Yours sincerely

Rogers Dalton

Mr. V.A. Masol



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THE PRIME MINISTER

11 June 1990

Jean Rodric.

Thank you very much for your hospitality during my visit to the Soviet Union, and for all the work which you and your staff put into the arrangements. They were three strenuous days but, I think, well worthwhile: and they would certainly not have been feasible without all the detailed preparation in Moscow, Kiev and Leninakan and your own excellent reports on the Soviet scene.

I remain in two minds about Gorbachev's prospects. The problems mount almost overwhelmingly, yet he maintains an aura of determination and energy, which is very impressive. He deserves support: and our fundamental interest is in seeing the policies which he represents continued and taken further, whether by him or others.

Please thank Jill for all her help. You must both be sated with visitors from London. Would you also tell all the members of your staff who were involved in the work on my visit how very grateful I am.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Sir Rodric Braithwaite, K.C.M.G.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

11 June 1990

Dear Mr. Markariants,

I wanted to write without delay to thank you, your colleagues and all the people of Leninakan for the wonderfully enthusiastic and generous welcome which I received on my visit yesterday. I am sure that you are in no doubt about the strong sympathy felt in Britain for the people of Armenia following the great tragedy of the earthquake, and our desire to help in every possible way. That spirit was reciprocated in the warmest and most human way by the people of Leninakan yesterday, and their response will have been felt and appreciated by everyone in the United Kingdom.

It was particularly kind of you to accompany me throughout the visit and to present me with such generous gifts, which will be treasured. May I also ask you to thank all those concerned with the arrangements for the visit for their work - which in some cases had to be quite energetic!

We shall always remember Leninakan and the school, and will take a close interest in its future. My husband joins me in sending you warm thanks and good wishes.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

Mr. V. Markariants



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THE PRIME MINISTER

11 June 1990

Dear Mr. Laverov,

It was most kind and courteous of you to accompany me throughout my visit to the Ukraine and Armenia, and I very much enjoyed your company. The programme was hectic but full of interest, and I was overwhelmed by the warm reception from the people in both Kiev and Leninakan. I believe the visit has helped to strengthen further the relations between Britain and the Soviet Union, and you have contributed most notably to that.

May I thank you once more - and I hope that you will come and see me when you visit London.

Yours sincerely

Rajiv Gandhi

His Excellency Mr. N.P. Laverov

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THE PRIME MINISTER

11 June 1990

Dear Prime Minister,

I should like to thank you most warmly for so kindly receiving me during my visit to the Soviet Union, and for the excellent talk which we had. None of us under-estimate the great problems which you and your colleagues face in moving towards an economy based more on the market. But we all admire the steady resolve which you display, and we are willing you and the Soviet people to succeed. I hope that the various agreements which we both signed will contribute to that success.

It was a particular pleasure to see Mrs. Ryzhkov once again - and thank you both for your kind gifts.

It was a great relief to find that you had recovered from the very unpleasant accident, which much have been a nasty shock. We live in hope that you will find time to take up our invitation to visit the United Kingdom.

My husband joins me in sending you our best wishes.

Yours sincerely

Naryn Shaliba

His Excellency Mr. Nikolai Ivanovich Ryzhkov

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THE PRIME MINISTER

11 June 1990

**PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE**
SERIAL No. T.123E/90

Dear Mr. President,

I am writing immediately on my return from the Soviet Union to thank you most warmly for your kindness and hospitality during my visit. It was very good of you to go ahead with it, despite having only just returned from your enormously successful Summit in the United States. But I think it was valuable to be able to discuss further some of the issues which you dealt with there: and I feel that by talking them through we are getting steadily closer to solutions.

My visits to Kiev and Leninakan were of great interest and I was very kindly received in both places. There is no doubt about the vitality of political life in the Republics: and while inevitably there are problems, I think it must be a long-term strength for the Soviet Union.

It was a particular pleasure as always to see Mrs. Gorbachev, and please give her our warm regards, as well as our thanks for the very generous gifts.

Lastly, may I say that you are always a welcome visitor to the United Kingdom, and we hope very much that you will return for a further visit before long.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely

His Excellency Mr. M.S. Gorbachev

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THE PRIME MINISTER

11 June 1990

Dear Richard,

Thank you very much, once again, for your marvellous work during my visit to the Soviet Union. It makes all the difference to have some-one on whom one can rely entirely and who invariably outshines any of the interpreters of the Soviet side. It was a strenuous three days, but I think well worthwhile: and your help was absolutely invaluable.

Denis joins me in sending every good wish.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

Professor Richard Pollock

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THE PRIME MINISTER

11 June 1990

Dear Ambassador,

Thank you very much for all your kind help and support during my visit to the Soviet Union. I thoroughly enjoyed it, and valued my discussions with President Gorbachev. I am most grateful, also, to the officials in the Ukraine and Armenia who went to so much trouble over my visit to the two Republics.

I hope you will get a few days rest - and that your granddaughter will enjoy her stay in Britain.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Mr. Leonid M. Zamyatin

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10 DOWNING STREET

10 June 1990

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you very much indeed for the lovely gift of the microscope with a ballet dancer. Your work is truly remarkable and it was very kind of you to give this to Mrs. Thatcher. She very much enjoyed her visit to Leninakan and was touched by the warm welcome she received from the people.

If there is any opportunity for you to exhibit your works in Great Britain we will certainly be in touch. Once again, thank you very much for the gift.

SUZANNE WEBB

Mr. Albert Hovhannisian

Kirovakan, 10th of June 1990

MRS. MARGARET THATCHER
PRIME MINISTER OF GREAT BRITAIN

Dear Mrs. Prime Minister,

I am a trainer of boxe. But when I got into the magic world of micro-sculpture, I couldn't do without it and I devoted myself to it. Now I have got more than 30 works of micro-sculpture, which I desire seeing exhibited in Britain, thus to enable myself to help the orphans here in Armenia with the percentage of the exhibition's income.

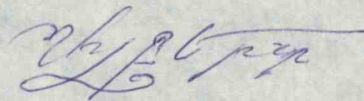
Let me inform You that I had to come to Leninakan to see You closer and feel the characters of Your sympathetic face, because I have already begun working, making Your sculpture in gold, which will be 1000 times smaller than the rice.

If the opportunity of being invited to Great Britain to exhibit my works will be granted to me, it will be the happiest event in my life. I have also in mind to create a masterpiece dedicated to all the Kings and Queens of England. This is one of my aims too.

Dear Mrs. Thatcher,

I humbly ask You to accept this gift - The Ballet Dancer, made of gold and put at the very edge of human hair (in 1990). This is the only thing now that I can do to express my gratitude to You and the British People for the everyday great help done for my people.

With best regards,
Sincerelly Yours



My address is:

ALBERT HOVHANNISIAN
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KIROVAKAN
ARMENIA - USSR

GUEST LIST FOR LUNCH IN LENINAKAN: 10 JUNE

Armenian Hosts

Mr V S Markariants	Prime Minister
Mr V M Movsessian	First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Armenian Communist Party
Mr T G Sarkisian	First Secretary of Leninakan Communist Party Organisation
Mr K B Hambartsumyan	Mayor of Leninakan
Mr S P Petrossian	Second Secretary, Leninakan Communist Party
Mr A A Mkrtchian	Minister of Foreign Affairs, Armenia
Mr M A Davtian	Minister of Education, Armenia
Mr G A Hoganisian	Deputy Prime Minister, Head of Gosstroi, Armenia

Prime Minister

ENO PERFORMANCE OF XERXES: 9 JUNE

LIST OF GUESTS IN VIP BOX

Prime Minister and Mr Thatcher
Mr and Mrs V A Masol
Mr N P Laverov
The Right Honourable Kenneth Baker MP
Sir Jeffrey Sterling
HM Ambassador and Lady Braithwaite
HE Zamyatin
Mrs M A Orlik, Deputy Chairman of the Council of Ministers
Mr and Mrs Y A Olenenko, Minister of Culture, Ukraine
Mr Powell
Mr Turnbull
Mrs Crawford
Mr Pollock

MR Powell

THE PRIME MINISTER'S PROGRAMME - KIEV

Mr Ian Davies telephoned from Kiev about the Prime Minister's meeting with Central Television. He said the Prime Minister will be met by:

Mr L Hill, Managing Director of Central Television and
Director of BASTA

Mr Philip Gilbert, General Manager of Central Television and
Project Division of British Film and Television
Festival in Kiev (he will explain about high
definition TV)

Mr Kevin Billington

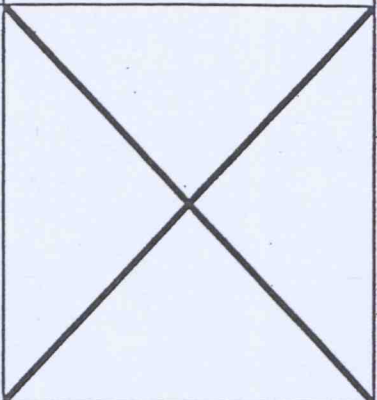
Mr Tony Byrne

There will be a ten minute interview with Central TV - Richard
Lutz.

(Adjacent to the interview area is a room where the Prime
Minister can arrange her hair if necessary.)

B Davis
Conference Officer

8 June 1990

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Mr Charles Powell (3 copies)

cc: Ambassador
Lady Braithwaite
Mr Turnbull
Mr Ingham

WEATHER IN KIEV AND LENINAKAN

Kiev

1. It is sunny but not particularly hot in Kiev today. The recent weather there has been extremely erratic. It has at times this week been wet and very cool. The Kiev Coordinator recommends that the Prime Minister's party should be prepared for all eventualities - ready to wear either light- or heavy-weight clothing, and equipped with rain coats, head gear and umbrellas.

Leninakan

2. It is sunny there today, with a temperature of between 20 and 25 degrees.

Rodene Lyne

R M J Lyne

8 June 1990

Mr Powell

Two short notice, I'm
agreed CBN

PROPOSAL THAT PRIME MINISTER AND PRESIDENT GORBACHEV SIGN
PRINTS OF PALACE OF WESTMINSTER

1. I have been approached today by a Mr Marshall of Ruche Ltd concerning his company's proposal that the Prime Minister and President Gorbachev sign prints of the Palace of Westminster, which would then be sold for charity. President Gorbachev's office have, according to Marshall, agreed to this in principle, and there is an outside possibility that the proposal might be mentioned informally today.
2. According to Marshall, the Prime Minister's office had earlier agreed to the Ruche proposal, with the proviso that Gorbachev also agreed. Gorbachev's office apparently consented in principle today following lobbying by the Head of the Soviet Academy of Arts, Mr Boris Ugarov.
3. The 25 prints are of paintings of the Palace of Westminster which were recently discovered in Leningrad and are currently being exhibited in Westminster. The exhibition opening was attended by Zamyatin.
4. I told Marshall that it was most unlikely that we could arrange for a joint signing on this late notice, but I would pass on his information to the Private Office. I am keeping the prints just in case.

N M Griffiths

Nick Griffiths
British Embassy

8 June 1990



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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



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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 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.



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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



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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

- 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

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- 1830 Farewells: embark VC 10

PRESS WILL COVER DEPARTURE

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Dear Roderic,

7 June
8pm

I'm sorry to bother you when you are so busy. The reason we are pursuing it is that as you may have guessed, the person who suggested it is Georgii Shakhnazarov

Best wishes

Norma

in Moscow 6 June - 6 July

Norma Percy
Series Producer

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PM

5 June 1990

Dear Roderic,

Would you be prepared
to give the enclosed to the
boss?

Best wishes,

Brian

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Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher MP

5th June 1990

Dear Prime Minister,

The BBC has commissioned this company to make six one-hour programmes called THE SECOND RUSSIAN REVOLUTION. They are to be transmitted by BBC-2 next March. We have also sold the series to NHK in Japan, NDR in Germany, A & E in the US and other countries round the world.

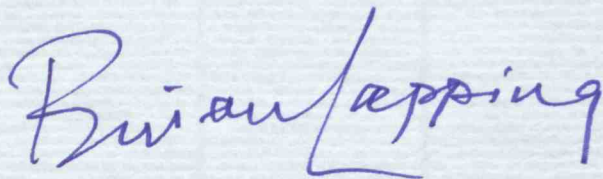
I am writing to ask you two favours:

1. At some convenient time in Britain we would like to interview you about your first meeting with Gorbachev in 1984: the first occasion on which a foreign head of government struck up a public rapport with him.
2. Would you be willing briefly to recommend our project to Mr Gorbachev during your present visit? Sir Roderic Braithwaite knows our work and has played an invaluable role in establishing top level contacts for us in Moscow. But we are advised that, in seeking an interview with the President, the only voice that is likely to be effective is yours. We would want to film him at a time of his choice between July and December.

I realise this is a lot to ask. Here are three arguments to support our request.

1. One way Britain can help Gorbachev is by presenting the history of his peaceful revolution fairly and vividly to the world.
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PRIME MINISTER

VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION

I attach the final version of your programme for your visit to the Soviet Union at the end of this week. I am sorry it has taken so long to finalise but it has been very difficult to get decisions out of the Russians during the US/Soviet summit. I would not exclude yet that there could be some changes now that Mr. Gorbachev is back in Moscow.

C.D.P.

(C. D. POWELL)

5 June 1990

PRIME MINISTER

YOUR VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION: 7 TO 10 JUNE 1990

I attach an outline programme for your visit to the Soviet Union later this week. You will be travelling to Moscow on Thursday afternoon after visiting the Turnberry NATO Foreign Minister's Summit, where you are to deliver a speech after lunch with the Foreign Ministers. There will be a photocall with Secretary of State Baker before your pre-lunch talks with him, and also press and TV coverage of your speech.

There will be a limited number of photocalls on Friday, with the focus of media attention being the Joint Press Conference at 5.45pm. On Saturday and Sunday there will be extensive press coverage of your programme, in both Kiev and Leninkan respectively, with opportunities for walkabouts in both cities.

It is hoped that there will be an opportunity for you to give a short interview to Soviet Television in Kiev, just before your departure for London on Sunday evening.

A detailed programme will be provided by the Embassy in Moscow on your arrival.

I also attach an outline programme for Mr Thatcher.

Peter Bean

PETER BEAN
Press Office

5 June 1990

THURSDAY 7 JUNE

2155 Arrive Moscow: Met by Prime Minister Ryzkhov

PRESS WILL COVER YOUR ARRIVAL

2205 Depart airport in motorcade for HM Ambassador's residence

2220 Arrive Residence: overnight

FRIDAY 8 JUNE

0855 Photocall with the Metropolitan Police Charity drivers

0900 Depart Ambassador's Residence for GPT Presentation

0905 Visit Ministry of telecommunications on Polianka Streety
for GPT Presentation

PRESS POOL WILL COVER THE PRESENTATION

0925 Depart for Mossoviet

0930 Arrive Mossoviet: Presentation by the Carroll Group on
their proposals for new British/Soviet Trade Centre
for 15 minutes, followed by seperate conversation with
Mayor Popov

PRESS POOL WILL COVER THE PRESENTATION

1000 Depart Mossoviet for the Tomb of the Unknown
Soldier

1005 Lay wreath, then depart for the Kremlin

PRESS WILL COVER THE WREATH LAYING

1030 Talks with President Gorbachev

PHOTOCALL ON YOUR ARRIVAL

1300 Working lunch hosted by the President at the Osobnyak

1445 Lunch ends: drive to the Kremlin

1500 Talks with Prime Minister Ryzhov

PHOTOCALL AT BEGINNING OF TALKS

1600 Signing Ceremony (Long-term Economic and Industrial Cooperation, etc)

PRESS POOL WILL COVER THE CEREMONY

1630 Meeting with Defence Minister Marshall Yazov and Military leaders

1745 Joint Press Conference at MFA Press Centre

1830 Conference ends: return to the Residence

1835 Arrive Residence and change for dinner

1918 Leave Embassy for the Kremlin

1920 Arrive: met and escorted to the St Vladimir's Hall. With President Gorbachev, greet other dinner guests

PRESS POOL WILL COVER THE RECEIVING LINE

1930 Dinner in the Faceted Hall

c2100 Dinner ends: depart for the Residence

c2115 **British media interviews**

SATURDAY 9 JUNE

0730 Breakfast in the Residence for members of the Jewish Community (refuseniks)

PHOTOCALL AT BEGINNING OF TALKS

0830 Leave residence for airport

0855 Arrive airport: farewells

0900 Depart by air for Kiev

1015 Arrive Kiev airport: arrival ceremonies

PRESS WILL COVER YOUR ARRIVAL

1025 Leave airport for British exhibitions

1100 Arrive Park of Economic Achievements: tour British Life Exhibition with President and Mrs Gorbachev

SMALL PRESS POOL WILL COVER TOUR OF THE EXHIBITION

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

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YOUR TELNO 1029: PRIME MINISTER AND MR THATCHER'S PROGRAMME

1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE COMPLETE PROGRAMME FOR THE PRIME MINISTER AND MR THATCHER AS IT NOW STANDS. FINAL TIMINGS OF MR THATCHER'S PROGRAMME ARE YET TO BE CONFIRMED AND MAY ALTER SLIGHTLY ACCORDING TO THE TIMING OF THE BASKIN ROBBINS SIGNING CEREMONY

THURSDAY 7 JUNE

2155 ARRIVE VNUKOVO 2 AIRPORT
MET BY PRIME MINISTER RYZHKOV AND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER LAVEROV
2205 LEAVE VNUKOVO AIRPORT
2230 ARRIVE RESIDENCE
OVERNIGHT AT RESIDENCE

FRIDAY 8 JUNE

0855 PRIME MINISTER AND MR THATCHER LEAVE RESIDENCE FOR MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE AT POLYANKA STREET
0900 PRESENTATION OF GPT TELEPHONE SYSTEM AT MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
0920 LEAVE FOR MOSCOW CITY COUNCIL AT 13 GORKY STREET
0930 PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED BRITISH/SOVIET TRADE CENTRE BY CARROLL GROUP FOR 15 MINUTES FOLLOWED BY BRIEF (SEPARATE) CONVERSATION WITH MAYOR GAVRIIL POPOV
1000 LEAVE MOSCOW CITY COUNCIL
1005 LAY WREATH AT TOMB OF UNKNOWN SOLDIER
1020 PRIME MINISTER DEPARTS FOR KREMLIN
1030 TALKS WITH PRESIDENT GORBACHEV
1020 MR THATCHER DEPARTS FOR SOVIET EXHIBITION CENTRE FOR RANK XEROX JOINT VENTURE PRESENTATION
1140 MR THATCHER DEPARTS FOR KREMLIN AND ARMOURY
1300 WORKING LUNCH AT MFA OSOBNYAK HOSTED BY PRESIDENT GORBACHEV ATTENDED BY PRIME MINISTER AND MR THATCHER
1445 PRIME MINISTER DEPARTS FOR KREMLIN
1500 TALKS WITH PRIME MINISTER RYZHKOV IN KREMLIN
1445 MR THATCHER DEPARTS FOR BASKIN ROBBINS JOINT VENTURE

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SIGNING CEREMONY ON ARBAT STREET
1530 MR THATCHER DEPARTS FOR VISIT TO PROPOSED SITE OF SIMON
CARVES GOLF COURSE
1600 SIGNING CEREMONIES IN KREMLIN ATTENDED BY PRIME MINISTER
RYZHKOV
1620 DEPART FOR MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
1630 MEETING WITH MRASHAL YAZOV AND OTHER MILITARY LEADERS
1700 MR THATCHER DEPARTS FOR BRITISH SOVIET CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
FOR MEETING WITH BRITISH BUSINESSMEN
1730 - PRIME MINISTER DEPARTS FOR MFA PRESS CENTRE
1745
1745 - JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE AT MFA PRESS CENTRE
1800
1800 MR THATCHER RETURNS TO RESIDENCE
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1845
1915 PRIME MINISTER AND MR THATCHER LEAVE EMBASSY FOR KREMLIN
1920 MET AT KREMLIN AND ESCORTED TO ST VLADIMIR'S HALL -
WITH PRESIDENT GORBACHEV MEET OTHER GUESTS
1930 DINNER
C.2100 RETURN TO RESIDENCE
2115 MEDIA INTERVIEWS?

