

PRIME MINISTER

BRIEFING FOR GORBACHEV'S VISIT

We have a two-hour session in the diary next Friday for Sir Percy Cradock and me, to focus in particular on chemical weapons.

We have also set aside the whole of next Monday afternoon and early evening for briefing to which I have invited:

The Foreign Secretary
The Defence Secretary
HM Ambassador, Moscow
Sir Percy Cradock

There are plenty of other applicants, eg. DTI and Cabinet Office. But I think there is a lot to be said for keeping it small so that you can have an intensive discussion.

Agree to repel boarders?

Yes not

C.D.P.

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