



Prime Minister

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MR POWELL

Chequers Seminar on the Soviet Union: 27 February

I minuted on ~~22~~ ^{at 11ap PTb} December 1986 to urge that Mr Mallaby and I, or at least Mr Mallaby, should attend this seminar. I understand that the list as it stands includes neither of us. I know that the Prime Minister is keen to keep the numbers down, and I do not press for my own attendance. But I suggest that it would be helpful to have Mr Mallaby present. I believe he could contribute as well as benefit from being present: he has had two postings in the Soviet Union, retains close contacts with experts on the subject inside and outside government, and is likely to be much involved with East-West relations in future stages of his career.

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From the Private Secretary

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

CHEQUERS SEMINAR ON THE SOVIET UNION: 27 FEBRUARY

I have put to the Prime Minister the request in your minute of 23 February that Mr. Mallaby should be added to the list of those attending the Seminar. The Prime Minister was adamant that she wishes to keep numbers to a minimum and is not prepared to add any additional names. The same response has been made to the Foreign Office, who also wished to introduce an extra candidate.

She is sorry to disappoint Mr. Mallaby and others.

C. D. Powell

24 February 1987

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