SATURDAY 9 JUNE

PRIME MINISTER AND MR THATCHER TO FOLLOW SAME PROGRAMME IN KIEV AND
LENINAKAN

0730 BREAKFAST WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY
0830 LEAVE RESIDENCE
0858 ARRIVE VNUKOVO 2 AIRPORT
0900 DEPART FOR KIEV ON PRESIDENT GORBACHEV'S PRIVATE PLANE
(ILYUSHIN 62)
1015 ARRIVE BORISPOL AIRPORT, KIEV. MET BY UKRAINIAN PRIME
MINISTER MASOL AND SUPREME SOVIET PRESIDENT IVASHKO
1025 LEAVE AIRPORT FOR BRITISH EXHIBITION SITE
1100 VISIT TO BRITISH LIFE EXHIBITION WITH PRESIDENT AND
MRS GORBACHEV
1140 WALK TO TRADE EXHIBITION. POSSIBILITY OF MEETING CROWD
LINING ROUTE AND OF SHORT INTERVIEW WITH UKRAINIAN
PRESS
1150 VISIT TO BRITISH TRADE EXHIBITION
1225 PRESIDENT AND MRS GORBACHEV LEAVE EXHIBITION CENTRE
1225 ATTEND JOHN BROWN AND OVERSEAS PHARMACY SIGNATURE
CEREMONIES

1235 PRESENT SCHOLARSHIPS TO KIEV FCO SCHOLARS
1250 LEAVE FOR KIEV HOTEL
1305 ARRIVE HOTEL: OPPORTUNITY TO FRESHEN UP
1325 LEAVE HOTEL FOR MARIENSKY PALACE
1330 LUNCH AT MARIENSKY PALACE WITH PRESIDENT AND
MRS GORBACHEV
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1440 LAY WREATH AT TOMB OF UNKNOWN SOLDIER
1450 LEAVE FOR OCTOBER REVOLUTION SQUARE. PRESIDENT AND
MRS GORBACHEV FOLLOW SEPARATE PROGRAMME
1500 WALKABOUT IN OCTOBER REVOLUTION SQUARE
1515 LEAVE FOR BABI YAR
1525 LAY FLOWERS AT BABI YAR
1535 LEAVE FOR BRITISH COUNCIL BOOK AND FASHION EXHIBITIONS
1545 VISIT EXHIBITIONS IN COMPANY OF MRS GORBACHEVA
1615 LEAVE FOR KIEVSKI RUSS CINEMA. MRS GORBACHEVA FOLLOWS
SEPARATE PROGRAMME
1625 ATTEND DEMONSTRATION OF HIGH DEFINITION TV FOLLOWED BY
TEN MINUTE INTERVIEW WITH CENTRAL TELEVISION
1650 LEAVE FOR KIEV HOTEL
1700 ARRIVE HOTEL. TIME TO CHANGE AND HAVE LIGHT DINNER
1835 LEAVE HOTEL FOR OPERA HOUSE
1840 ATTEND PRE-PERFORMANCE DRINKS HOSTED BY RANK XEROX
1855 TAKE SEAT IN VIP BOX WITH PRESIDENT AND
MRS GORBACHEV
1900 PERFORMANCE OF XERXES BY ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA.
THERE WILL BE TWO INTERVALS DURING WHICH DRINKS WILL
BE SERVED
2240 OPERA ENDS. MEETING WITH PERFORMERS BACKSTAGE
2300 ATTEND RECEPTION HOSTED BY RANK XEROX. PRESIDENT AND
MRS GORBACHEV SAY FAREWELL TO PRIME MINISTER AND
MR THATCHER
2330 LEAVE RECEPTION FOR UKRAINIAN STATE GUEST HOUSE (AT
MEZHIGORIYE)
2350 ARRIVE GUEST HOUSE

SUNDAY 10 JUNE

0825 LEAVE GUEST HOUSE FOR BORISPOL AIRPORT
0855 ARRIVE AIRPORT
0900 LEAVE FOR RUNINAKAN ON SOVIET PLANE TUPOLEV 154, ACCOMPANIED
BY DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER LAVEROV TWO AND A
QUARTER HOUR FLIGHT PLUS ONE HOUR TIME DIFFERENCE)
1215 ARRIVE LENINAKAN AIRPORT. ARRIVAL CEREMONY. MET BY
PRIME MINISTER MARKARIANTS AND ACTING SUPREME SOVIET

CHAIRMAN VASKANYAN

1225 LEAVE AIRPORT FOR BRITISH SCHOOL

1245 ARRIVE SCHOOL. RECITAL BY LOCAL CHILDREN

1250 SCHOOL OPENING CEREMONY IN ASSEMBLY HALL

1310 LEAVE ASSEMBLY HALL FOR TOUR OF SCHOOL, ENDING IN MEETING WITH BRITISH WORKFORCE

1330 LEAVE SCHOOL FOR WALKABOUT IN ADJOINING AREA OF TEMPORARY HOUSING.

1345 LEAVE FOR TOUR OF NEW HOUSING AT 'ANI' RE-DEVELOPMENT AREA

1430 LUNCH AT GUESTHOUSE 'VAN'

1545 LEAVE GUEST HOUSE FOR 'MAY INSURRECTION' SQUARE IN OLD TOWN

1550 VISIT TO CATHEDRAL AND TO RUINED CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER IN SQUARE

1605 LEAVE FOR MEMORIAL TO THOSE WHO DIED IN THE 1988 EARTHQUAKE

1610 LAY WREATH AT MEMORIAL

1615 LEAVE FOR AIRPORT

1625 ARRIVE AIRPORT

1630 DEPART ON SOVIET PLANE FOR BORISPOL AIRPORT, KIEV (TWO AND A HALF HOUR FLIGHT LESS ONE HOUR TIME DIFFERENCE)

1805 ARRIVE KIEV. SHORT INTERVIEW WITH SOVIET TELEVISION

1840 LEAVE KIEV (3 HOUR 55 MINUTE FLIGHT LESS 3 HOURS TIME DIFFERENCE)

1935 ARRIVE HEATHROW

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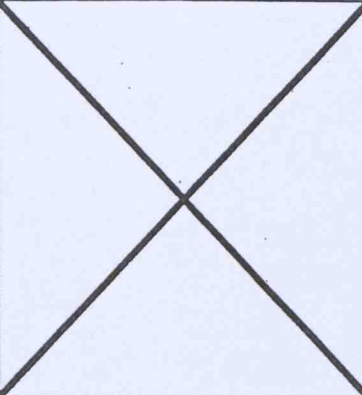
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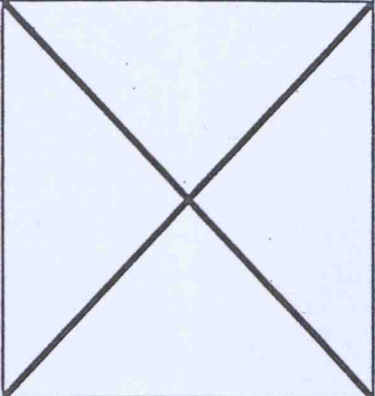
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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

4th June, 1990.

My dear Charles,

Thank you for your letter of 1st June to Robert Fellowes about the Prime Minister's visit to the Soviet Union from 7th to 10th June. I have laid this before The Queen, who is pleased to give her approval to Mrs. Thatcher's absence from the country on these dates.

Yours ever,

Ken.

(KENNETH SCOTT)

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See Robert

CHANCELLOR OF THE DUCHY OF LANCASTER'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION

Richard Gozney wrote to the you on 24 May about the Chancellor's visit to Kiev on 9 June and invited DTI to provide further advice about companies' stands which he might visit when he tours the British Industry Today exhibition.

I attach a copy of the brief we have provided for the Prime Minister's tour earlier that day. We have been advised that she intends to visit as many stands as possible during her 30 minutes there and that it would be inappropriate for us to select particular stands beforehand. If any selection is needed for the Chancellor's visit, we believe that this would be best made on the spot in Kiev, where staff of the DTI, British-Soviet Chamber of Commerce and the British Embassy will by then have become full acquainted with the exhibition as a whole and with the stands where Mr Baker's support would best be directed.

I also enclose a copy of a background brief on UK/USSR trade.

I am copying this letter to Charles Powell (No 10) and Richard Gozney (FCO).

Yours ever

Ben Slocock

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Private Secretary



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BRITISH INDUSTRY TODAY EXHIBITORS

Stand No	Exhibitor	Business in USSR	Personnel	Points for discussion
1	John Brown Plc	In "USSR" since 1840 and probably UK's most active company. Main interests in process plant development for chemical, gas and healthcare industries; also plastics processing (food packaging, audio and visual tapes, automotive components, medical equipment) and automated assembly systems. The PM will later witness signature of John Brown's joint venture, Asetco (Novi Urengoi), to carry out a major polyethylene project.	Allan Gormly, MD Tony Bruce, Marketing Director Gerry Preskey, Regional Director (based in Moscow) B R Osbourne C F J Siegl R Dangerfield	a) Satisfactory progress in Budyennovsk polypropylene plant signed during PM's 1987 visit b) Good progress on modernisation and expansion of polyethylene plant, again at Budyennovsk c) Signature of Novi Urengoi
2	Davy McKee	Over 30 process engineering projects carried out in USSR in chemical, methalurgical, food and pharmaceuticals industries. Very active.	Patrick McTighe, Chief Executive, Process Division A J Powell	Number of projects being pursued. Prospects for major projects given Soviets' shortage of hard currency?
3	Wellcome Foundation	Very active in supply of pharmaceuticals and diagnostics. Interest in projects to build pharmaceutical factories.	Martyn Cooke, Regional Manager John Apps, USSR Manager	
4	Amersham International Plc	Nearly 30 years in USSR, principally sales of life science products for genetic research. Also purchase from USSR and co-operation ventures Negotiating joint venture with Institute of Cardiology in Moscow, which invited OM to visit (programme schedule did not permit).	Bruce Beharrell, USSR Regional Director Grahame Guilford, USSR Manager Valery Popkov, Moscow rep	Value of Soviet science and technology - complemented by Western expertise in development, marketing etc
5	J P Kenny	Subsea engineering consultancy on major oil and gas projects in USSR. Joint venture Intershelf. Also Sov gas sco consortium for managing Soviet gas sales to UK to pay for British exports. (British Gas, British Steel, National Power, Bank of Scotland/Fiscot Ltd). DTI financial assistance.	J P Kenny, Chairman P Davies, MD M Goodings, Dep MD (Moscow) S I Degtiariov, V Ch Promstroibank USSR V P Matvienko, Ch Promstroibank Ukraine Mr Tikonov, Dep Ch, Energy Committee of USSR Council of Ministers Mr Nikitin, 1st Dep Min, Ministry of Oil & Gas	a) joint ventures only partly successful because of Soviet bure aucracy and lack of business training. Need for further Western help. b) Shortage of hard currency. Scope for oil and gas production sharing agreements.

<u>Stand No</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>	<u>Business in USSR</u>	<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Points for discussion</u>
6	Smiths Industries Medical Systems	USSR since 1960s in medical equipment and disposables. In 1979 technology transfer deal for manufacture of anaesthesia disposables in Leningrad. Business between £10,000-£1 million a year.	George Kennedy, Chairman Ray Morgan, MD SIMS Medical Distribution Int H Jueress, Area Manager S Maynard	
7	Case Communications Ltd	Part of Dowty Group. Data communications for all industries. 6 years in USSR, where sales reached £5 million in 1989. Visited by Mr Gorbachev in April 1989.	Nick Applegarth, Area Manager	a) Mr Gorbachev's visit b) COCOM
8 and 10	Tambrands Ltd	Manufacture Tampax tampons in 7 countries, sales in 135 countries. Joint venture, Femtech, near Kiev. Production since March 1989. Sales excellent. Fivefold expansion planned, including further factories. Export of bleached cotton as payment for machinery, UK profits etc been held up by Soviet Customs bureaucracy.	Constantin Ohanion, Director Tambrands and VP USSR and Eastern Europe Yuri Saakov, General Manager Femtech C J Curry D N Paterson G West	Climate for investment in USSR. Need for transparent legislation
9	Rank Xerox	Office machinery, notably photocopiers. Copy shop joint venture in Moscow. Pursuing potential for countertrade, using Soviet timber resources - paper exports to pay for photocopiers.	David Thompson, Chairman RX (UK) Ralph Land, General Manager, RX Eastern Europe	
11	Racal Electronics	"USSR" over 100 years (Chubb). Sales of marine radars, navigation equipment, professional tape recorders, data communications and security systems. Local manufacture of radars and other projects under discussion.	Alan Carnell, Commercial Director, Racal-Decca Soviet Director General of factory with which negotiating joint production of marine radars	a) radar production project b) COCOM
12	ICL	Office in Moscow since 1989. Successful jv in Leningrad assembling personal computers. Many Soviet customers for computing equipment.	John Connor Richard Turner, STC Director	COCOM
13	Philips Scientific	Scientific instruments Stand will display spectrophotometers and chromatographs	Barry Brook	
14	BP Nutrition	Interests in whole food chain: animal feed, meat processing, poultry and livestock breeding (Eurihid) high quality fresh food. Large supplier of grain to USSR.	Jaap Vente, MD, Hybio Broilers Graham Scott, Director, Specialities Div P Mayhew, Tradigrain	Increased use of hard currency generated by sale of Soviet oil to BP for purchase of agricultural products

Stand No	Exhibitor	Business in USSR	Personnel	Points for discussion
15	Glaxo	Major supplier of pharmaceuticals to USSR. Negotiating joint company to manufacture pharmaceuticals at Krasnodar	J Muller, Area Manager Y Antipov, Moscow rep	Glaxo's long term commitment to USSR. Real need for modern pharmaceutical factory
16	Brittain Engineering Ltd	Some previous sales to Soviet market. Chosen Kiev to launch systematic approach. Non-destructive testing equipment and processes	Paul Beza, MD Eike Leaman, Technical Consultant	
17	Ethical Pharmaceuticals	New company (1985). Turnover £3 million, of which 60% exports. Specialise in development of innovative pharmaceuticals. Also advise on construction of pharmaceutical factories and import Soviet references. Notably successful in dealing direct with small enterprises in regions.	Geoffrey Guy, ED David Harper, Director Paul Gibbons, Business Development Director Nicholas Guryev, agent in Kazakhstan	Use of British institutions to raise capital for speculative projects and development of innovative technologies

18 Allied-Lyons Plc

Food and drink. Sale of spirits in USSR and marketing of Stolichnaya vodka in UK and elsewhere.

Projects include two bars and an ice cream shop in Moscow hotels. Second ice cream shop being built in Moscow, selling British ice cream for hard currency. (Had hoped PM or Mr Thatcher could open this). Agreement to build ice cream plant in Moscow.

Pursuing other projects in food and drink processing sector, especially in Ukraine.

Sir Hugh Bidwell, Lord Mayor of London, who will close Trade Exhibition in Kiev on 14 June is Chief Executive of Allied-Lyons Eastern Ltd.

Anthony Hales, Chief Exec.
J Lyons
Godfrey Linnett
David Priestley
Jim Hubner
Anthony Allen

18/ British Food
21 Consortium (BFC)

Informal group of companies with complementary interests in food sector. Chairman Sir Ronald McIntosh.

Other BFC companies will be represented on the Allied-Lyons and APV stands.

Nigel Peters, Taylor Woodrow
Peter Cheshire, Booker Tate
Peter Bridle, Union
International Consultants

19 Courtaulds Plc

Long history in USSR. Have built 8 major installations in last 30 years (over 4.650 million).

Prolonged problems over projects to refurbish acrylic fibre factories, despite constructive responses to continually changing scope of projects.

Courtaulds deciding to concentrate on areas of highest priority to Soviets - food and consumer goods production.

Eric Summers, Director,
Courtaulds Engineering

a Need for ECGD support in USSR.

b Need for clear guidance from Soviets on priority projects.

