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7 July 1986

Dear Charles,

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Prime Minister  
Contact with proposed letter 2  
subjects (on page 2) for  
your talk? # COP 7/7.

Visit of Soviet Foreign Minister:

Call on Prime Minister on 14 July (1500-1630)

I enclose a copy of the draft programme. By the time Mr Shevardnadze makes his call on the Prime Minister he will already have had a session of talks with the Foreign Secretary at Chevening on the morning of 14 July. We expect this to concentrate on arms control and disarmament matters plus human rights and CSCE. He will have a further session with Sir Geoffrey the following day which will concentrate on regional and bilateral issues.

After the second session of talks, on 15 July, Sir Geoffrey and Mr Shevardnadze will be signing three agreements:

- on Prevention of Incidents at Sea (very much on the lines of the American-Soviet agreement of 1972);

- on the settlement of Anglo-Soviet Claims (liquidating a 70 year old problem: it is important for Stock Exchange reasons that no news of this should emerge until the day of signature);

- and on economic cooperation (they will sign the long-term programme of economic and industrial cooperation which was initialled at the Anglo-Soviet Joint Economic Commission in February).

These 3 agreements add up to a worthwhile package which will show that we have been making progress in a number of different areas of bilateral activity.

/Mr Shevardnadze



Mr Shevardnadze will be present for Prime Minister's questions in the House on 15 July.

Sir Geoffrey suggests that the Prime Minister should focus on a limited number of questions: the central issue of East/West relations, including arms control and the Summit process; human rights (including Jewish emigration), Afghanistan, international terrorism/Libya and Chernobyl, in order to show how Soviet behaviour undermines public confidence in Soviet intentions; the Middle East; and Southern Africa. She may also wish to float with Shevardnadze (if he does not come armed with a message of invitation from Gorbachev) the possibility of her visiting Moscow. We will provide briefing accordingly.

Sir Geoffrey suggests that he should be accompanied at the talks by Sir Bryan Cartledge and Mr Derek Thomas.

Mr Tony Bishop of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office Research Department will be interpreting at Sir Geoffrey's talks. We propose that he should interpret for the Prime Minister too.

The Russians have told us provisionally that they would like Mr Shevardnadze to be accompanied by the Soviet Ambassador, the Head of the 2nd European Department of the MFA (Mr Uspensky), and an interpreter. (But they have added that they would be prepared to rely on our interpreter if necessary.)

I should be grateful for confirmation that you are content with the above arrangements.

Yours ever,  
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VISIT OF MR SHEVARDNADZE, 13/16 JULY 1986

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Sunday, 13 July:

1830 Arrive by private aircraft. Met by Mr Renton and Mr Llewellyn Smith.

Monday, 14 July:

0930-1200 Talks with Secretary of State, at Chevening.

1230 Working lunch at Chevening.

1500 - 1630 Talks with Prime Minister at No.10

1850 for 1900 Cosi fan Tutte, Covent Garden, with supper during interval, hosted by Secretary of State and Lady Howe.

Tuesday, 15 July:

0900-1130 Talks with Secretary of State, Lancaster House

1135 Signature of Agreements:  
Photocall:  
Coupe de Champagne, Lancaster House

Press conference by Mr Shevardnadze at the Soviet Embassy.

1315 Lunch hosted by Mr and Mrs Shevardnadze at Soviet Embassy

1500 Attend Prime Minister's Questions.



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*From the Private Secretary*

11 July 1986

SHEVARDNADZE VISIT: PARTICIPATION IN TALKS AT NO. 10

Thank you for your letter of 10 July. We can agree the following participation:

Prime Minister  
Foreign Secretary  
Sir Bryan Cartledge  
Mr. Powell  
Interpreter

Mr. Shevardnadze  
Mr. Zamyatin  
Mr. Uspensky  
Mr. Stepanov  
Interpreter

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10 July 1986

Dear Charles

Shevardnadze Visit: Participation at Number 10

We have told the Soviet Embassy that the Prime Minister wishes her meeting with Mr Shevardnadze to be as restricted as possible, and that this means on their side that Shevardnadze should be accompanied by no more than the Ambassador, one other as note taker, and interpreter. (Your letter of 8 July.)

They are making a fuss about this, and have insisted, on instructions, that we put to you the request that they should have one other present. They would like their team to be:

Mr Shevardnadze  
Mr Zamyatin  
Mr N N Uspensky (Head of 2nd European Dept, MFA)  
Mr T G Stepanov (Assistant to Mr Shevardnadze)  
Mr E P Gusarov (Interpreter)

We have given them no reason to believe that this will be acceptable to the Prime Minister. But they evidently attach considerable importance to it. I should be grateful to know whether the request is acceptable.

Yours ever

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From the Private Secretary

8 July 1986

Dear Mr.,

VISIT OF THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER:  
CALL ON THE PRIME MINISTER: 14 JULY

Thank you for your letter of 7 July about the arrangements for Mr. Shevardnadze's call on the Prime Minister on 14 July. I agree that the Prime Minister should focus on the relatively limited number of issues suggested in your letter. The Prime Minister would like attendance at the talks to be as limited as possible. She will therefore be accompanied by the Foreign Secretary and HM Ambassador, and agrees that Mr. Shevardnadze should have the Soviet Ambassador and Mr. Uspensky. It is probably better to have two interpreters. I will take a note.

BF | It will be essential for us to have the briefs in No.10 by 1300 hours on Friday 11 July so that we can take them for the Prime Minister to read on the way to or return from Vancouver.

Yours faithfully,

Charles Powell

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