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FM WASHINGTON  
TO IMMEDIATE FCO  
TELNO 497  
OF 052300Z MARCH 87  
INFO PRIORITY MOSCOW

*Prime Minister  
I assume that  
you would like to  
see Armacost in  
London?*

MOSCOW TELNO 304: SHULTZ'S MOSCOW VISIT  
SUMMARY

1. SHULTZ NOW LIKELY TO FOLLOW, NOT PRECEDE, THE PRIME MINISTER.

DETAIL

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE US PREFERENCE, LIKE THE SOVIET PREFERENCE, NOW IS FOR APRIL DATES FOR SHULTZ'S FORTHCOMING VISIT TO MOSCOW. THE MARCH DATES FIRST PROPOSED WILL NOW COINCIDE WITH A MEETING HERE (ON 23/24 MARCH) OF THE US/SOVIET BILATERAL REVIEW COMMISSION, COVERING BILATERAL ISSUES AND HUMAN RIGHTS. IT ALSO MAKES SENSE TO ALLOW A LONGER GAP BETWEEN ARMACOST'S ACROSS-THE-BOARD TALKS, PRIMARILY ON REGIONAL ISSUES, IN MOSCOW ON 16/17 MARCH, AND SHULTZ'S SUBSEQUENT VISIT. WE UNDERSTAND THAT, THOUGH NOTHING HAS YET BEEN FINALISED (SINCE SHULTZ IS IN CHINA), THE PRESENT PLAN IS FOR HIS VISIT TO START ON 13 APRIL.

3. WE HAVE MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO ENSURE THAT WE GET EARLY WARNING OF ANY SWING BACK TO THE MARCH PLAN.

4. IF 13 APRIL STICKS, THE SEQUENCE OF US AND UK VISITS COULD HARDLY BE BETTERED, FOR MUTUAL BRIEFING. ARMACOST WILL VISIT LONDON ON 18/19 MARCH (SEE SEPARATE TELEGRAM) EN ROUTE HOME FROM MOSCOW, AND YOUR VISIT HERE ON 9 APRIL WILL ENABLE YOU TO GIVE SHULTZ, JUST BEFORE HE SETS OFF, A SIMILAR DE-BRIEFING ON THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT.

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*From the Private Secretary*

9 March 1987

VISIT OF MR ARMACOST

BF || I have seen Washington telegram no. 497 reporting that Mr Armacost will visit London on his way back from Moscow. The Prime Minister thinks that, in the light of her visit to Moscow which by then will be imminent, it would be useful for her to see Mr Armacost. She could do so at 12 noon on Wednesday 18 March. I should be grateful if you could arrange for Mr Armacost to call at No.10 then.

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