20	Regency Mowbray	Flavours and colours for food industry. Product development and formulation and extensive testing and other services.	Raymond Malbon, MD Carole Malbon, Financial Controller Norman Critchett, Technical Services Manager	a) Tax relief on capital expenditure for export growth b) Climate for investment in USSR. Possible HMG assistance?
21	APV Plc	World leader in supply of equipment to food, beverage and plastics industries. Long history in USSR, especially dairy industry. £50m contract in 1989 to provide 10 lines to produce breakfast cereals. Pursuing projects for equipment to produce potato snacks, baby food, meat, dairy, freezing and confectionary plant - also aid funded projects in Armenia.	Sir Peter Cazalet, Chairman Lady Cazalet Richard Baldwin, Chairman APV Baker Laurie Cannon Barry Webb Guy Fraser David Gardner, Moscow rep	
22	Genus (also representing R J Fulwood & Bland and Scottish Agricultural Colleges) and Pig Improvement Company	Milk Marketing Board business in supply of bovine embryos and bull semen, with related technologies. Specialist pig breeders. £2.2m contract for hybridisation programme in Ukraine.	Paul Jefferson, Regional Marketing Director Paul Millar, consultant John Gibson, Overseas Project Manager Nikolai Dekatch, Director of Hybridisation Complex S I Sokolenko, Director General, Ukrimpex P N Pouk, Chief of Pig Production for Ukraine Mr Karasik, Chief of Animal Production for Ukraine	BSE scare: Soviets' ban on UK beef and related products
23	Foster Refrigerator	Commercial refrigeration equipment. Sales for 1980 Moscow Olympics. Current successes for in-flight catering unit at Moscow Airport and Pizza Hut Moscow.	Zoe Callender, Export Co-ordinator Rudi Valentini, Marketing Consultant	
24	SPEC Ltd	Personal computers and peripherals networking systems. Access control and desk-top publishing systems.	Ben Brahms, MD	

25	ICI Plc	Trading links over 70 years. Office in Moscow since 1979. Agrochemicals a major activity. Involvement in intensive cultivation of winter wheat and fodder peas; also food packaging, polyurethanes. Joint venture in Leningrad for paints. Recent contract to supply seed corn for 500,000 acres. (PM was invited to visit ICI farm consultancy project near Kiev, for increasing fodder pea yields).	Roger Hart, ICI Agrochemicals	
26	John Crane (UK) Ltd	Mechanical shaft seals for food, agriculture, medical and pharmaceutical industries.	David Pack	Visa Delays
27	British Livestock	Supply of pedigree breeding livestock, bovine embryos and semen to USSR over 25 years. Two joint ventures (Ukraine and Estonia) producing genetically superior cattle by embryo transfer	David Hodge, Chairman Geoff Corke, Director A T Baidyuk, Chairman of Ukraine j.v. Other Soviets from j.v.	BSE scare
	and Micronizing	Industrial infra red cereal cooling equipment. 1989 sales to feed mill in Byelorussia for improving nutritional value of animal feeds. Visit to UK by Byelorussian Grain Minister in March very successful and expected to lead to further business for Micronizing and other UK companies.	Roderick Newton, Sales Director	
28	Trade Advisory Service	Soviet trade specialists in hotel construction and refurbishment. Stand features work on refurbishment of Izmailovo Hotel in Moscow.	Anne Dyer Joe O'Neill	
29	Ernst & Young	Accountancy firm with consultancy expertise on USSR, especially on establishment of joint ventures and other forms of investment.	Lorenz McDougall, Director Accounting and Audit Stuart Thorn, Director, Business Services Richard Lewis, Manager, Moscow	Climate for investment in USSR
30	British Airways	About to conclude joint operating agreement with Aeroflot. Hinges on development of second international airport in Moscow, which UK Airports Group pursuing. BA laid on special direct service to Kiev for June 1990.	Andrew Fiddaman Sue Walker	
Outside Space	JCB	Earth-moving and mechanical handling equipment. Active and successful in Soviet Union.	Bob Hudson	

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BRITISH-SOVIET TRADE RELATIONS

INTRODUCTION

1 1989 was a mixed year for UK-USSR trade; the trade figures were, and continue to be, very good but some clouds gathering on the horizon have begun to cast their shadow.

2 On one hand, the political climate has been favourable for an increase in trade. Visits by Mr Gorbachev and Mrs Biryukova in 1989 placed particular emphasis on the Soviets' need to improve their light industry and consumer goods production. UK businesses are well-placed to take up the resulting commercial opportunities.

3 On the other hand, the economic and foreign trade reforms in the Soviet Union have been slowing down trade, making the business community tread cautiously. In the long term, decentralisation of responsibility is expected to lead to useful end-user contacts. However, at present it has resulted in confusion. Organisations have been changed drastically, making Soviet officials unsure of their responsibilities. It is often difficult to establish who has the authority to make decisions. In enterprises and Republics, managers have been given new powers, but they do not yet have the necessary training or experience to wield them with confidence. Additionally, new organisations have no banking histories, making their financial standing impossible to assess.

UK/USSR TRADE

4 According to UK statistics, UK exports in 1989 were £682m, a rise of 33% on 1988 (£512m) - and exports for the first four months of 1990 show an increase of 35% on the same period of 1989. They consist mainly of cereals, industrial machinery, and machine parts, scientific instruments and chemicals. UK imports in 1989 were £833m, an increase from 1988 of 14% (£732m). Nearly half our imports consist of oil and oil products, the remainder mainly of wood products, Lada cars, chemicals and metals.

5 On Soviet statistics, calculated on a different basis, UK exports in 1989 were 1009m roubles (1988: 623m roubles) and imports were 2209m roubles (1988: 1794m roubles). Turnover has therefore increased from £2.4bn roubles in 1988 to 3.2bn roubles in 1989. They therefore argue that we have achieved the aim, agreed by the Prime Minister and Mr Ryzhkov, of a 40% increase in trade to 2.5bn roubles by 1990.

6 Mrs Thatcher and Mr Ryzhkov signed a new UK/USSR Economic and Industrial Co-operation Programme for 1991-2000 in Moscow on 8 June 1990.

SOVIET TRADE AND ECONOMIC REFORMS

7 As part of perestroika, far-reaching foreign trade reforms have been introduced since 1987, aimed at modernising Soviet industry and increasing the efficiency and quality of domestic production. A major theme of these reforms is to reduce bureaucratic control and encourage initiative.

8 From 1 April 1989 all enterprises whose output is competitive on world markets were granted the right to trade with foreign companies and to retain a proportion of their export earnings to spend on new equipment. There are now over 14,000 of these organisations.

9 As a result of these changes, the traditional and fairly strict separation between foreign trade operations and planned production is supposed to be overcome. Priority is being given to purchases which will enable industrial enterprises eventually to substitute Soviet products for current imports, and for equipment which will upgrade their product range to enable them to increase exports. The main emphasis is on modernisation and refurbishment of existing plant, though hard currency has also been allocated for emergency purchases of consumer goods to meet a dire need among the Soviet people.

10 The implication of the foreign trade reforms for companies wishing to trade with the Soviet Union is that it ought to be possible to get much closer to Soviet end-users than in the past. To do this it is essential for them to cultivate a much wider range of contacts in the industrial Ministries, enterprises and relevant technical institutes, both in Moscow and the Republics.

TRADE PROSPECTS

11 Despite the economic problems, not least the shortages of food and consumer goods, transport and distribution difficulties, poor harvests and shortages of energy, the opportunities for UK companies are good. The main barrier to trade, unavailability of hard currency, need not be insurmountable if both sides consider all possible forms of payment available.

12 The political will exists on both sides to increase trade. Promising sectors appear to be agriculture, food industries, pharmaceuticals, chemicals, automation and factory modernisation. Conversion of defence factories to civilian use is given a high priority by the Soviets. The Gorbachev reforms are putting pressure on industry to modernise and convert itself quickly. This presents opportunities for UK companies to supply technology and equipment. A delegation of conversion specialists has been invited to visit the UK.

13 Working Groups are one of the ways that western companies have been using to get close to Soviet foreign trade officials and end users. They have been proved to be effective in getting business. The UK has 15 working groups covering such areas as energy, agriculture, healthcare, chemicals, railways, instruments etc.

14 UK trade prospects will depend mainly on the success of UK companies winning further contracts for major projects as well as maintaining regular smaller business. Success will depend not only on competitiveness, but also on willingness both to help generate Soviet hard currency by helping with Soviet exports, and to enter into countertrade deals and joint ventures.

15 Payment problems may prove a further hindrance to the expansion of trade. The USSR has historically had a first-rate record for repaying foreign debt. But in recent months Western companies have been experiencing lengthy delays in payment from a number of Foreign Trade Organisations. The precise reason for these is unclear, but the UK and other Western countries have made high-level representations about the effect on small companies in particular. DTI and ECGD have received pleas for help from almost 40 companies, with a total of some £30m outstanding. The Soviets have responded to international concern by accepting that the State has to take responsibility for problems arising from economic changes and by announcing a package of measures to honour outstanding debts. But this has yet to be implemented.

JOINT VENTURES

16 A major component of the foreign trade reforms is the setting up of joint ventures on Soviet soil. The main Soviet aims are to acquire Western equipment and technology, capital, management and marketing expertise and quality control techniques without having to commit scarce foreign currency; and as a short cut to establishing export orientated and import-saving industries.

17 Joint venture legislation was introduced in 1987 to encourage western investment in the USSR. The UK has 86 registered joint ventures at the last count, fourth behind the FRG, Finland and Japan. In common with other countries, many are relatively small, service joint ventures and few are actually in operation. Changes to joint venture legislation were introduced with effect from 1 January 1989. They remove the restriction which previously existed that foreign partners were limited to 49% of the equity. They also allow a foreign national to manage the joint venture and local payments to be made in Roubles. Rules governing the hiring and firing of local staff are now less strict. Umbrella legislation on foreign economic activity, which will have a major impact on joint ventures and other forms of investment, is being drafted but is not expected before 1991.

KIEV: "BRITISH INDUSTRY TODAY"

18 To complement the FCO exhibition in Kiev on life in Britain, there will be a trade exhibition from 4-14 June, concentrating on four sectors: food and food processing; scientific instruments and medical equipment; hotels, tourism and services; and pharmaceuticals. Some 40 British companies will be exhibiting on 30 stands.

19 HRH The Princess Royal will open the event; Mrs Thatcher, Lord Whitelaw, Mr Baker and the Lord Mayor of London will visit it, as hopefully will Mr Gorbachev.

UK/USSR TRADE FIGURES

1 UK Basis (£m)

	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990 (4 months)
Exports to USSR	735	537	539	492	512	682	299
Imports from USSR	854	724	695	875	732	833	252
Total trade	1589	1261	1234	1367	1244	1515	551
Trade balance	-119	-187	-156	-383	-220	-152	+ 47

1988 Top 5 Imports into UK (£m)

Petroleum & its prods	314
Wood & Wood prods	161
Road vehicles	67
Inorganic chemicals	36
Organic chemicals	24

1989 Top 5 Imports into UK (£m)

Petroleum & its prods	397
Cork & Wood	157
Road vehicles	60
Organic chemicals	27
Cork & Wood manufactures	27

1988 Top 5 Exports from UK (£m)

Scientific instruments	60
Cereals & prepar'ns	49
Specialised Machinery	46
Inorganic chemicals	38
Chemical materials & products	31

1989 Top 5 Exports from UK (£m)

Cereals & prepar'ns	121
Specialised machinery	73
Scientific instruments	58
Machinery & machine parts	40
Electrical machinery & machine parts	39

2 Soviet basis (million Roubles)

	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
Imports from UK	819.4	683.8	514.6	524.3	623.1	1009.1
Exports to UK	1,392.7	1,217.8	1,274.0	1,586.2	1,794.1	2208.7
Total trade	2,212.1	1,901.6	1,788.6	2,110.5	2,417.2	3217.8
Trade balance	-573.3	-534.0	-759.4	-1061.9	-971.0	-1199.6

PM TOURS: USSR, Oct 89





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From the Private Secretary

1 June 1990

**PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO ARMENIA:
THE CHURCH**

Thank you for your letter of 1 June about the disappointment expressed by the Head of the Armenian Church that the Prime Minister would not be visiting any of its churches during her visit. I must say that I had not realised this or that the reference to the ruined church in the programme was to a museum. I very much agree that we should do a short visit to the cathedral and a walkabout outside it, and will be grateful if this can be put to the authorities immediately.

CHARLES POWELL

Richard Gozney, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

1 June 1990

Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's Visit: Armenia: The Church

The Catholicos, or Head of the Armenian Church, has told us, through his representative in London, that he is disappointed at the Prime Minister's programme for her few hours in Armenia. He does not believe that the Armenian Church is getting a sufficient look-in. He has reminded us that the Church chose Leninakan as the site for our school and persuaded the Armenian Government to agree.

The ruined church in the Prime Minister's programme was a museum, not a church, at the time of the earthquake. To get to it involves passing the main cathedral in Leninakan. The Catholicos suggests substituting a short visit to the cathedral and a walkabout outside it. He himself will have to be in Moscow for the enthronement of the new Patriarch. But he would ensure that the Prime Minister was suitably received.

We sympathise with the Catholicos; the secular authorities have secured most of the programme for themselves and it is a pity that the Armenian Church was not considered properly at an earlier stage in the planning. It would be reasonable to spend a few minutes with the Armenian Church, which has been extremely effective in organising relief as well as being influential in Armenia. Such a visit would also add media interest to the visit. The Embassy in Moscow point out that as the two buildings are so close together, it will be possible to add the cathedral without dropping a look at the ruined church.

I should be grateful to know whether the Prime Minister would be content. If so, we would instruct Moscow to negotiate this change with the Armenian authorities.

Yours ever,

Richard Gozney

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PERSONAL FOR HEMANS, SOVIET DEPARTMENT FROM LYNE

PRIME MINISTER'S PROGRAMME

1. DURING MY MEETING WITH KRASNOV ON 1 JUNE (WHICH I AM REPORTING SEPARATELY), HE SAID THAT THE PROVISIONAL LINE-UP FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING WITH THE MILITARY AT 1630 ON 8 JUNE WOULD BE:

MARSHAL YAZOV

GENERAL MOISEV

GENERAL LUSHOV (WARSAW PACT COMMANDER)

GENERAL CHERVOV

USPENSKY

INTERPRETER

- CDS equivalent
- SACFOR equivalent
- nuclear expert

2. IN PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS, WE HAD TRIED TO STEER THE MFA IN THE DIRECTION OF A SLIGHTLY WIDER GROUP, EG BY MENTIONING THE AIR FORCE AND NAVAL COMMANDERS AS POSSIBILITIES AND BY TALKING IN TERMS OF HAVING PERHAPS 6-10 MILITARY LEADERS AROUND THE TABLE. WE HAVE ON ALL OCCASIONS, TODAY INCLUDED, STRESSED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER IS LOOKING FOR A FREE-RANGING ROUND TABLE SESSION, IN WHICH ALL PARTICIPANTS WOULD PARTICIPATE AND SPEAK FRANKLY. I JUDGE THAT WE HERE HAVE MORE OR LESS REACHED THE LIMITS OF OUR ABILITY TO INFLUENCE THE SOVIET LINE-UP. WE CANNOT ULTIMATELY DICTATE WHOM YAZOV SHOULD INVITE. IF NO 10 ARE NOT HAPPY WITH THE WAY THE MEETING IS SHAPING UP, ONE OPTION MIGHT BE FOR CHARLES POWELL TO HAVE A QUIET WORD WITH KOSOV. ANOTHER WOULD BE TO LEAVE THIS UNTIL THE PRIME MINISTER SITS DOWN WITH GORBACHEV ON THE MORNING OF 8 JUNE, AND FOR HER TO MAKE ANY ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS THEN.

3. WE HAVE YET TO DEFINE ATTENDANCE ON OUR SIDE, FOR WHICH USPENSKY'S PRESENCE HAS IMPLICATIONS.

BRITISH TRADE CENTRE

4. JUST AS HE WAS LEAVING FOR KIEV LAST NIGHT, THE AMBASSADOR RECEIVED A SOMEWHAT INSISTENT TELEX FROM CURTIS KEEBLE. CURTIS SAID THAT HE HAD HEARD FROM YOUR DEPARTMENT THAT THERE MIGHT BE CHANGES TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S PROGRAMME. HE WAS PROCEEDING ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE TRADE CENTRE PRESENTATION WOULD BEGIN AT 0900 IN THE WHITE

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HALL OF MOSSOVIET AND THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD JOINT IT AT 0915 FOR HALF AN HOUR. HE ASKED US TO INDICATE WHETHER THE CHANGES UNDER DISCUSSION WOULD AFFECT THE TRADE CENTRE PRESENTATION, 'THE EFFECT OF WHICH HINGES ENTIRELY ON THE PRIME MINISTER'S PRESENCE.'

5. I DO NOT WISH TO RISK CONFUSION BY ENGAGING IN A PARALLEL CORRESPONDENCE WITH CURTIS. AS YAZOV IS NOT TO BE BUDGED FROM HOLDING HIS MEETING IN THE AFTERNOON, I THINK THAT YOU CAN GENERALLY SET CURTIS'S MIND AT REST (THOUGH IT MIGHT BE PRUDENT TO AVOID AN IRREVOCABLE COMMITMENT, AT LEAST PENDING GORBACHEV'S RETURN FROM THE UNITED STATES). HOWEVER, CURTIS IS BIDDING FOR MORE TIME THAN WE AT PRESENT EXPECT THE PRIME MINISTER TO SPEND AT THE PRESENTATION. WITH THE ADDITION OF GPT TO THE PROGRAMME, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR THE PRIME MINISTER TO SPEND MORE THAN A TOTAL OF 30 MINUTES AT MOSSOVIET. DON BROWN THINKS IT SHOULD SUFFICE FOR HER TO SPEND 15 MINUTES AT THE PRESENTATION (WHICH, HAVING BEEN HONOURED THUS, COULD CONTINUE AFTER HER DEPARTURE). THIS WOULD ALLOW HER THEN TO HAVE A 15-MINUTE CHAT WITH GAVRIIL POPOV, WHICH WE THINK WOULD BE WELL WORTH WHILE. I HAVE SPOKEN IN THESE TERMS TO KRASNOV. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF WE SHOULD EXPAND OR RE-DIVIDE THE TIME SHE SPENDS AT MOSSOVIET. COULD YOU ALSO VERY KINDLY COMMUNICATE ON OUR BEHALF WITH CURTIS, IN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF HIS TELEX?

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FCO TELNO 999: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT

1. AT OUR FURTHER MEETING WITH THE MFA ON 1 JUNE, KRASNOV SAID THAT WORD HAD JUST COME FROM WASHINGTON THAT GORBACHEV HAD AGREED TO A JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE. HOWEVER YAZOV, SENDING SINCERE APOLOGIES, WAS UNABLE TO MOVE HIS MEETING FROM 1630 TO THE EARLY MORNING SLOT. KRASNOV ALSO SAID THAT THE LUNCH WOULD NOW BE HELD NOT IN THE KREMLIN BUT IN THE MFA GUESTHOUSE (THE HANDSOME SHEKTEL-DESIGNED MANSION WHERE GORBACHEV GAVE THE PRIME MINISTER LUNCH IN SEPTEMBER LAST). THE POSITION ON THE WORKING LUNCH WAS UNCHANGED: I E THE MFA FORECAST IS STILL THAT IT WILL INCLUDE MR THATCHER AND MRS GORBACHEVA, BUT THAT CONFIRMATION IS NOT EXPECTED BEFORE 5 OR 6 JUNE.

