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PRIME MINISTER

PRESIDENT GORBACHEV'S VISIT

The programme for the visit of President and Mrs. Gorbachev is now almost in final shape. There are one or two points which I bring to your attention.

On the Tuesday afternoon you and Mr. Thatcher will go with President and Mrs. Gorbachev to Westminster Abbey to lay a wreath at the Grave of the Unknown Warrior. The choir of the Abbey will sing Benjamin Britten's Ceremony of Carols during the visit. The Gorbachevs will then go on to St. Paul's. There will be about 100 children outside from Sir John Cass's School in the City to welcome them. Inside the Cathedral, the choir will sing more Christmas carols.

After that the Gorbachevs will go on to visit a company called Sortex in Pudding Mill Lane. Sortex is a high technology company who have been exporting to the Soviet Union for a number of years and want to expand their business. They are part of the Bookers Group. The Russians are keen on this visit which they see as a drop-in event to meet workmen in a typical working environment (don't let's delude them!)

At the moment the Russians are still saying that Mr. Gorbachev is unable to attend a further talk with you on the Wednesday morning because of pressing business which will keep him at the Embassy until it's time to leave for the Palace. But the Soviet Ambassador has told me that he thinks this could change when Mr. Gorbachev actually gets here: he may after all want to have a talk with you. We had better keep that morning open.

Finally there is the question whether Mr. Thatcher should accompany Mrs. Gorbachev from the Palace to Heathrow (you will be accompanying President Gorbachev). Mr. Thatcher will not

be at the Palace lunch and would therefore have to go down to the Palace shortly before 1 pm to wait. I would not myself think this strictly necessary but you will want to decide.

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(C. D. POWELL)
7 December 1988



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

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Kamer The Soviet Embassy confirmed yesterday that the attached draft programme for the visits next week of President Gorbachev, Mrs Gorbacheva, Mr Shevardnadze, Mr Yakovlev and Mr Kamentsev had been approved by Moscow. The text has now gone to the printers to be produced in both Russian and English.

We have arranged in accordance with the Prime Minister's and the Secretary of State for Education's suggestions that there should be choirs singing carols at both Westminster Abbey and at St Pauls Cathedral. At St Pauls Cathedral there will be a group of 100 children from St John Cass's school in the City waiting outside to welcome the General Secretary and Mrs Gorbacheva.

After viewing a considerable number of possible options for the sightseeing tour, the Soviet Embassy opted to confine it to a visit to St Pauls followed by a drive along the All parallel to Docklands in order to visit a typical small modern British factory, where the General Secretary could meet the workers. The General Secretary wishes to get an idea for himself of the working conditions and working practices in a British factory. This visit is not therefore being described as a formal visit to the company for its own sake but as an impromptu call by the General Secretary on a typical British working environment. In fact the company chosen, Sortex, is particularly appropriate as they produce a hightechnology product for the electronic sorting of such products as rice, diamonds and peas. The company estimate that large numbers of such machines are required if the Soviet food processing industry is to be capable of improving its product to a point where it would be fit for producing high quality baby foods and for export. They are currently testing some Russian rice with a view to supplying their machines to the Soviet rice industry. They have already exported some of their machines on a limited scale in recent years. Sortex is part of the large industrial group Booker. The company has 200 employees on site and the product is both researched, developed and manufactured all in this one factory. 90% of their products are exported and the turnover



is 12 million a year. It is therefore a good example for the General Secretary who is particularly interested in the problems of introducing the results of scientific research into the industrial production and is therefore likely to be very interested in seeing the on-site integration between the scientific research effort and the product development.

It is planned to finalise the detailed annotated programmes by close of play tomorrow and to organise rehearsals for the car convoys over the weekend.

One point on which it would be helpful to have advice concerns the Prime Minister's interpreter, Mr Pollock.

We assume that the Prime Minister will wish Mr Pollock to be in attendance at the airport. Unfortunately there will be no room for Mr pollock in the Gorbachevs "Zil" car from the airport, so we hope that the Prime Minister will be content to rely on the Soviet interpreter. We will arrange for Mr Pollock to travel in one of the immediately following cars. The same arrangement would apply for the departure. We assume that the Prime Minister will also want Mr Pollock to interpret for her at the Palace.

