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From the Private Secretary

US/SOVIET SUMMIT

The Foreign Secretary suggested to the Prime Minister this afternoon that it might be necessary to bring forward the message which she was proposing to send to President Reagan about the US/Soviet Summit to the end of September. It was evident that work within the US Administration was already well advanced in preparation for the Soviet Foreign Minister's visit; and if our views were to be taken into account, a first message at least should go before that visit. The Prime Minister commented that it might be useful to arrange a meeting with a number of outside experts, particularly on Soviet affairs, before finalising our views. But she would consider the need for this once she had seen the Department's draft.

I am copying this letter to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

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