2. WITH KRASNOV CONTINUING TO STRESS THAT ALL TIMINGS SHOULD BE REGARDED AS PROVISIONAL UNTIL GORBACHEV'S RETURN FROM WASHINGTON, WE AGREED THAT THE DRAFT PROGRAMME FOR FRIDAY 8 JUNE WAS NOW AS FOLLOWS:

0900 DEPART RESIDENCE
0905 VISIT MINISTRY OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS ON GORKY STREET FOR GPT PRESENTATION
0925 LEAVE MINISTRY
0930 VISIT MOSSOVIET, GORKY STREET. ATTEND CARROLL GROUP PRESENTATION ON BRITISH TRADE CENTRE FOR 15 MINUTES, FOLLOWED BY BRIEF (SEPARATE) CONVERSATION WITH MAYOR POPOV
1000 LEAVE MOSSOVIET
1010 WREATH LAYING
1030 TALKS WITH PRESIDENT GORBACHEV
1300 WORKING LUNCH AT MFA OSOBNYAK
1500 MEETING WITH RYZHKOV IN KREMLIN
1600 SIGNING CEREMONY IN KREMLIN
(IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE CEREMONY WILL BE HELD BEFORE RATHER THAN AFTER THE TALKS WITH RYZHKOV. THE MFA EXPECT, SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION, THAT GORBACHEV WILL ATTEND AND THAT RYZHKOV WILL SIGN THE AGREEMENTS).
1630 MEETING WITH MARSHAL YAZOV AND MILITARY LEADERS AT MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
1745 APPROX JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE AT MFA PRESS CENTRE. (THE PRESS

CENTRE IS 5 MINUTES DRIVE FROM THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE. WE HAVE REMINDED THE MFA THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WANTED A GOOD HOUR WITH THE MILITARY, AND THAT SHE WOULD NEED A FEW MINUTES OF PEACE AND QUIET TO PREPARE HER THOUGHTS FOR THE PRESS CONFERENCE. THEY MAY EASE THE PRESS CONFERENCE BACK TO 1800 (THE JOINT MITTERRAND/GORBACHEV PRESS CONFERENCE WAS HELD AT 1830). BUT THIS IN TURN WOULD SQUEEZE CHANGING TIME BEFORE DINNER, AND MIGHT PERHAPS NECESSITATE MOVING THE DINNER BACK TO 1945 OF 2000. THERE WILL CLEARLY NOT BE TIME TO DO SHORT BRITISH NEWS INTERVIEWS BEFORE DINNER. IF, AS IS LIKELY, THE PRIME MINISTER RETURNS FROM DINNER BY ABOUT 2130, WHICH IS 6.30PM BRITISH TIME, NEWS INTERVIEWS THEN SHOULD JUST BE FEASIBLE)

1930 DINNER

MR THATCHER'S PROGRAMME ON 8 JUNE
3. PLEAS SEE MIFT

KIEV PROGRAMME 9 JUNE

4. WE SPOKE IN TERMS OF PARA 9 OF YTUR. THE MFA MADE NO IMMEDIATE COMMENTS, BUT SUGGESTED THAT THIS PROGRAMME COULD ALSO NOT BE REGARDED AS FINAL UNTIL GORBACHEV RETURNED FROM AMERICA

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From the Private Secretary

1 June 1990

The Prime Minister proposes to visit the Soviet Union from 7 to 10 June 1990.

I should be grateful if you would seek The Queen's permission for the Prime Minister to be absent from the country on these dates. ---

C. D. POWELL

Sir Robert Fellowes, K.C.V.O., C.B.,
Buckingham Palace

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Bette Davis
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YOUR TELNO 984: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT

1. WE SOUGHT TO DISCOURAGE THE MFA FROM SUGGESTING A CHANGE OF GUEST HOUSE AT THIS LATE STAGE. AS REPORTED, WE SAID THAT WE WERE CONTENT WITH THE ARRANGEMENT FOR THE PRIME MINISTER TO SPEND A NIGHT AT THE GUEST HOUSE VISITED BY THE RECCE PARTY. WE URGED THE MFA TO STICK TO THE PLAN DEVISED BY THE RECCE PARTY FOR THE PM TO CHANGE AND REST IN A SUITE AT THE KIEV HOTEL BEFORE THE OPERA.

2. COULD YOU PLEASE LET US KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER, NOTWITHSTANDING THE PREVIOUS ARRANGEMENTS, YOU WOULD LIKE THE RUSSIANS TO LOOK FOR AN ALTERNATIVE GUEST HOUSE IN THE CENTRE OF KIEV. IF SO, WE SHALL REVERSE THE POSITION WE TOOK ON 29 MAY. IF THEY THEN COME UP WITH SUCH A GUEST HOUSE, WE SHALL SEEK THE INFORMATION REQUESTED IN PARA ONE OF YTUR.

3. IF, ALTERNATIVELY, YOU CONSIDER THAT A CHANGE OF GUEST HOUSE AT THIS STAGE WOULD BE MORE TROUBLE THAN IT IS WORTH (EG IN DEVISING NEW COMMUNICATIONS ARRANGMENTS), PLEASE GIVE US INSTRUCTIONS TO TELL THE RUSSIANS FIRMLY THAT NO 10 DOWNING STREET CANNOT AGREE TO A CHANGE BUT INSIST ON MAINTAINING THE PREVIOUS PLAN.

4. WE DO NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND PARA 2 OF YTUR. THE REVISED SOVIET TIMINGS HAVE THE PRIME MINISTER LANDING AT BORISPOL AIRPORT KIEV FROM LENINAKAN AT 1805 ON 10 JUNE, AND TAKING OFF FROM BORISPOL FOR HEATHROW AT 1900 (NOT/NOT 1955). THIS ALLOWS 55 MINUTES FOR THE PARTY TO CHANGE AIRCRAFT, AND FOR THE PRIME MINISTER TO TAKE HER LEAVE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE UKRAINIAN COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, RATHER THAN THE 15 MINUTE GAP IN THE PLAN DEVISED BY THE RECONNAISSANCE PARTY. 1955 IS THE TIME THAT WE ESTIMATE THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD LAND AT HEATHROW IF SHE TOOK OFF FROM BORISPOL AT 1900.

5. YOU MAY WISH TO INSTRUCT US TO TELL THE MFA THAT THE 55 MINUTE GAP SHOULD BE REDUCED TO, SAY, 25 MINUTES. THEY NEVER ENVISAGED THAT THE GAP SHOULD BE ONE HOUR AND 50 MINUTES

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: MR BAKER AND SIR JEFFREY STERLING

1. AS WE WARNED YOU LAST WEEK, THE CHANCELLOR OF THE DUCHY OF LANCASTER AND SIR JEFFREY STERLING INTEND TO TRAVEL TO KIEV IN SIR JEFFREY'S PLANE TO ACCOMPANY THE PRIME MINISTER IN ARMENIA.

2. WE HAVE DRAWN UP THE FOLLOWING DRAFT PROGRAMME:

SATURDAY 9 JUNE
(ALL TIMINGS LOCAL)

0700 : MR BAKER LEAVES HATFIELD IN SIR J STERLING'S PRIVATE PLANE
0920 : ARRIVES GENEVA, PICKS UP SIR J STERLING
1000 : DEPART GENEVA
1330 : ARRIVE KIEV. MET BY MEMBER OF EMBASSY STAFF
1430 : ARRIVE UKRAINIAN PARK OF ECONOMIC ACHIEVEMENTS. TOUR OF 'BRITISH LIFE TODAY' EXHIBITION ACCOMPANIED BY RICHARD MUIR
1630 : FAIR OF 'BRITISH INDUSTRY TODAY' EXHIBITION ACCOMPANIED BY ?
1730 : LEAVE FOR HOTEL: REFRESHMENTS
1820 : DEPART FOR OPERA HOUSE
1830 : RECEPTION AT OPERA HOUSE
1850 : TAKE SEATS
1900 : XERXES (MR BAKER APPARENTLY DISLIKES OPERA: THERE IS THEREFORE AN OUTSIDE POSSIBILITY THAT HE WILL NOT ATTEND)

LATER - ATTEND RANK XEROX/BRITISH COUNCIL RECEPTION
LATER - RETURN TO STATE GUEST HOUSE (MR BAKER) OR HOTEL (SIR JEFFREY STERLING)

SUNDAY 10 JUNE
MR BAKER AND SIR JEFFREY WILL TRAVEL TO LENINAKAN ON THE PRIME

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MINISTER'S PLANE AND WILL FOLLOW HER PROGRAMME FOR THE DAY.
THEY WILL RETURN TO LONDON FROM KIEV ON SIR JEFFREY'S PLANE ON
10 JUNE.

3. PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT HAVE ALREADY ASKED YOU TO ARRANGE
ACCOMMODATION FOR MR BAKER AND SIR JEFFREY. SIR JEFFREY'S
OFFICE HAVE MADE ACCOMMODATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FLIGHT
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From the Private Secretary

30 May 1990

**PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION:
PROGRAMME**

I have seen Moscow tel. nos. 1011 and 1012 about the programme for the Prime Minister's visit to the Soviet Union. I have the following comments:

- I do not think that the Prime Minister will have any difficulty with it being a working rather than an official visit, especially in present circumstances. But we must make this clear to the press in advance, so that no unfavourable comparisons are drawn with the 1987 visit.
- arrival time. We cannot bring forward the Prime Minister's departure from Scotland. But I understand that the RAF can fly faster and we can arrive by 2200.
- the absence of arrival statements will be very welcome.
- the revised programme in Moscow seems to give us longer with Gorbachev (1030-1430). This is welcome.
- it might be better to have the press conference before the meeting with the military (if, after all, we cannot have the latter in the morning). That would allow the meeting with the military to run on.
- we feel strongly that it ought to be a joint press conference. That was the pattern with President Mitterrand and is intended for President Bush: the media would be quick to pounce on the difference if we went for separate conferences. The Embassy should go back to the MFA on this.
- the subjects which the Prime Minister will want to raise with the military are European security, German unification, arms control including CFE, nuclear matters and the problems being experienced by the Soviet military in implementing arms control agreements.

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- any available time between the end of the joint press conference/meeting with the military and dinner shall be used for short interviews with British radio and television at the Embassy. Alternatively, these might be done after dinner. Any interview with Soviet television will have to be done the day before the Prime Minister's departure from London (although we have some qualms whether it is worthwhile trying to repeat the 1987 success).
- I hope we have not lost the idea of a breakfast meeting with Jewish refuseniks or opposition parties or even the Mayor of Moscow (who sounds a great improvement on his predecessor)
- Mr. Thatcher would not want to traipse round Moscow, but carry out the commercial engagements which I have suggested to you. We should insist on this.
- the Embassy's revised programme for Kiev in Moscow tel. no. 1012 seems fine. We rather wonder whether the British Council book exhibition merits half an hour. I very strongly agree that the Prime Minister will not want to go all the way out to the guest house at 1630.
- we don't quite understand why the programme allows for 55 minutes at Kiev on the way back from Leninakan. Surely it's just a quick transfer from one aircraft to another.

(C. D. POWELL)

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FCO TELS 942, 949, 950: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION.

1. AT OUR INSISTENCE, KRASNOV (SECOND EUROPEAN DEPARTMENT) AND FEDOROV (DEPUTY HEAD OF PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT) REVIEWED PLANNING FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT WITH US ON 29 MAY. WE HAD HEARD FROM VARIOUS QUARTERS, INCLUDING GORBACHEV'S OFFICE, THAT THE SOVIET SIDE WAS WORKING UP PROPOSALS WHICH AT CERTAIN POINTS DIFFERED FROM THE PLAN AGREED WITH THE RECONNAISSANCE PARTY. THE MEETING AT THE MFA CONFIRMED THIS. WE HAD TO EXTRACT INFORMATION PIECEMEAL, AS THE MFA ARE STILL NOT PREPARED TO GIVE US THEIR PROGRAMME IN WRITING. ON SOME POINTS, THEY ARE CLEARLY INTENDING TO AVOID FINAL COMMITMENT UNTIL GORBACHEV'S RETURN FROM THE UNITED STATES, ON THE EVE OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S ARRIVAL. THE LAST MINUTE PLANNING IS TRADITIONAL, BUT FRUSTRATING.

2. KRASNOV SAID THIS WAS BEING PLANNED AS A ''WORKING'' RATHER THAN AN ''OFFICIAL'' VISIT. HE SPOKE AS IF THIS WAS COMMON GROUND BUT HE WAS NOT AT ALL SURE WHETHER THE POINT HAD BEEN MADE CLEAR IN LONDON. HE SAID THAT THE ''OFFICIAL VISIT'' WAS BEING SAVED FOR A LATER DATE. (THIS CHIMES WITH SOME MUCH EARLIER DISCUSSIONS. IT MEANS, THAT IN PROTOCOL TERMS AND PRESENTATION, NEXT WEEK'S VISIT IS NOT THE RETURN MATCH FOR MR GORBACHEV'S VISIT TO THE UK LAST APRIL).

3. ''WORKING'' STATUS MEANS THAT THERE WILL NOT BE A GUARD OF HONOUR AT THE AIRPORT AND THAT THERE NEED BE NO FORMAL RECEPTION CEREMONY AT THE KREMLIN.

4. THE PRINCIPAL ELEMENTS TO EMERGE IN THE SOVIET DRAFT PROGRAMME ARE AS FOLLOWS:

THURSDAY 7 JUNE

ARRIVAL ARRANGEMENTS: THE PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT HAD UNILATERALLY DECIDED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER SHOULD LAND AT 2200, CLAIMING THAT 2220 WAS TOO LATE. WE REPLIED THAT THE TIME OF ARRIVAL WAS DICTATED BY THE PRIME MINISTER'S ENGAGEMENTS IN THE UK. WE THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO BRING THIS FORWARD, BUT

UNDERTOOK TO ENQUIRE IF IT COULD BE ADVANCED
BY 20 MINUTES. GRATEFUL FOR INSTRUCTIONS.

THE PRIME MINISTER WILL (PROVISIONALLY) BE MET BY:

PRIME MINISTER RYZHKOV

LAVEROV (DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND CHAIRMAN OF STATE COMMITTEE
FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, WHO DROPPED OUT OF A
SCHEDULED VISIT TO THE UK TWO WEEKS AGO)

KVITSINSKY (NEW DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR EUROPE)
AMBASSADOR ZAMYATIN

CHERNYSHEV (HEAD OF PROTOCOL)

USPENSKY (HEAD OF SECOND EUROPEAN DEPARTMENT)

FLAGS WILL BE RAISED, BUT THE MFA PROPOSE TO HAVE NO/NO ARRIVAL
STATEMENTS AT THE AIRPORT. THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD THEREFORE STEP
INTO THE MOTORCADE AFTER SHAKING HANDS IN THE RECEPTION LINE. IT HAS
YET TO BE DECIDED WHETHER RYZHKOV OR LAVEROV WILL ACCOMPANY HER INTO
TOWN.

FRIDAY 8 JUNE

THE SOVIET PLAN IS AS FOLLOWS:

NO TIME GIVEN	CALL AT MOSSOVIET
1010	WREATH LAYING
1030	TALKS WITH PRESIDENT GORBACHEV
1300	LUNCH
1500	MEETING WITH RYZHKOV
1600	SIGNING CEREMONY
1630	MEETING WITH DEFENCE MINISTER YAZOV AND OTHER MILITARY LEADERS
1730	PRIME MINISTER'S PRESS CONFERENCE OR TV INTERVIEW
1930	OFFICIAL DINNER IN THE FACETED HALL OF THE KREMLIN

COMMENT

A) MILITARY ROUND TABLE

WE AGAIN PRESSED VERY HARD FOR THE MEETING WITH THE MILITARY
TO START THE DAY (AT 8.30 OR 8.45), STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE THE
PRIME MINISTER ATTACHED TO A FULL AND UNCONSTRICTED DISCUSSION
OF AT LEAST AN HOUR. WE MET A WALL OF RESISTANCE. COUNTER-
ARGUMENTS WERE:

- 1630 WAS ALREADY FIXED IN YAZOV'S PROGRAMME. THE MORNING
MIGHT NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR HIM.
- PROTOCOL AND TRADITION DICTATED THAT THE PM'S FIRST
SUBSTANTIVE MEETING SHOULD BE WITH THE HOST, GORBACHEV.
- A MEETING AT 1630 COULD BE EXTENDED BY DELAYING THE

SUBSEQUENT PRESS CONFERENCE.

WE REPLIED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD BE UNWORRIED BY PROTOCOLAIRE REFINEMENTS, BUT WOULD NOT WISH TO MEET THE MILITARY FIRST IF GORBACHEV PERSONALLY PREFERRED TO HAVE THE FIRST ROUND WITH HER. WITH MUCH RELUCTANCE, THE MFA AGREED TO CONSULT FURTHER, BEFORE GIVING A DEFINITIVE REPLY TO OUR PROPOSAL. USPENSKY CAME INTO THE MEETING TO ASK FOR MORE PRECISION ABOUT THE POINTS THE PM WISHED TO PUT TO THE MILITARY. WE SAID THAT IN GENERAL HER PERSPECTIVE ON THE FUTURE OF EAST/WEST RELATIONS, OF EUROPEAN SECURITY AND ARMS CONTROL, AND TO STIMULATE A ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION. USPENSKY NEVERTHELESS PRESSED FOR US TO SPECIFY ''4 OR 5 QUESTIONS'', TO HELP THE MILITARY PREPARE THEMSELVES (AND POSSIBLY DETERMINE WHICH COMMANDERS SHOULD ATTEND). GRATEFUL FOR INSTRUCTIONS.

B) PRESS CONFERENCE:

THE MFA'S ASSUMPTION WAS THAT GORBACHEV DID NOT ENVISAGE A JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE WITH THE PRIME MINISTER. THIS POSITION WAS NOT EXPRESSED FIRMLY, AND IT WOULD BE OPEN TO US TO GO BACK TO THEM IF THE PRIME MINISTER HAD A STRONG DESIRE TO HOLD THE PRESS CONFERENCE JOINTLY (AS MITTERRAND DID WITH GORBACHEV ON 25 MAY). HOLDING THE PRESS CONFERENCE JOINTLY COULD AFFECT THE TIMING. UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO THE CONTRARY, WE SHALL ASSUME THE PRIME MINISTER IS CONTENT WITH A PURELY BRITISH OCCASION.

C) MOSSOVIET:

IT WAS AGREED THAT THE FATE OF THIS ITEM WOULD BE DECIDED BY A) ABOVE, WITH THE POSSIBILITY THAT MR THATCHER WOULD STAND IN FOR THE PRIME MINISTER AT THE PRESENTATION.

MR THATCHER'S PROGRAMME ON 8 JUNE

THE MFA THOUGHT IT LIKELY, BUT FAR FROM CERTAIN (''51 PER CENT OR MORE'') THAT LUNCH ON 8 JUNE WOULD INCLUDE MR THATCHER AND MRS GORBACHEVA. WE PRESSED FOR EARLY CONFIRMATION, TO ALLOW TIME TO MAKE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS IF NECESSARY. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT WE SHALL NOT RECEIVE THE ANSWER BEFORE THE GORBACHEVS RETURN FROM THE USA.