Jours ever,

(L Parker) Private Secretary

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FROM: R J Chase

Protocol Department

DATE: 6 December 1988

cc: Mr Hemans, Soviet Dept

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PRESIDENT GORBACHEV'S VISIT

- We have just held what we hope will be a final meeting with the Soviets and agreed with them "final programmes" for the visits next week of President Gorbachev, Mrs Gorbacheva, Mr Shevardnadze, Mr Yakovlev and Mr Kamentsev. I attach a copy. There will also be a version in Russian.
- The Soviets have agreed that the visit to the company Sortex is to remain in the sightseeing programme. This visit is being portrayed as a drop-in type event to meet workmen in a typical working environment. In fact this is a rather appropriate visit as Sortex is a high technology company who have been exporting to the Soviet Union for a number of years on a limited scale. They are hoping to expand this business. In addition, Sortex is part of the large industrial group Bookers, whose Chairman will attend the Mansion House reception on 13 December.
- In response to the Prime Minister's and the Education Secretary's suggestions about arranging for lots of children to be about at the places President and Mrs Gorbachev visit during their sightseeing afternoon on 13 December, the choir will sing Benjamin Brittain's Ceremony of Carols "Wolcum Yole" during their visit to Westminster Abbey. At St Paul's Cathedral there will be about 100 children outside from Sir John Cass's school in the City to welcome President and Mrs Gorbachev. Inside the Cathedral the choir will sing more Christmas carols.
- I would be grateful if the PS could pass this information onto No 10 (spare copy of the programme attached) and I will follow up with a letter in the course of tomorrow.

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Visit of

His Excellency

The General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Mrs.R.M.Gorbacheva

Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and Mrs.R.M.Gorbacheva, will be accompanied by:

- His Excellency Mr.E.A.Shevardnadze
 Member of the Politburo of the Central Committee of the
 Communist Party of the Soviet Union, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- His Excellency Mr. A.N.Yakovlev,
 Member of the Politburo and Secretary of the Central
 Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union
- His Excellency Mr.V.M. Kamentsev,
 Deputy Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Soviet
 Union
- His Excellency Mr.L.M.Zamyatin, Ambassador of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the Court of St.James's
- Mr.V.I.Boldin,
 Head of the General Department of the Central Committee of
 the Communist Party of the Soviet Union
- Mr.N.Ye. Kruchina,
 Head of the Administrative Department of the Central
 Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union
- Mr.A.S. Chernyaev,
 Assistant to the General Secretary of the Central Committee
 of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union
- Mr.G.Kh. Shakhnazarov,
 Assistant to the General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union
- Mr.V.S.Gusenkov, Special Adviser to the General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union
- Mr.K.N.Brutents,
 First Deputy Head of the International Department of the
 Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union
- Mr.A.G.Kovalev,
 First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Soviet Union
- Mr.A.I.Vlasov, Chairman of the Novosti Press Agency
- Mr.N.I.Yefimov,
 Deputy Head of the Ideology Department of the Central
 Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union

Mr.N.A. Kosolapov,

Assistant to His Excellency Mr.A.N.Yakovlev, Member of the Politburo and Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union

Mr.T.G.Stepanov,

Assistant to His Excellency Mr E.A. Shevardnadze, Member of the Politburo of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and Minister of Foreign Affairs

Mr.S.P. Tarasenko,

Head of the Secretariat General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Soviet Union

Mr.V.I.Chernyshev,

Head of Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Soviet Union

Mr. V. N. Shevchenko,

Head of Sector of the Administrative Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union

Mr.A.I.Belikov,

Instructor of the General Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union

Mr.N.N.Uspenskiy,

Head of the Second European Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Soviet Union

In attendance:

Group Captain Paul Gray Colonel Philip Worrall Wing Commander Max Higson Air Commodore Philip Moore

Government Hospitality

Central Committee of the

His Excellency the General Secretary of the C.P.S.U., and Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R. and Mrs.R.M.Gorbacheva will stay at 13 Kensington Palace Gardens, W.8. The remainder of the official suite will stay at the Royal Garden Hotel, Kensington High Street, W.8

