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THE PRIME MINISTER

8 December 1987

Dear Mr. Pollock,

Thank you very much for your help during Mr. Gorbachev's visit. Your skill once again played a tremendous part in the success of my meeting with the General Secretary; and both he and Mrs. Gorbachev were obviously very pleased to see you again. We had to cram a great deal of talking into a short time, which must have made your task the more difficult, but you rose splendidly to the occasion. I am most grateful.

With warm good wishes for a happy Christmas,

Yours sincerely

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Dear Prime Minister

I am deeply grateful for your generous letter of 8 December. It was a great privilege to take part again in your discussions with Mr Gorbachev - and, indeed, a great pleasure.

I have passed on my impressions of the Brize Norton occasion to your Private Secretary. I think there were various indications - obvious and less obvious - that the UK-USSR relationship is developing encouragingly, and that your dialogue, already very effective, has much further potential.

Thank you once again for your kind words. I am heartened to know my contribution is useful. I am delighted to assist your endeavours in whatever way I can.

My wife and family join me in warmly wishing you and your family a very happy Christmas - and health and fulfilment in 1988.

*Yours sincerely
Richard Pollock*

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