WE SPOKE TO YOUR TELNO 942. IN REPLY, THE MFA OFFERED A TOUR OF MOSCOW BEGINNING AT 1500, WHICH WOULD INCLUDE A VISIT TO THE KUSKOVO ESTATE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN.

COMMENT

A KREMLIN TOUR IN THE MORNING, THE OFFICIAL LUNCH, AND A MOSCOW TOUR IN THE AFTERNOON WOULD LEAVE VERY LITTLE TIME FOR THE OTHER ENGAGEMENTS IN YTUR. GRATEFUL FOR GUIDANCE ON WHETHER MR THATCHER

WOULD PREFER TO DECLINE THE SOVIET OFFER FOR THE AFTERNOON, SO THAT HE COULD THEN CARRY OUT COMMERCIAL ENGAGEMENTS. THE LATTER WOULD STILL GIVE HIM CHANCE TO SEE SOMETHING OF THE TOWN.

SATURDAY 9 JUNE: KIEV

THE MFA WERE ''ALMOST CERTAIN'' THAT PRESIDENT GORBACHEV WOULD FLY ON THE SAME AIRCRAFT AS THE PRIME MINISTER TO KIEV, DEPARTING AT 0900. BUT THEY HAD CONSTRUCTED A DIFFERENT ORDER OF EVENTS THEREAFTER, AS FOLLOWS:

1100-1230 VISIT BRITISH LIFE AND TRADE EXHIBITIONS WITH MR AND GORBACHEV.
1230 THE GORBACHEVS DEPART.
PRIME MINISTER'S INTERVIEW WITH BBC RUSSIAN SERVICE.
1245 PRIME MINISTER DEPARTS FOR MARIENSKY PALACE.
1305-1330 OPPORTUNITY TO REST/FRESHEN UP IN PRIVATE ROOMS AT THE PALACE.
1330 OFFICIAL LUNCH ATTENDED BY THE GORBACHEVS AND THE CHAIRMEN OF THE UKRAINIAN SUPREME SOVIET AND UKRAINIAN COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.
1450 PRIME MINISTER LAYS WREATH AT TOMB OF UNKNOWN SOLDIER
1505-1530 VISIT PECHERY LAVRA
1535 WALKABOUT IN OCTOBER REVOLUTION SQUARE.
1550 ATTEND BRITISH COUNCIL BOOK AND FASHION EXHIBITIONS (MRS GORBACHEVA IS EXPECTED TO JOIN THE PM FOR THIS ITEM).
1620 LAY FLOWERS AT BABI YAR MEMORIAL
1630 DEPART FOR THE GUEST HOUSE AT MEZHIGORIYE
1650 ARRIVE GUEST HOUSE
1825 DEPART GUEST HOUSE
1845 VISIT KIEVSKI RUSS CINEMA FOR DEMONSTRATION OF HIGH DEFINITION TV FOLLOWED BY INTERVIEW WITH UKRAINIAN TELEVISION
1930 ATTEND PERFORMANCE OF ''XERXES'' WITH MR AND MRS GORBACHEV, AND THE CHAIRMEN OF THE UKRAINIAN SUPREME SOVIET AND COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, AND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER LAVEROV

AT CONCLUSION OF OPERA, MR AND MRS GORBACHEV TO TAKE THEIR LEAVE OF THE PRIME MINISTER.

COMMENT

THE SOVIET PROPOSALS FOR 9 JUNE IGNORE MANY OF THE POINTS AGREED WITH THE RECONNAISSANCE PARTY. WE SAID THAT WE WOULD CONSULT

YOU BEFORE REPLYING DEFINITELY. MIFT CONTAINS A SUGGESTED REVISION OF THE 9 JUNE PROGRAMME WHICH MIGHT RECONCILE THE SOVIET AND BRITISH VERSIONS. WE MADE THE FOLLOWING IMMEDIATE OBSERVATIONS:

- A) WE HAD DROPPED THE INTERVIEW WITH THE BBC RUSSIAN SERVICE AND REPLACED IT BY THE JOHN BROWN SIGNATURE CEREMONY AND THE PRESENTATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS TO SOVIET STUDENTS.
- B) WE DID NOT THINK THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD WISH TO SPEND 40 MINUTES DRIVING TO AND FROM THE MEZHIGORIYE RESIDENCE IN ORDER TO CHANGE AND REST. WE MUCH PREFERRED THE ARRANGEMENT WITH THE RECONNAISSANCE PARTY FOR HER TO CHANGE BEFORE THE OPERA IN A SUITE AT THE HOTEL KIEV. THIS MET STRONG RESISTANCE. THE MFA ARGUED THAT THERE WERE SECURITY PROBLEMS OVER THE USE BY THE PRIME MINISTER OF A HOTEL, AND THAT SHE WOULD FIND THE GUEST HOUSE A MORE PLEASANT PLACE TO RELAX AND POSSIBLY TAKE A WALK. WE REPLIED THAT 40 MINUTES IN A CAR WOULD NOT BE RELAXING, AND WOULD WASTE TIME, AND STOOD OUR GROUND. THE MFA INDICATED THAT THEY MIGHT LOOK FOR AN ALTERNATIVE GUEST HOUSE IN THE CENTRE OF KIEV. WE SAID THAT THERE WAS NO OBJECTION TO THE PRIME MINISTER SPENDING THE NIGHT IN THE MEZHIGORIYE RESIDENCE.
- C) OPERA: THE MFA WERE UNAWARE OF THE AGREEMENT THAT THE OPERA WOULD BEGIN AT 1900, AND THAT THE RUNNING TIME WAS 3 HOURS 40 MINUTES. THEY HAD ALSO FORGOTTEN THE RANK XEROX RECEPTION. THEY WILL MAKE FURTHER ENQUIRIES. IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT PRESIDENT AND MRS GORBACHEVA WILL ATTEND THE RECEPTION, BUT THIS DOES NOT NECESSARILY HAVE TO BE DETERMINED IN ADVANCE.

SUNDAY 10 JUNE

THE PRIME MINISTER WILL BE SEEN OFF AT THE AIRPORT BY THE UKRAINIAN LEADERSHIP, AND WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER LAVEROV. AT LENINAKAN THE PRIME MINISTER WILL BE MET BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ARMENIAN SUPREME SOVIET AND BY THE MAYOR. WHEN THE PM RETURNS TO KIEV TO CHANGE AIRCRAFT, SHE WILL BE MET AND SEEN OFF BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE UKRAINIAN COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, MASOL.

THE ONLY CHANGES TO THE PROGRAMME FOR 10 JUNE RESULT FROM THE FLIGHT TO LENINAKAN TAKING LONGER THAN PREVIOUSLY ANTICIPATED. THE NEW TIMINGS ARE:

0900 DEPART BORISPOL AIRPORT, KIEV
1220 (LOCAL) ARRIVE LENINAKAN
1630 DEPART LENINAKAN
1805 LAND BORISPOL

1900 LEAVE BORISPOL

COMMENT

THIS WOULD PRESUMABLY DELAY THE RETURN TO HEATHROW TO APPROXIMATELY 1955. IS THAT TOO LATE?

NEXT MEETING

5. WE HAVE TOLD THE MFA THAT WE SHALL SEEK INSTRUCTIONS RAPIDLY. WE WOULD LIKE TO HOLD A FURTHER MEETING WITH THEM BY THE END OF THE WEEK. GRATEFUL THEREFORE FOR A REPLY DESKBY 011500Z IF POSSIBLE.

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MIPT: VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER TO SOVIET UNION: PROGRAMME IN KIEV

1. WE PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING DRAFT PROGRAMME FOR THE KIEV LEG AS A MEANS OF RECONCILING EXISTING BRITISH AND SOVIET PROPOSALS. THE PROGRAMME OMITTS THE VISIT TO PECHERY LAVRA MONASTERY IN ORDER TO ALLOW FOR A TOUR OF THE BRITISH COUNCIL EXHIBITION AT 1545, WHICH WOULD DOVETAIL WITH MRS GORBACHEVA'S PROGRAMME, AND MORE GENERALLY TO RELIEVE PRESSURE ON THE AFTERNOON PROGRAMME. GRATEFUL FOR YOUR COMMENTS.

SATURDAY 9 JUNE

0730 BREAKFAST IN RESIDENCE WITH MEMBERS OF JEWISH COMMUNITY
0830 LEAVE RESIDENCE
0855 ARRIVE VNUKOVO 2 AIRPORT
0900 DEPART FOR KIEV ON SOVIET PLANE (PROBABLY ON PRESIDENT'S PLANE)
1015 ARRIVE BORISPOL AIRPORT, KIEV
ARRIVAL CEREMONY
1025 LEAVE AIRPORT FOR BRITISH EXHIBITION SITE
1100 VISIT TO BRITISH LIFE EXHIBITION WITH PRESIDENT AND MRS GORBACHEV
1140 WALK TO TRADE EXHIBITION. POSSIBILITY OF MEETING CROWD LINING ROUTE AND OF SHORT INTERVIEW WITH UKRAINIAN PRESS
1150 VISIT TO BRITISH TRADE EXHIBITION
1225 (PRESIDENT AND MRS GORBACHEV LEAVE EXHIBITION SITE)
ATTEND JOHN BROWN SIGNING CEREMONY
1235 PRESENT SCHOLARSHIPS TO SOVIET STUDENTS
1250 LEAVE FOR KIEV HOTEL, OR FOR MARIENSKY PALACE (VERY CLOSE TO EACH OTHER)
1305 FRESHEN UP EITHER AT HOTEL OR AT PALACE
1330 LUNCH AT MARIENSKY PALACE HOSTED BY PRESIDENT GORBACHEV
1430 LEAVE PALACE FOR WREATH LAYING
LAY WREATH AT TOMB OF UNKNOWN SOLDIER (PRESIDENT AND MRS GORBACHEVA LEAVE TO FOLLOW OWN PROGRAMME)
1450 LEAVE FOR OCTOBER REVOLUTION SQUARE
1500 WALKABOUT
1515 LEAVE FOR BABI YAR

1525 LAY FLOWERS AT BABI YAR
 1535 LEAVE FOR BRITISH COUNCIL BOOK AND FASHION EXHIBITIONS
 1545 ARRIVE EXHIBITION. VISIT WITH MRS GORBACHEVA.
 1615 LEAVE FOR KIEVSKI RUSS CINEMA FOR CENTRAL TV DEMONSTRATION
 AND INTERVIEW
 (MRS GORBACHEVA AGAIN FOLLOWS OWN PROGRAMME)
 1625 ARRIVE KIEVSKI RUSS CINEMA
 1650 LEAVE FOR KIEV HOTEL
 1700 ARRIVE HOTEL. TIME TO CHANGE AND HAVE LIGHT SUPPER
 1835 LEAVE HOTEL FOR OPERA
 1840 ATTEND PRE PERFORMANCE RECEPTION HOSTED BY RANK XEROX
 1855 TAKE SEAT
 1900 PERFORMANCE OF XERXES ATTENDED BY PRESIDENT AND MRS
 GORBACHEVA
 2240 OPERA ENDS. MEETING WITH PEFORMERS BACKSTAGE. PRESIDENT
 AND MRS GORBACHEV SAY FAREWELL - EITHER AT END OF OPERA
 OR AFTER BRIEF APPEARANCE AT POST-PERFORMANCE RECEPTION
 2300 ATTEND RANK XEROX RECEPTION
 2330 LEAVE RECEPTION FOR UKRAINIAN STATE GUEST HOUSE
 2350 ARRIVE GUEST HOUSE AT MEZHIGORIYE

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May 26th, 1990

Dear Mr Powell

Thank you for your letter of 24th May which I have received at home this morning, and I am most appreciative of the contents, and delighted that the Prime Minister would be pleased to witness the signature of the agreement. This is not an agreement to open a pharmacy (as in Tbilisi) but it is an agreement to open a distribution centre for pharmacies for the whole of the area, rather than a retail outlet, as I explained earlier.

I have appraised my personal assistant, Graham Thornton, of the situation and also Mr. Charles Rommer, and we shall be contacting Malcolm McKinnon at the Department of Trade and Industry as you suggest about the detailed arrangements. We would be quite happy to come in at the end of the appointment at John Browne's in the same building, which would save the Prime Minister another journey and valuable minutes of her time.

I am deeply appreciative of the Prime Minister's consideration in this matter.

yours sincerely



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Jean Robert,

Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster's
Visit to the Soviet Union

Although we have not yet established a firm ETA for the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster in Kiev, on the assumption that he will arrive around mid-afternoon we have made a stab at a programme for him and Sir Jeffrey Stirling. I enclose a copy. You may also be interested in the enclosed account of the British Days in Kiev.

We will suggest which companies' stands Mr Baker might visit when we have had further advice from the Coordinator's Office in Kiev and the DTI; we shall want the Chancellor of the Duchy to give his personal support and encouragement to some of the stands which the Prime Minister will not be visiting.

I am copying this letter to Charles Powell (No 10) and Ben Slocock (DTI).

Yours ever,

Richard Gozney

(R H T Gozney)
Private Secretary

Robert Canniff Esq
PS/Chancellor of the Duchy
of Lancaster

VISIT OF CHANCELLOR OF THE DUCHY OF LANCASTER TO KIEV,
9 JUNE

(Say)

1500	Arrives Kiev Airport
1545	Arrive Ukranian Park of Economic Achievements. Exhibition, 'British Life Today'. Tour (Mr Richard Muir, Head of Information Department, FCO, will escort)
1630	Tour Exhibition, 'British Industry Today'
1730	Leave for Hotel; refreshments
1820	Depart for Opera House
1830	Reception at Opera House
1850	Take seats
1900	Curtain up on Xerxes (opera lasts 3 hrs 40 mins, with 2 intervals during which drinks will be served)

Later Attend reception given by Rank Xerox
and British Council

Later To State Guest House

"BRITISH DAYS IN THE USSR (KIEV, JUNE 1990)"

From 4 to 30 June, upwards of 25 exhibitions, stage productions, musical performances and other activities will take place in Kiev. This will be by far the largest British event staged in the Soviet Union. The aim is to inform the Ukrainian and other Soviet people about contemporary Britain; and to promote co-operation between people in Britain and the Ukraine, especially in commerce and industry, the arts and the media. A list of events is attached.

HRH The Princess Royal will open the event in the course of the first official visit to the Soviet Union by a member of the British Royal Family. The Prime Minister together, it is hoped, with Mr Gorbachev will attend as well as Lord Whitelaw, President of the Great Britain-USSR Association, the Lord Mayor of London, the Lord Provost of Edinburgh (Kiev's twin city) and the Leader of Birmingham City Council (the host city to a similar Soviet event in 1988), the chairman of the British Council and other personalities.

Kiev

Kiev is the capital of the Ukrainian republic - a territory of over 600,000 square kilometres with a population exceeding 50 million. The city, more than 1500 years old and the cradle of ancient 'Rus' civilisation, is now the third largest in the Soviet Union, with nearly 3,000,000 inhabitants, and is a major cultural, scientific and industrial centre.

Organisation

"British Days" is being co-ordinated in this country by the Great Britain-USSR Association in close collaboration with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Further information can be obtained from:

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14 May 1990

LIST OF EVENTS

'BRITISH LIFE TODAY' EXHIBITION (4 - 30 June)

The centre-piece of "British Days" will be a major exhibition, 'British Life Today', organised and funded by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. It aims to present Britain as a dynamic, innovative and open society, using the theme of a family of five and illustrating all aspects of their daily lives and their place in society.

BRITISH INDUSTRY TODAY (4 - 14 June)

The trade exhibition, organised by the Department of Trade and Industry in conjunction with the British-Soviet Chamber of Commerce, will concentrate on those sectors of industry which have particular interest to the Ukraine, eg scientific instruments and medical equipment; agriculture, food and food processing; pharmaceuticals; hotels and tourism. It is expected that the Lord Mayor of London will close the exhibition on 14 June. The London Chamber of Commerce and Industry are organising a seminar programme to accompany the trade exhibition.

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA (7 - 10 June)

The ENO will give two performances of its award winning production of 'Xerxes' by Handel (7 and 9 June) and two of Jonathan Miller's production of 'The Turn of the Screw' by Benjamin Britten (8 and 10 June).

FILM AND TELEVISION FESTIVAL (4 - 11 June)

A festival of British television and film coordinated by the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA), Central Independent Television and the British Council. It is hoped to show 7 films including a gala showing of the recently restored 'Lawrence of Arabia' in the presence of the Princess Royal on 4 June. A selection of British television programmes will be shown at peak time on Ukrainian TV and there will also be a season of British television programmes at two major cinema locations focussing on a variety of different themes. The British Council are organising a complementary exhibition entitled 'Contemporary British Filmmakers'.

TWENTIETH CENTURY BRITISH ART EXHIBITION (4 - 30 June)

An exhibition of 20th century fine art with approximately 20-30 major works from the British Council collection documenting the vitality of 20th century British art. Artists included will be: the Freuds, Hockney, Sickert, Paul Nash, Sutherland, Henry Moore, Ben Nicholson, Bridget Riley and Howard Hodgkin.

RED ARROWS (23 - 24 June)

Displays by the Royal Air Force Red Arrows aerobatic flying team.

ii) A double-decker exhibition bus will be driven out to Kiev where it will be used both at the main exhibition complex and at other sites around the city. The lower deck will be arranged as a walk-round exhibition and the upper deck will have a screen and seats where people may watch a short video on the World Service.

TRANSPORT FOR THE DISABLED (4 - 22 June)

A specially adapted minibus will be driven to Kiev to transport local residents with mobility difficulties to the exhibitions and other events. In so doing, it will demonstrate a social service which operates throughout London and other British cities.

FASHION EXHIBITION (4 - 30 June)

A British Council touring exhibition entitled 'All Dressed Up' which chronicles the main developments and recent trends in British fashion during the 1980's. It illustrates the creativity and diversity within the fashion industry in Britain.

NEW WORKS ON PAPER EXHIBITION (4 - 30 June)

A British Council exhibition of about 60 contemporary works, all on paper, using different techniques (eg, wax crayons, watercolours, acrylic, collage) which demonstrates the interest in figuration which has developed in Britain in recent years.

BOOK EXHIBITIONS (4 - 30 June)

Three separate exhibitions of books on management, English language teaching and of popular periodicals and journals.

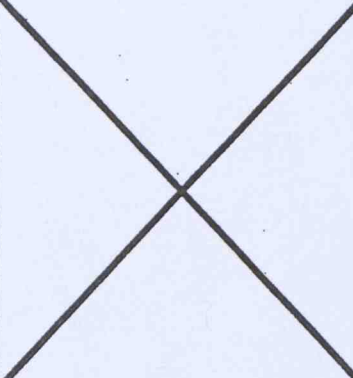
FILM ANIMATION PROJECT (10 - 30 June approx)

During the last seven years, the Animation Workshop in Edinburgh has pioneered a programme of animation film making by young people. The aim of this project is to produce a 5 minute animation film made by a class of schoolchildren (13/14 year olds) in Kiev. The film will be made in a local school over a two week period with a further week of post production, editing etc and the completed film will eventually be shown on Kiev TV.

CONCERTS OF BRITISH MUSIC

Concerts (possibly with British soloists) to be performed by the State Symphony Orchestra of the Ministry of Culture of the USSR under its Artistic Director, Gennady Rozhdestvensky, who founded it on his return to Moscow after his time as Chief Conductor of the BBC Symphony Orchestra.

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From the Private Secretary

24 May 1990

Dear Richard,

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION

I have now seen Moscow telegram no. 967 about the Prime Minister's programme in the Soviet Union.

It is still not clear whether the Embassy have pressed the Russians hard to allow us to have a meeting with the Soviet military on the Friday morning, before the start of the official programme. It seems to me this is the only occasion when we shall really have time for a proper talk, of which we need at least a clear hour. Having it at 1630 or so would be very much second-best and would mean sacrificing various media opportunities, which would be a pity. I should be grateful if Sir Rodric Braithwaite could use all his powers of persuasion with the Russians in favour of the earlier meeting. We can always drop the Anglo-Soviet trade centre briefing: the Prime Minister has already had it once. Mr. Thatcher could go in her stead.

I have already written with suggestions for Mr. Thatcher's programme which I hope will not have been received in Moscow.

Similarly I have given some pointers for Mr. Baker. I understand he would like to visit the exhibition in the afternoon, once the Prime Minister has moved on to other things, and have suggested that a member of the Embassy could be detailed to accompany him. He will want to attend the Opera in the evening. I understand that Sir Jeffrey Sterling will no longer accompany him.

*Yours sincerely,
C. D. Powell*

(C. D. POWELL)

Richard Gozney, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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10 DOWNING STREET
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From the Private Secretary

23 May 1990

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION

Thank you for your letter of 23 May about the seating plan for the VC10 for the Prime Minister's visit to the Soviet Union. I am content with this, and enclose the menus appropriately marked.

Charles Powell

J.S. Wall, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office



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London SW1A 2AH

23 May 1990

Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's visit to the
Soviet Union

I submit for your approval a seating plan for the RAF VC10.

I also submit suggested menus and would be grateful to know your preferences.

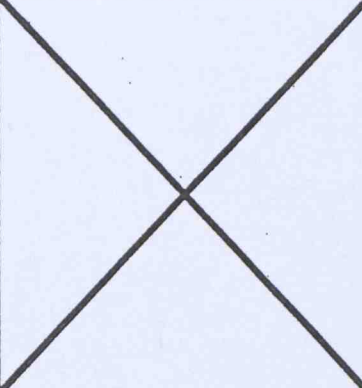
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PROPOSED MENUS FOR THE PRIME MINISTER TRAVELLING ON RAF VC10
ASCOT 1132 TO THE USSR OVER THE PERIOD
7 TO 10 JUN 90

HEATHROW - PRESTWICK (7 JUN)

MORNING COFFEE

INCLUDES:
SELECTION OF BISCUITS
DANISH PASTRIES
TEA/COFFEE

PRESTWICK - MOSCOW (7 JUN)

AFTERNOON TEA

INCLUDES:
SELECTION OF RECEPTION SANDWICHES
SMALL CAKES
PLAIN/CHOCOLATE BISCUITS
SCONES
CLOTTED CREAM AND PRESERVES
TEA/COFFEE

DINNER

HOT AND COLD CANAPES
ASPARAGUS MIMOSA
ROAST ENGLISH LAMB
REDCURRANT JELLY
CHATEAU POTATOES
BABY CARROTS
PETIT POIS
STRAWBERRIES ROMANNOFF WITH FRESH CREAM
CHEESE/BISCUITS
COFFEE
WINE

OR

~~HOT AND COLD CANAPES
PATE EN CROUTE
DARNE SALMON WITH CREAM/MUSHROOM SAUCE
PARSLIED NEW POTATOES
BROCCOLI FLORETS
BABY SWEETCORN
SUMMER PUDDING WITH FRESH CREAM
CHEESE/BISCUITS
COFFEE
WINE~~

MOSCOW - KIEV (9 JUN)

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

INCLUDES:
FRESH FRUIT APPETISER
FRESH FRUIT JUICE
TOAST/ROLLS/CROISSANTS
PRESERVES
TEA/COFFEE

KIEV - HEATHROW (10 JUN)

DINNER

HOT AND COLD CANAPES
POTTED SHRIMPS WITH BROWN BREAD
FILLET OF PORK WITH MADEIRA SAUCE
SAUTE POTATOES
FINE GREEN BEANS
VICHY CARROTS
RASPBERRY CHEESE CAKE
CHEESE/BISCUITS
COFFEE
WINE

OR

~~SMOKED MACKEREL MOUSSE
BRAISED DUCK WITH ORANGE SAUCE
PARISIENNE POTATOES
PEAS FLAMANDE
BROCCOLI POLONAISE
RUM BABA WITH CREAM
CHEESE/BISCUITS
COFFEE
WINE~~

Note: Fish meals will be provided for one passenger

Vegetarian meals will be provided for one passenger

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From the Private Secretary

22 May 1990

Dear Robert,

**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.

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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

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION

THURSDAY 7 JUNE

- 2220 Arrive Moscow: arrival ceremony (to include Honour Guard)
- 2235 Depart airport in motorcade for HM Ambassador's residence
- 2255 Arrive residence: overnight

FRIDAY 8 JUNE

- 0815 Meeting with Soviet military
- 0915 Depart Ambassador's residence for Mossoviet
- 0925 Arrive Mossoviet: Presentation by the Carroll Group on their proposals for new British/Soviet Trade Centre
- 0955 Depart Mossoviet for residence
- 1032 Depart for the Kremlin
- 1040 Official reception ceremonies
- 1050 Depart for the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
- 1055 Lay wreath
- 1102 Return to the Kremlin
- 1105 Talks with President Gorbachev
- 1300 Working lunch hosted by the President
- 1430 Lunch ends: drive to the residence
- 1500 Return to the Kremlin: talks with Prime Minister Ryzhkov
- 1605 Signing Ceremony (Long Term Economic and Industrial Cooperation, etc)
- 1630 Joint press conference
- 1715 Conference ends: return to the residence
- 1720 Arrive residence
- 1730 Media interviews (or interview with Soviet TV)
- 1820 Change for dinner
- 1918 Leave Embassy for the Kremlin
- 1920 Arrive: met and escorted to the St Vladimir's Hall. With President Gorbachev, greet other dinner guests
- c2100 Dinner ends
Depart for the residence: overnight

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SATURDAY 9 JUNE

- 0800 Breakfast for refuseniks 0830 Leave residence for airport
- 0855 Arrive airport: farewells
- 0900 Depart by air for Kiev
- 1015 Arrive Kiev airport: arrival ceremonies
- 1025 Leave airport for British exhibitions
- 1100 Arrive Park of Economic Achievements: tour British Life Exhibition
- 1130 Walk to Trade Exhibiton: possibility of stopping en route to greet crowds lining the road. Short doorstep interviews with Ukrainian TV and reporters? (5 minutes?)
- 1140 Tour British Trade Exhibition
- 1210 Signature ceremony: John Brown joint venture
- 1220 Walk to Pavillion 3: presentation of scholarships to Ukrainian students
- 1235 Depart Exhibition site for Kiev Hotel
- 1250 Arrive hotel: opportunity to freshen up
- 1312 Leave hotel for Marienski Palace
- 1315 Lunch hosted by Ukrainian Authorities
- 1430 Depart for Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
- 1440 Arrive and lay wreath
- 1450 Depart for Pechery Lavra Monastery
- 1455 Arrive: tour Monastery
- 1525 Depart Monastery for October Revolution Square
- 1530 Walkabout in the Square
- 1545 Depart for Babi Yar Memorial
- 1555 Arrive and view Babi Yar
- 1605 Depart for Cinema
- 1610 Arrive: demonstration of High Definition TV followed by short (10 minutes) interview with Central TV
- 1640 Depart for British Council Book Exhibition
- 1645 Tour British Council Book Exhibition and British Fashion Exhibition
- 1700 Depart for Kiev Hotel
- 1710 Arrive hotel: hair, change and a snack meal

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- 1840 Depart for Kiev Opera House
- 1845 Look in on pre-performance reception at the Opera House
- 1855 Walk to seat escorted by Rank Xerox and British Council representatives
- 1900 Opera begins (3 hours 40 minutes long: 2 intervals during which drinks will be served)
- 2240 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

- 0840 Depart Guest House for airport
- 0910 Arrive airport: farewells
- 0915 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
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
- 1250 Opening ceremony (short speeches from the Prime Minister and Armenian Prime Minister, followed by Mrs Thatcher unveiling a plaque)
- 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 three hundred yards to the waiting motorcade (the Prime Minister may greet some of the people who live here)
- 1345 Depart by car for the Ani redevelopment area, where new houses are being constructed for the homeless, and

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- 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?)
- 1605 Depart for the Memorial for those who died in the earthquake
- 1610 Arrive memorial: lay wreath
- 1615 Depart for the airport
- 1625 Arrive airport: farewells
- 1630 Depart in Soviet plane for Kiev (2 hour flight less 1 hour time difference)
- 1730 Arrive Kiev airport: transfer to VC 10
- 1745 Depart Kiev by air for London (3 hour 55 minute flight less 3 hour time difference)
- 1840 Arrive LHR: return to No 10



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Answers

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

21 May 1990

Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's Visit to Moscow

We shall try to ensure that the Prime Minister has a good package of new bilateral agreements and initiatives for her visit to the Soviet Union. It is likely to include a new Long Term Agreement on Economic and Technical Cooperation; an MOU on Management Training which would expand on our existing effort; an Agreement on the opening of a Cultural Centre in Moscow; and, if a viable proposal can be worked up and agreement reached in Whitehall in time, the first announcement of a planned scheme to help small businesses in the Soviet Union. The Prime Minister will also be promoting the British Trade Centre project, which should also be seen as a successful outcome of her talks in Moscow. We are also discussing with the Department of Education and Science the series of new lectureships on Soviet studies in British universities. This is proving difficult. We shall write again soon.

We have been giving further thought to publicity. The Foreign Secretary agrees that a TV interview would be best. In the Soviet Union in April he was struck by the way in which Russians at all levels had vivid memories of the Prime Minister's 1987 interview. He believes strongly that she should go for an interview again; but equally strongly that it should be during her visit, and not recorded in London in advance (your letter of 15 May). It would have far greater impact and immediacy if done on the spot. Although time is short, might it be possible to fit it in in the afternoon of 8 June, if necessary sacrificing the British media interviews which could perhaps be put off until later in the visit?

Yours ever,

(R H T Gozney)
Private Secretary

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LONDON SW1A 2AA

From the Private Secretary

21 May 1990

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION

I promised to let you know the arrangements which we envisage for the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster to join the Prime Minister's party for the visit to Armenia for the opening of the British school. The Prime Minister has now discussed this with Mr. Baker. The plan is that he and Sir Jeffrey Sterling (who was one of the main private contributors to the school) should fly out to Kiev in the course of Saturday 9 June. It is not quite clear what time they will arrive but probably during the afternoon. They would both then fly down with the Prime Minister on the Soviet plane to Leninakan on Sunday morning, accompany her during the programme there and back to Kiev, returning to London on Sir Jeffrey Sterling's aircraft.

We have already provided for Mr. Baker to stay in the Government Guest House in Kiev. I imagine we should help Sir Jeffrey find accommodation in a hotel, ideally the same one as other members of the Prime Minister's party will be in. There is also the question of a programme for Mr. Baker and Sir Jeffrey on the Saturday. They would like to visit the British exhibition, but should do this separately from the Prime Minister. Perhaps the Embassy in Moscow could provide somebody to escort them. The only point at which they would be involved directly in the Prime Minister's programme in Kiev would be at the Opera and subsequent reception that evening.

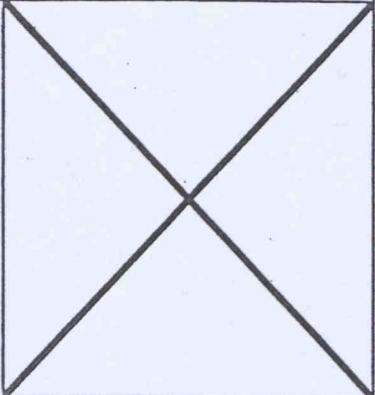
I should be grateful if you could put the necessary arrangements in hand.

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From the Private Secretary

18 May 1990

**PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION:
TRAVEL**

Thank you for your letter of 17 May with travel details for the Prime Minister's visit to the Soviet Union. I am content with the timings and passenger lists which you propose for the various journeys. We should plan on this basis.

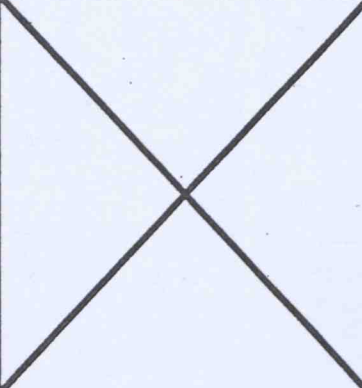
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From the Private Secretary

16 May 1990

**PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO MOSCOW:
MEETING WITH THE SOVIET MILITARY**

I have now seen Moscow telegram number 874 about the idea of a meeting between the Prime Minister and the Soviet military leaders.

The Prime Minister attaches importance to such a meeting and will want ample time found for it. In practice, this is likely to mean at least an hour. The best time, as the programme is organised at present, would be early on the morning of the Friday (possibly over breakfast) before the Prime Minister meets Mr. Gorbachev at the Kremlin. This would mean the Russians accepting that, in protocol terms, the meeting would be outside the official programme. Otherwise we would have to go for the late afternoon of the Friday: but this would be more cramped.

As to participation, I am no expert on the Soviet military. But I would hope that most of the following might be present: Yazov, Akromeyev, Moiseyev, Lunkov and Gromov, or senior officers of equivalent interest and importance. I would have thought half a dozen about the right number. The Prime Minister envisages a round table discussion. She would want to see them alone with just a note-taker and interpreter. She would be perfectly happy to go to them rather than have them come to the Embassy if that were more convenient.

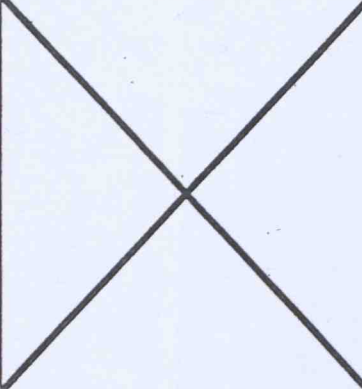
You will wish to draw on this in sending instructions to Sir Roderic Braithwaite for tomorrow.

C. D. POWELL

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YOUR TELNO 824: POSSIBLE MEETING BETWEEN THE PRIME MINISTER AND SOVIET MILITARY LEADERS

1. I SOUNDED CHERNYAYEV IN MY BILATERAL MEETING WITH HIM ON 14 MAY FOLLOWING THE JOINT DEMARCHE WITH THE US AMBASSADOR.

2. CHERNYAYEV TELEPHONED ON THE MORNING OF 15 MAY TO SAY THAT HE HAD CONSULTED BOTH GORBACHEV AND YAZOV. GORBACHEV "HAD NO OBJECTION" TO THE IDEA. NOR DID YAZOV. LYNE ASKED WHETHER THIS MEANT THAT GORBACHEV WAS FIRMLY IN FAVOUR, AS I HAD TOLD CHERNYAYEV THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD ONLY WISH TO MEET MILITARY LEADERS IF GORBACHEV CONSIDERED THIS USEFUL. CHERNYAYEV ASSENTED: THE MEETING HAD GORBACHEV'S SUPPORT, AND YAZOV'S APPROVAL. WE SHOULD NOW FIX THE DETAILS THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

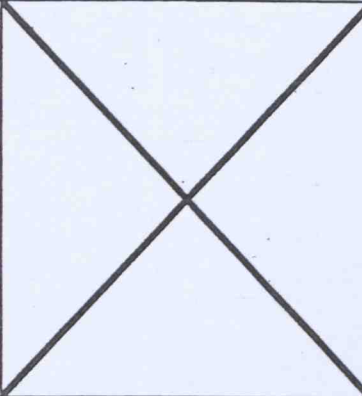
3. AS SOON AS WE HAVE YOUR CONFIRMED INSTRUCTIONS, AND AN INDICATION OF HOW YOU WOULD LIKE THIS TO FIT INTO THE PROGRAMME IN FCO TELNO 846, WE SHALL APPROACH THE MFA AND THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE. COULD YOU GIVE US FURTHER GUIDANCE ON THE LENGTH AND FORMAT OF THE MEETING, AND THE SORT OF MILITARY LEADERS WHOM THE PRIME MINISTER HOPES TO MEET?

4. GRATEFUL IF WE COULD RECEIVE YOUR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS BY 171300Z SO THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DEFENCE CAN BE BRIEFED BEFORE HIS FINAL MEETING WITH MARSHAL YAZOV. MR KING WILL OBVIOUSLY WISH TO DISCUSS THE MEETING IN GENERAL TERMS WITH HIS SOVIET COUNTERPART.

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From the Private Secretary

15 May 1990

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION:
WREATH LAYING CEREMONIES

Thank you for your letter of 15 May about wreath laying ceremonies during the Prime Minister's visit to the Soviet Union. I agree with what you propose.

Charles Powell

Richard Gozney Esq
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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15 May 1990

Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's Visit to the Soviet Union: 7-10 June 1990:
Wreath Laying Ceremonies

We recommend that the Prime Minister lay wreaths as follows during her visit to the Soviet Union:

- a. Moscow - Tomb of the Unknown Soldier ✓

Wreath of fresh flowers, with red, white and blue riband with the wording "The Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland" printed in gold. No card.

- b. Kiev

- i. Tomb of the Unknown Soldier ✓

Wreath of fresh flowers, with red, white and blue riband with the wording "The Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland" printed in gold. No card.

- ii. Monument to the Dead of the Second World War ✓

Bouquet of red carnations and card with the words "From the Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher, FRS, MP". No riband.

- c. Leninakan - Memorial to those who died in the Earthquake

Wreath of fresh flowers with red, white and blue riband with the wording "From the Government and People of the United Kingdom and Great Britain and Northern Ireland" printed in gold. No card.

If you agree wreaths will be purchased locally and Protocol Department will arrange for the ribands to be printed and sent to Moscow in advance.

Yours ever,

Richard Gozney

(R H T Gozney)
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From the Private Secretary

15 May 1990

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION:
SUPPORT STAFF

Thank you for your letter of 15 May about the administrative arrangements for the Prime Minister's visit to the Soviet Union. I agree that we shall need the support staff listed in your letter.

Charles Powell

Richard Gozney Esq
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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15 May 1990

Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's Visit to the Soviet Union: 7-10 June 1990

I should be grateful for your agreement to the inclusion of the following support staff for the Prime Minister's visit to the Soviet Union:

- a. Conference Officer (Miss B D Davis)
- b. Cabinet Office Communications Coordinator (Mr A J Hart) who will install (and operate) the secure facsimile and Brahm's equipment
- c. Three Royal Military Police, to co-ordinate baggage of officials and press party, undertake safehand runs and guard the Private Office
- d. Two Communications Officers (for communications on RAF VC10)

Yours ever,
Richard Egan

(R H T Gozney)
Private Secretary

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PRIME MINISTER

VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION

I remain uneasy about the Party Chairman's participation in your visit to the Soviet Union.

There is no dispute at all that he is entitled to come to Armenia to see the school which he had such a hand in creating. He had been going to do that anyway, flying there direct with Jeffrey Sterling (who provided much of the money for the school.) Now that Mr Baker has said he is going with you instead, Jeffrey Sterling is thinking of pulling out.

I continue to think that Mr Baker's involvement in your programme in Moscow and Kiev will give rise to a lot of comment and claims that the visit is being exploited for party purposes: and that this will detract from the visit and even overshadow it. Bernard agrees.

In addition, the Foreign Secretary has now heard that Mr Baker is accompanying you and is put out.

I think the best way to resolve this is:

- ✓ for Mr Baker to fly with Jeffrey Sterling to Kiev on the afternoon of the second day of your visit.
- for both of them to accompany you in the Soviet aircraft from Kiev to Armenia, and take part in the programme there.

Agree to put this to him?

Yes

C.D.P.

Charles Powell

15 May 1990

c: Soviet (MJ)



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I met the Reverend Michael Bourdeaux (who is now a visiting fellow of St Edmund Hall, Oxford) at a lunch the other day. He said that he had not had much contact with the Prime Minister since her 1987 visit to the Soviet Union but, particularly given the dramatic increase in religious worship in the Soviet Union since glasnost, he hoped that she would be able to do something further to support Christian worship on her visit to Kiev. If he could be of any help to her, he would be delighted to - his telephone number, in case you do not have it, is 0865 747708.

R.R.B.

ROBIN BUTLER

15 May 1990



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From the Private Secretary

15 May 1990

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION

I have seen the draft programme which has emerged for the Russian visit and have a number of comments on which it would be helpful to have your views and those of Sir Rodric Braithwaite:

- we are awaiting a Soviet response to our proposal that the Prime Minister should meet senior military officers while in the Soviet Union. There are few gaps in the programme when this would be possible, but I still attach a high priority to it. One possibility would be to hold a meeting in place of the media interviews at 1730 on Friday 8 June. Alternatives might be over breakfast on the Friday or Saturday (the first being possible only if the Russians agree to it taking place before the start of the formal programme).
- I think it would be a mistake for the Prime Minister not to see dissidents or Jewish refuseniks as she has in the past. It would suggest that we now felt all was well in the Soviet Union. Again a breakfast meeting on the Friday or Saturday seems the only possibility.
- I think we must have a proper Soviet media event. Given that the programme is so tight, it might be best to arrange for an interview here in London before the Prime Minister's departure. But I think we would have to get an interviewer (or two) sent from the Soviet Union: the Soviet television representative here is altogether too respectful for a good interview.
- the Kiev programme obviously depends in good part on whether Mr. Gorbachev comes for all or part of it. But it is extremely full. If we had to drop something, I would have thought the monastery was probably the least important.
- I am also concerned at the length of time that the Prime Minister is expected to be at the opera. Unless Mr. Gorbachev was also attending, would it not be possible for the Prime Minister to be present only for the last act,

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and the reception afterwards (this was what she did in similar circumstances in Brisbane in 1988)? We could then use the time either for a Soviet media event or simply to recuperate.

I should be grateful for the Department's views and those of the Ambassador in Moscow.

CHARLES POWELL

J.S. Wall, Esq., L.V.O.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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MR. BEAN

cc Mr. Ingham

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION

Thank you for your note of 14 May about the Prime Minister's visit to the Soviet Union. I am grateful for the work which has gone into it. But there are still some points which we shall need to discuss further with the FCO and the Embassy in Moscow. The main ones are as follows:

- we are approaching Gorbachev's office to seek his views on the possibility of a meeting between the Prime Minister and senior military men. It is not very likely that he will agree. But if he does, it will be an important part of the visit presentationally and we shall have to fit it in. One possibility might be instead of the media interviews at 1730 on the first day. An alternative would be over breakfast on the first or second day;
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- I am concerned that we have no opportunity for the Prime Minister to meet dissidents of any sort, as she did in 1987. She should not be any less active on this front. Again a breakfast meeting seems the only practical possibility;
- the interest of the Kiev programme largely stands or falls on Gorbachev's participation. The afternoon is very full and we may have to drop the monastery to leave enough time for the rest;

- is there no way we can reduce the time at the Opera, so that the Prime Minister attends only the last act and the reception? She has done that before, for instance in Brisbane. The time saved could be used for the Soviet media event: or simply to recuperate;

- the programme for Leninakan is fine although some of the timings are improbably short. We might drop the Ani redevelopment area.

You might like a word about these points before I write to the FCO.

C.P.P.

CHARLES POWELL

14 May 1990

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION: 7 - 10 JUNE

Programme

I attach a draft programme for the visit to Moscow, Kiev and Leninakan next month, compiled in light of our visit to the Soviet Union last week. The programme has been drawn up in consultation with the Soviet Protocol Department, but they may well have additional comments and changes, particularly over the Moscow leg of the trip.

We received a firm indication that there would be a joint Press Conference (in Moscow on the 8th), and a guarded indication that Gorbachev was likely to accompany the Prime Minister to Kiev. (Our Embassy in Moscow are pursuing this, and pressing for early confirmation.) The official visit can not start, however, until the Prime Minister has been formally received by Gorbachev. Due to the late arrival on 7 June, this is scheduled for 1040 on the 8th. Gorbachev can not make it any earlier, but the Soviet authorities were relaxed about the Prime Minister undertaking a British orientated engagement before she sees Gorbachev.

The programme is a hectic one, and several of the original proposals

have had to be dropped. In Moscow, the idea of visiting a Soviet Co-operative (of dubious value, in any case) was not pursued. In Kiev, the suggestion that the Prime Minister visit an ICI farm has

also had to be shelved. The Soviet authorities were not happy at transporting the Prime Minister by helicopter (for "security" reasons), and a road journey (over an hour each way, for a 20-30 minute visit) is ruled out because of lack of time. However, ICI should be mollified by the Princess Royal's visit to their farm (by car) on 4 or 5 June. Finally, the idea of the Prime Minister visiting an Aid Armenia project in Kirovakan proved not to be a starter. Again there were difficulties over travel, with the same objection to a helicopter being raised as for ICI above, and in any case there seems to be genuine doubt that Aid Armenia would be ready for a foundation stone ceremony next month (the old, unstable building is still standing and no work has yet begun on its demolition).

We received a half-hearted request, before our visit to Leninakan, for the Prime Minister to also visit Erevan, the Armenian state capital. This appears to have been dropped following discussions

on the visit to Leninakan. To have taken this in would have meant a very late return to London on the 10th, and it is probably just as well it was not pursued.

The Soviet authorities have agreed to provide an aircraft for the press. Given that Armenia has been closed to journalists (and diplomats), there is likely to be considerable interest in the visit there.

Apart from her lunch, which is not really a suitable occasion, in Kiev, there is nowhere for the Prime Minister to make a major speech during her visit. If she wants to undertake an interview with the Soviet media, the only realistic slot would be later in the afternoon of Friday 8 June (after the Press Conference), recorded for broadcast on the 9th. This would mean she could not do any British TV/radio interviews after the Press Conference, but there would be scope for a more substantial than normal doorstep in Armenia (and also, to a lesser extent, in Kiev) later in the trip.

Are you content, please, with the attached revised programme, and would you want us to plan on the Prime Minister doing an interview with the Soviet media?

Peter Bean

PETER BEAN
Press Office
14 May 1990

Kiev

THURSDAY 7 JUNE

- 2220 Arrive Moscow: Arrival Ceremony (to include Honour Guard)
- 2235 Depart Airport in motorcade for HM Ambassador's Residence
- 2255 Arrive Residence: overnight

FRIDAY 8 JUNE

- 0905 Depart Ambassador's Residence for Mossoviet
- 0915 Arrive Mossoviet: Presentation by the Carroll Group on their proposals for new British/Soviet Trade Centre
- 0945 Depart Mossoviet for Residence
- 1032 Depart for the Kremlin
- 1040 Official Reception Ceremonies
- 1050 Depart for the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
- 1055 Lay wreath
- 1102 Return to the Kremlin
- 1105 Talks with President Gorbachev
- 1300 Working lunch hosted by the President
- 1430 Lunch ends: Drive to the Residence
- 1500 Return to the Kremlin: talks with Prime Minister Ryzkhov
- 1605 Signing Ceremony (Long Term Economic and Industrial Cooperation, etc)
- 1630 Joint Press Conference
- 1715 Conference ends: return to the Residence
- 1720 Arrive Residence
- 1730 Media interviews
- 1820 Change for dinner
- 1918 Leave Embassy for the Kremlin
- 1920 Arrive: met and escorted to the St Vladimir's Hall. With President Gorbachev, greet other dinner guests
- 1930 Dinner

c2100 Dinner ends
Depart for the Residence: overnight

SATURDAY 9 JUNE

0830 Leave Residence for Airport

0855 Arrive Airport: farewells

0900 Depart by air for Kiev

1015 Arrive Kiev Airport: arrival ceremonies

1025 Leave Airport for British Exhibitions

1100 Arrive Park of Economic Achievements: tour British Life Exhibition

1130 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?)

1140 Tour British Trade Exhibition

1210 Signature Ceremony: John Brown Joint Venture

1220 Walk to Pavillion 3: Presentation of Scholarships to Ukrainian students

1235 Depart Exhibition Site for Kiev Hotel

1250 Arrive Hotel: Opportunity to freshen up

1312 Leave Hotel for Marienski Palace

1315 Lunch hosted by Ukrainian Authorities

1430 Depart for Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

1440 Arrive and lay wreath

1450 Depart for Percherya Lavra Monastery

1455 Arrive: tour monastery

1525 Depart monastery for October Revolution Square

1530 Walkabout in the Square

1545 Depart for Babi Yar Memorial

1555 Arrive and view Babi Yar

1605 Depart for Cinema

1610 Arrive: demonstration of High Definition TV followed by short (10 minute) interview with Central TV

1640 Depart for British Council Book Exhibition

1645 Tour British Council Book Exhibition and British Fashion Exhibition

1700 Depart for Kiev Hotel

- 1710 Arrive Hotel: hair, change and a snack meal
- 1840 Depart for Kiev Opera House
- 1845 Look in on Pre-Performance Reception at the Opera House
- 1855 Walk to seat escorted by Rank Xerox and British Council Representatives
- 1900 Opera begins (3 hours 40 minutes long: 2 intervals during which drinks will be served)
- 2240 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

- 0840 Depart Guest House for Airport
- 0910 Arrive Airport: farewells
- 0915 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
- 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
- 1250 Opening Ceremony (short speeches from the Prime Minister and Armenian Prime Minister, followed by Mrs Thatcher unveiling a plaque)
- 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 three hundred yards to the waiting motorcade (the Prime Minister may greet some of the people who live here)
- 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?)

1605 Depart for the Memorial for those who died in the
Earthquake

1610 Arrive Memorial: lay wreath

1615 Depart for the Airport

1625 Arrive Airport: farewells

1630 Depart in Soviet plane for Kiev
(2 hour flight less 1 hour time difference)

1730 Arrive Kiev Airport: transfer to VC 10

1745 Depart Kiev by air for London
(3 hour 55 minute flight less 3 hour time difference)

1840 Arrive LHR: return to No 10



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THE PRIME MINISTER

British Industry Today represents a cross-section of modern British technology and innovation in sectors where British companies are famous throughout the world.

The warm relations now enjoyed between our two countries provide the opportunity both to strengthen existing economic ties and to establish new ones. We hope that the presence of so many leading British companies at this exhibition will help further to develop those links.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the exhibition, British Industry Today.

Rajagopal Khanna

June 1990

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MR. BEAN

cc Mr. Ingham

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14 May 1990

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From the Private Secretary

11 May 1990

**PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION:
MEETING WITH SOVIET MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES**

Thank you for your letter of 9 May about the idea of a meeting between the Prime Minister and leading Soviet military representatives. The Prime Minister is content for us to approach Mr Gorbachev's office to see whether he would think such a meeting a good idea.

C. D. POWELL

Stephen Wall, Esq., L.V.O.
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9 May 1990

Dear Charles,

Prime Minister

I hope you will agree that we should pursue this idea - provided it has Gorbachev's support?

Prime Minister's visit to the Soviet Union:
Soviet Military Representatives

Thank you for your letter of 1 May. You put forward the idea of a meeting between the Prime Minister and leading Soviet military representatives.

The Foreign Secretary thinks this is a good idea. You may have seen the shots on television the other night showing very stern-faced, bemedalled Generals listening in bleak silence as Gorbachev addressed them. The Foreign Secretary thinks that there would be value in the Prime Minister meeting some of the Generals to try to convince them that the process of perestroika, arms control and diminishing tension in Europe and elsewhere is in their professional interest and in the real interest of the Soviet armed forces and Soviet security as a whole. In the first years of Gorbachev, the Soviet military probably did think this. But they now evidently believe that Gorbachev and Shevardnadze have made a series of unrequited and humiliating concessions in the international field, which risk undermining the security of the Soviet Union and that domestically they have been exposed to a wave of public criticism and humiliation which Gorbachev has done nothing to moderate. It is in our interest to convince them otherwise if we can, and the Prime Minister is well placed to do it.

Yes
no

The crucial question, as you suggest, is whether President Gorbachev would find such a meeting helpful. When Yazov visited Britain last year, Chernyaev told Sir Rodric Braithwaite that Gorbachev favoured the maximum exposure of the military to the outside world. That may not now be his view. The simplest thing would be to get Sir Rodric Braithwaite to ask Chernyaev. Would you now like us to do so?

J S Wall

(J S Wall)
Private Secretary

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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.

Charles Powell

Stephen Wall Esq
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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From The Minister of State

8 May 1990

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BRITISH DAYS IN THE USSR (KIEV, JUNE 1990)

Provisional arrangements have been made for the band of the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards to take part in "British Days" on 9 and 10 June, which will coincide with the expected visit to Kiev by the Prime Minister, we hope accompanied by Mr Gorbachev. Mrs Thatcher has expressed the hope that a British military band will be present at that time.

As you are no doubt aware British Days is a month long information, cultural and trade event. It will be the largest presentation ever put on by Britain in the Soviet Union or elsewhere in Eastern Europe. We are very pleased that the Red Arrows will be performing there, for the first time in a Communist country.

However, no decision has been made about how the military band's appearance will be funded. The estimated cost is £35,000. The FCO's main contribution to British Days will take the form of an Information exhibition costing £3.4 million. In addition we are carrying the general administration and promotion costs. We are making some small subsidies to a few of the participating events but we have no budget for substantive activities on the scale of a military band. The FCO could only fund an item of this sort at the expense of a number of valuable small projects aimed at opening up relations with the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe in the coming year.

I am accordingly writing to ask whether, given that British Days is an affair of Britain at large rather than simply an FCO event, and given the prestige nature of the occasion, you would see your way - exceptionally I realise - to carrying the cost of the military band's participation, or at least a substantial part of it, on MOD funds.

I am copying this letter to **Charles Powell, No 10.**

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The Rt Hon William Waldegrave

The Hon Archibald Hamilton MP
Minister of State
Ministry of Defence



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From the Private Secretary

6 May 1990

Dear Mr. Barnes,

Thank you for your letter of 4 May about the possibility of the Prime Minister visiting the ICI Farm Consultancy Project near Kiev in June. We are still hoping very much to be able to fit this in. The Prime Minister's programme is under discussion at present with the Soviet authorities and I hope to let you have a firm reply as soon as possible.

*Yours sincerely,
Charles Powell*

CHARLES POWELL

J. D. F. Barnes, Esq., C.B.E.

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From the Private Secretary

4 May 1990

Dear Ben.

BRITISH DAYS IN THE USSR

Thank you for your letter of 2 May. I enclose a message for the catalogue for the trade exhibition which the Prime Minister has signed.

CHARLES POWELL

Ben Slocock, Esq.,
Department of Trade and Industry

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Private Secretary,
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4th May 1990

Dear Mr. Powell,

Further to our correspondence towards the end of last year, I wonder if it is yet clear whether the Prime Minister will have the opportunity to see the ICI Farm Consultancy Project near Kiev when she visits the Soviet Union in June? If so, is there any briefing that you would wish to have to prepare for the Prime Minister?

Yours sincerely,

David Barnes

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See Charles

BRITISH DAYS IN THE USSR, KIEV, JUNE 1990

You will know that, in parallel with the exhibition British Life Today and the numerous cultural and other events taking place at Kiev in June, there is to be a trade exhibition entitled British Industry Today. Indeed, we are sure that the Prime Minister will wish to find time to visit it during her visit (Richard Gozney's letter of 30 April refers).

I am writing to ask whether the Prime Minister would agree to contribute a short message to the catalogue for the trade exhibition, mirroring that which she has provided for British Life Today.

The catalogue will be printed in Russian in A5 format and will be available to visitors to the exhibition. It comprises some 30 pages, containing details of those companies exhibiting, a plan of the exhibition hall, advertising space bought by British companies and a list of the main sponsors of the event. The President of the British Soviet Chamber of Commerce, Dr Norman Wooding, has provided a foreword (copy of text attached) but it would give the event a tremendous boost if the Prime Minister could contribute a personal message, which would be inserted at the front of the catalogue.

I attach a draft message for consideration. We aim to go to print later this week. It would be most helpful to know very soon whether the idea is acceptable in principle so that the printers can make allowances in pagination when type-setting. Agreement on the actual text of the message is not beset with the same degree of urgency.



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

Yours ever

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Private Secretary

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BRITISH INDUSTRY TODAY EXHIBITION CATALOGUE: DRAFT MESSAGE FROM
THE PRIME MINISTER

British Industry Today represents a cross-section of modern British technology and innovation in sectors where British companies are famous throughout the world.

The warm relations now enjoyed between our two countries provide the opportunity both to strengthen existing economic ties and to establish new ones. We hope that the presence of so many leading British companies at this exhibition will help further to develop those links.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the exhibition, British Industry Today.

CM

The exhibition in Kiev in June depicting life in Britain is a unique event in USSR - UK relations. It is of enormous significance in the developing relationship between our two countries at a time when such fundamental changes are taking place in the USSR. This makes the Trade Exhibition which is taking place alongside an event of key importance to all who want to do business with the USSR.

Not only does it benefit from the prestige of the exhibition itself but, as the first British trade event outside Moscow with a truly National character, it signals unmistakably the importance of the decentralisation of foreign trade. No longer is all foreign trade, under one central Ministry, conducted from Moscow. There are now 16,000 enterprises across the USSR empowered to conduct foreign trade - a figure which will grow to 20,000 by the end of this year.

British companies who want to do business with the USSR cannot afford to miss a visit to Kiev. More than ever before opportunities need to be sought, and created, by work on the spot. There can be no better chance of participating in the opening up of the Soviet market than a link with this event - COME to KIEV.

Norman Wooding, President, British Soviet Chamber of Commerce.

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From the Private Secretary

1 May 1990

**PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE
SOVIET UNION: PROGRAMME**

Thank you for your letter of 30 April about the programme for the Prime Minister's visit to the Soviet Union. I am grateful for the work which has gone into this. The draft is very much on the right lines. The main problem is likely to arise from the enormous success of the 1987 visit and efforts by the media to draw unfavourable comparisons with it. I think there is enough variety in the programme to avoid that. But we shall need to bear it in mind.

I have the following observations:

- talks with President Gorbachev. There is substantial time set aside for these, but the media will be looking for contrasts with the extraordinary amount of time spent in talks in 1987. This will be manageable if Mr. Gorbachev also comes with the Prime Minister to Kiev, less so if he does not. There seems little scope for extending the time available for talks unless we drop Ryzhkov or postpone some of the afternoon programme. These are options worth considering. But we should also start scaling down media expectations in advance.
- speaking engagement. There is some expectation, stemming from press stories at the time of the Prime Minister's stop-over in Moscow en route to Japan last September, that she will address the Supreme Soviet. If it is not sitting, well and good. Anyway, it would probably suit us better for the Prime Minister to do this next year. But if there is any possibility that it will be in session then, we should not discard the possibility of an address (and some contingency work should be done on the outline of a speech). Failing that, I agree that a television interview would be the best bet.

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- joint press conference. I have discussed this with Bernard Ingham. The Prime Minister did a joint press conference with President Bush: and the President is likely to do one with Gorbachev in Washington. We are inclined to favour it, but do not have to decide yet.
- walk-abouts. I agree that there are important elements in the programme, and we should plan on them in Kiev and Leninakan: and a visit to a co-operative in Moscow. I think we should try to include both Pecherylavra and Babiy Yar while in Kiev.
- ICI farm consultancy. I continue to think we should do this as a good example of how Britain is contributing to economic reform. But what do we know about Soviet helicopters? Should we take one of our own?
- Armenia. Having gone that far, we should try for the fuller programme suggested in the annex to your letter, although I agree that Yerevan is probably not feasible. We should certainly take in Kirovakan.
- Trade Aspects. I am content with what you propose, assuming that projects and agreements are sufficiently far advanced.

A further thought which you will probably dismiss: a great deal is being said about the growing influence of the military over aspects of Soviet policy. Is there anything to be said for suggesting a meeting between the Prime Minister and a group of senior Soviet military men (after all she has seen Defence Minister Yazov here and entertained Ahkromeyev to lunch)? I realise that any such idea would have to be cleared with Gorbachev's office. But it could be a chance to influence their thinking on some key issues, and challenge them on points where we do not believe their performance matches their undertakings. The concept is not without some PR appeal: Maggie takes on Red Army. But it would not be worth doing with Yazov alone, only if a group of senior commanders could be assembled, including men like Gromov.

I assume you have booked Richard Pollock to interpret.

C. D. POWELL

Richard Gozney, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office



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30 April 1990

Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's Visit to the Soviet Union: 7-10 June:
Programme

The main elements of the Prime Minister's visit to the Soviet Union are that she will have talks in Moscow on 8 June; visit Kiev on 9 June to see the British exhibition and attend a performance by the ENO; and open the British school in Armenia on 10 June (your letter of 29 October).

We shall almost certainly not know until fairly late in the day whether President Gorbachev will accompany the Prime Minister to Kiev. This is not the only complication. There are one or two commercial projects in the pipeline which, if all goes well, might merit the Prime Minister's involvement. It is not yet clear how far we will have got with the proposed British Trade and Cultural Centres in Moscow. Putting proposals to the Russians will help to move things forward. I therefore enclose a fairly detailed draft outline programme, which incorporates Sir R Braithwaite's suggestions, and should be grateful for your views.

It would also be helpful to have your views on the following specific points:

- a. We had intended to recommend that the Prime Minister should make a speech to the Supreme Soviet. But, as it is now most unlikely that the Supreme Soviet will be in session in early June, our inclination is to drop this idea. It might be best to focus on a major television interview.
- b. It would be possible to suggest a joint press conference with President Gorbachev on 8 June. This would be a high-profile occasion with risks as well as advantages. We might take a view on it nearer the time.
- c. We suggest a visit to a cooperative enterprise in Moscow. This should offer an opportunity for contact with ordinary Russians, as would the proposed walk-about in Kiev and Leninakan. These were the public highlights of the 1987 visit. Is the Prime Minister ready to undertake one in each centre?

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- d. Is the Prime Minister happy in principle to travel by helicopter to the ICI farm consultancy project? (You gave a reasonably positive response to the idea of visiting this project in your letter of 9 November 1989 to David Barnes of ICI.) If so, we shall pursue with the Russians what sort of aircraft might be available.
- e. On the basis of the present draft programme, the Prime Minister's visit to Armenia will not require her to go outside the immediate surroundings of Leninakan. Given the political sensitivities, we do not believe that it would be wise to include Yerevan (which is the centre of Armenian nationalism). But if time permits it might be possible to arrange a helicopter trip to allow the Prime Minister to see some of the major Soviet reconstruction work and to go to Kirovakan where she could lay the foundation stone for the hospital which Aid Armenia is going to build there. This would acknowledge the major contribution made by donations from the British public.

I am copying this letter to Stephen Crowne (DES), Ben Slocock (DTI) and Andy McKean (DH).

Thank you for your letter of 30 April - which arrived while this was in type.

Yours ever,

Richard Gozney

(R H T Gozney)
Private Secretary

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: DRAFT PROGRAMME

Thursday 7 June

Dinner on plane. Arrive late evening. Informal briefing by Ambassador. Stay in Residence.

Friday 8 June

0945 Lay wreath at Tomb of Unknown Soldier
1000 Talks with President Gorbachev
1245 Signing ceremony (Long-term Economic and Industrial Cooperation Programme; MOU on Management Training Agreement on Establishment of Cultural Centres)
1300 Working lunch with President Gorbachev
1500 Meeting with Mr Ryzhkov
1545/1815 Visit to a cooperative or similar enterprise. Press conference, possibly with President Gorbachev, and/or record Soviet TV interview. Visit to Moscow City Soviet (presentation of Trade Centre Project by Carroll Group) and/or presentation on GEC/Plessey's System X telephone exchange
1830-1900 Short TV/radio news interviews in Residence with British media
2000 Official dinner given by President Gorbachev (with short speeches)

Saturday 9 June

Breakfast in Residence, possibly with Jewish community leaders

0900 Flight to Kiev in Soviet aircraft
1035 Arrival in Kiev
1055 Visit British Life and Trade Exhibitions with President Gorbachev

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(Including Presentation of UK Scholarship Awards and signature ceremony for new John Brown joint venture.)

- 1300 Short interview with BBC Russian/World Service at their Special Kiev Unit at the exhibition site - again with President Gorbachev if possible
- 1315 Leave exhibition site
- 1330 Lunch given by Kiev City Soviet
- 1445 Visit to British Council Book Exhibition and Fashion Exhibition (sponsored by Marks and Spencer)
- 1515 Leave British Council Exhibition Centre
- 1545 Arrive ICI Farm Consultancy Project (by helicopter)
- 1645 Walkabout in city centre and/or visits to Pecherylavra (historic centre of the Orthodox Church in Kiev) and/or Babiy Yar (Monument to those - principally Jews - killed during the Nazi occupation)
- 1800 Return to Guest House
- 1845 Arrive Central Television studio for High Definition Television demonstration and interview
- 1930 Attend ENO performance of Xerxes with President Gorbachev, followed by supper with ENO

Sunday 10 June

- 0815 Fly to Leninakan in Soviet aircraft
- 1215 Arrive Leninakan Airport
- 1230 Arrive school site. Opening ceremony and inspection of school
- 1330 Lunch hosted by Leninakan Town Council
- 1445 Walkabout in Leninakan. Visit to one or two sites of earthquake damage - eg main church in town centre
- [1545 Leave for Kiev. Transfer to VC10
- [1815 Arrive Heathrow

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[1530 Leave by helicopter for Kirovakan. View
[extensive reconstruction of residential areas
[1550 Arrive. Lay foundation stone. Meet construction
[staff, medical personnel and children
[1630 Return to Leninakan
[1700 Leave for Kiev
[1930 Arrive Heathrow

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From the Private Secretary

30 April 1990

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION

It would be helpful to know where preparations for the Prime Minister's visit to the Soviet Union in June now stand, and how the programme is shaping up. One particular point on which we need to be clear is whether the Prime Minister will need to make a speech during the visit. If so, we need to set in hand some work fairly soon. It would be helpful to have a summary of where we are with all this.

(C. D. POWELL)

Richard Gozney, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION

You are visiting the Soviet Union from 7-10 June. On present plans, you will spend the last day of that visit in Armenia, to open the British School, before returning to London.

Mr. Baker is very keen to accompany you, ostensibly for the Armenian part of the visit, because of his involvement in the original decision to provide funds for the school: but in practice for all of it, on the grounds that he cannot get to Armenia unless he comes to Kiev with you. My understanding is that he has your agreement in principle to this - or the Armenian part at least.

I am perfectly happy to go ahead and make arrangements. He could accompany us on the aircraft and no doubt find something useful to do in connection with British Week in Kiev. But I am a little worried about the following points:

- the Foreign Secretary will not be accompanying you: it will look a little odd if Mr. Baker does so;
- in particular, the fact that he is Party Chairman may be used by some to allege that the whole purpose of the visit is Party political;
- there are not very convincing arguments why he should be there as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster;
- it is just possible that Mr. MacGregor, as current Secretary of State for Education, will feel that he ought to be involved in the Armenia part of the visit (although he has never mentioned it).

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All these points are no doubt manageable in one way or another. But it would be a pity if a row over Mr. Baker's presence and participation were to distract attention from the real nature and purpose of the visit. It seems to me that the choices are:

- to let Mr. Baker come along throughout the visit as he wishes;
- to say that he should make his own way to Kiev in time to accompany you to Armenia only;
- to drop the idea of his participation altogether.

I think if you decide on the second or third of these options, you will need to speak to Mr. Baker personally.

C.D.P.

C. D. POWELL
30 April 1990

The primary school
was his idea - he
has some reason to
come. He has also been
a Trade Minister and could
well do something in Kiev,
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From the Private Secretary

24 April 1990

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION:
ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA GALA EVENING IN KIEV

Thank you for your letter of 23 April about the gala performance of Xerxes in Kiev. The Prime Minister would be perfectly content for the Government and Rank Xerox to be co-hosts for the occasion and for the invitations to be sent out in the form proposed in your letter.

Charles Powell

Stephen Wall Esq
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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23 April 1990

Prime Minister

Dear Charles,

Yes not

Agree that Rank Xerox should co-host with

Prime Minister's visit to the Soviet Union:
English National Opera Gala Evening in Kiev

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We should be grateful for your guidance on a point concerning this event. Planning has proceeded so far on the assumption that the reception after the gala performance of Xerxes would be co-hosted, and partly paid for, by Rank Xerox, who are substantial sponsors of the ENO tour in the Soviet Union. Sir Rodric Braithwaite has now queried this on the grounds that the importance of the occasion, with the possibility that Mr Gorbachev will attend, makes it inappropriate to associate commercial sponsors with the hospitality. Sir Rodric has recommended that the reception should be given by HMG and that recognition should be accorded to Rank Xerox's role in publicity and/or in a speech by the Prime Minister.

The British Council are keen that Rank Xerox should receive, and be seen to receive, maximum benefit from their sponsorship of the ENO tour. Rank Xerox are not only putting up a record sum (£150,000) for this tour but are playing a key role in the development of the British Council's wider corporate funding plans by subscribing nearly £1 million to a 4-year programme. The Council hope that Rank Xerox will be able to co-host the party.

We share the Council's view. It is in keeping with government policy that major commercial patrons of the arts abroad should be given their public due. The Prime Minister herself contributed to the British Council's sponsorship campaign. There is the additional point in the present case that one of the stated objectives of British Days in the Soviet Union (Kiev, June 1990) is to demonstrate the functioning of a free economy in a democratic society. We therefore have nothing to hide in our relationship with commercial sponsors.

Before replying in this sense to the Ambassador, we should be grateful for confirmation that you agree. If so, we would propose that the invitation to the Gala evening would be sent out in the names of "The Ambassador and Lady Braithwaite, the Chairman of the British Council and Lady Orr and the Chairman of Rank Xerox and Mrs Thompson".

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14th November 1989

Dear Mr Powell,

I was very pleased to receive your letter of 9th November and to learn that the Prime Minister has expressed an interest in seeing the ICI Farm Consultancy Project near Kiev when she visits the exhibition, 'Britain in Kiev', next June.

Both I and my colleagues in the International Agrochemicals Business will be very pleased to work with you and your staff in formulating plans as they develop.

yours sincerely,
David Barnes



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From the Private Secretary

9 November 1989

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your letter of 6 October about ICI's Farm Consultancy Projects in the Soviet Union, with information about one in the Kiev area. The Prime Minister would like to be able to see the project near Kiev when she visits the exhibition, 'Britain in Kiev', next June. It is too early to know whether her programme will permit this, but we shall have the idea high on our list of priorities as we begin to formulate our plans and shall hope it will be possible to include it.

CHARLES POWELL

J. D. F. Barnes Esq., C.B.E.

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9 November 1989

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Dear Charles,

Thank you for your letter of 6 October enclosing one from Mr Barnes of ICI about Farm Consultancy Projects in the Soviet Union.

Our Embassy in Moscow believe it would be an imaginative idea to include a visit to the Project near Kiev in the Prime Minister's programme, provided her schedule will allow it.

/ I enclose a draft reply reflecting this advice.

Yours ever

Richard Gozney

(R H T Gozney)
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Draft Reply from the PS

C: R. D. Barnes, Esq.

The PM has asked me to

Thank you for your letter of 6 October to the Prime Minister about ICI's Farm Consultancy Projects in the Soviet Union, with information about one in the Kiev area. I have been asked to reply.

The Prime Minister would like to be able to see the project near Kiev when she visits the exhibition, 'Britain in Kiev', next June. It is too early to know whether her ^{programme} schedule will permit a ~~visit to~~ the project. We hope that something can be arranged nearer the time.

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From the Private Secretary

6 October 1989

I enclose a copy of a letter to the Prime Minister from Mr. Barnes of ICI about ICI Farm Consultancy Projects in the Soviet Union. The Prime Minister has expressed interest in visiting one of the projects when she goes to Kiev next June. You will want to consider with HM Ambassador Moscow whether this is feasible.

I am copying this letter and enclosure to Andy Lebrecht (MAFF).

(CHARLES POWELL)

Richard Gozney, Esq.,
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6th October 1989

Dear Prime Minister,

ICI Farm Consultancy Projects : USSR

During your visit to ICI on Wednesday, 27th September, you showed particular interest in having further details of the ICI Farm Consultancy Projects in the USSR. If I remember correctly, you specifically asked whether there was any such project within reasonable distance of Kiev: there is such a project.

Between 1984 and 1987, ICI has acted as a consultant demonstrating to the Russians modern agricultural techniques for increasing crop yields. In total, these consultancy projects covered 2,000 hectares of winter wheat in six farms (State, Collective and Experimental) in three distinct climatic zones (Krasnodar, Lipetsk and Kiev). Overall, we have been able to demonstrate to the Russians that yields can be increased by between 50 - 100%. The best results have been achieved in the Kiev district.

During the period 1988 and 1990, we shall be operating a similar project on a total of 2,000 hectares of fodder peas on eight farms in six different climatic zones (Krasnodar, Voronezh, Tula, Kiev and Ternopol Districts plus the Tatarian ASSR).

In view of the specific interest which you have shown in the possibility of visiting such a project, provided that it was relatively close to Kiev, I am attaching to this letter details of one of the most productive projects which is relatively close to Kiev and which has the advantage of being easily reached by road.

I hope that these were the details that you were seeking. If there is any further information that you require, I would be pleased to provide it.

*Yours sincerely,
David Barnes.*

Proposed Farm Visit

Name of farm: Kolkhoz "40 LET OKTIABRIA"
("40 Years of October" Collective Farm),

Location: Vasilkovskii Raion (Area), Kiev Oblast (District)
(Approximately 80 km south of Kiev).
Chairman: Mr N P Sobchuk

Type of farm: "40 Years of October" is a collective farm of approximately 5000 ha, in a mixed farming area. The farm comprises a number of brigades specialising in crop production for grain and forage (wheat, barley, rye, maize, peas, sugar beet, buckwheat, grass and lucerne) and animal production (milk, beef cattle and pigs).

ICI's Involvement: 1984-87 - wheat project
1988-90 - fodder peas project

Wheat - Farm average yield rose from 4.4 to 5.8 te/ha during the project (the average for the District was around 3 te/ha).

Best yield achieved in the project : 7.2 te/ha.
It is reported that above 9 te/ha has since been achieved.

Peas - Pre-project yield 3.3 te/ha.
1988 average yield on project plots 4 te/ha
(5 te/ha on the best plot).
1989 average yield on project plots 5.4 te/ha
(5.7 te/ha on the best plot)

General: This farm is one of the best in the Soviet Union, managed by a very progressive chairman who is constantly striving to increase production, and to diversify his activities within the constraints of Soviet agriculture. This is reflected in the rapid adoption of crop intensification technologies across the whole farm within 1-2 years of a project's initiation. Yields are now consistently well above average both for the region and for the Soviet Union as a whole.

As such the farm is perhaps unrepresentative of average conditions in Soviet agriculture, but it is a model which other State and Collective Farms should be encouraged to emulate. It also has the advantage of easy accessibility compared to any of the other farms on which ICI has worked.



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