Programme

MONDAY, 12 DECEMBER

(See page for programme for His Excellency Mr.E.A.Shevardnadze)
(See page for programme for His Excellency Mr.A.N.Yakovlev)
(See page for programme for His Excellency Mr.V.M.Kamentsev)

2300 hrs Arrive London Heathrow Airport by Special Flight from Havana
Special Waiting Room, Southside

Met by the Lord-in-Waiting to Her Majesty The Queen,
The Lord Strathclyde,
the Prime Minister
and Mr.Denis Thatcher,
the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth
Affairs,
The Rt. Hon. Sir Geoffrey Howe, M.P.,
the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry,
The Rt. Hon. Lord Young of Graffham,
the Secretary of State for Education and Science,
The Rt. Hon. Kenneth Baker, M.P.
and the Lord President of the Council and Leader of the
House of Commons,
The Rt. Hon. John Wakeham, M.P.,

Ceremonial Guard of the Royal Air Force with the Queen's Colour and the Central Band of the Royal Air Force

2315 Leave the Airport by car accompanied by the Prime (approx) Minister and Mr. Denis Thatcher

2345 Arrive at the Residence (approx) 13 Kensington Palace Gardens, W. 8

The Prime Minister and Mr. Denis Thatcher, will call at the Embassy Residence Golden Room

OGRAMME FOR HIS EXCELLENCY MR.E.A.SHEVARDNADZE

MONDAY, 12 DECEMBER

2300 hrs Arrive London Heathrow Airport by Special Flight from

Havana

Special Waiting Room, Southside

2315 Leave the Airport by car

(approx)

2345 Arrive at the Residence

(approx) 13 Kensington Palace Gardens, W. 8

2400 Leave the Residence

(approx)

0005 Arrive Royal Garden Hotel (approx) Kensington High Street, W. 8.

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ROGRAMME FOR HIS EXCELLENCY MR.A.N.YAKOVLEV

MONDAY, 12 DECEMBER

2300 hrs Arrive London Heathrow Airport by Special Flight

from Havana

Special Waiting Room, Southside

2315 Leave the Airport by car

(approx)

2345 Arrive at the Residence

(approx) 13 Kensington Palace Gardens, W.8

2400 Leave the Residence

(approx)

0005 Arrive Royal Garden Hotel, (approx) Kensington High Street, W.8.

ROGRAMME FOR HIS EXCELLENCY MR.V.M.KAMENTSEV

MONDAY, 12 DECEMBER

2300 hrs Arrive London Heathrow Airport by Special Flight from

Havana

Special Waiting Room, Southside

2315 Leave the Airport by car

(approx)

2345 Arrive at the Residence

(approx) 13 Kensington Palace Gardens, W. 8

2400 Leave the Residence

(approx)

0005 Arrive Royal Garden Hotel (approx) Kensington High Street, W.8.

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TUESDAY, 13 DECEMBER

(See page (See page (See page	for programme for Mr.A.N.Yakovlev)
0950 hrs	Leave the Residence
1000	Arrive 10 Downing Street
	Talks with the Prime Minister The Rt.Hon.Margaret Thatcher, M.P.
1300 (approx)	Working Luncheon
1410	Leave 10 Downing Street accompanied by the Prime Minister and Mr.Denis Thatcher
1415	Arrive Westminster Abbey Great West Door
	Met by the Dean of Westminster The Very Reverend Michael Mayne
	Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Grave of the Unknown Warrior
1430 1440	Leave Westminster Abbey Prime Minister and Mr. Telether return to No 10 Downing Street Arrive St. Paul's Cathedral St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C. 4
	Met by the Dean of St.Paul's, The Very Reverend Eric Evans and the Canon in Residence for the Month of December, Canon Graham Routledge
	Tour the Cathedral
1500	Leave St. Paul's Cathedral
1515	Arrive Sortex Ltd. Pudding Mill Lane, E. 15
	Met by the Managing Director, Mr.Martin Kelly
	Visit the Shop Floor and Quality Control Department
1610	Leave Sortex Ltd.
1630	Arrivo at the Pesidence

TUESDAY, 13 DECEMBER (Contd.)

1700 hrs to 1730	The Leader of the Opposition, The Rt.Hon.Neil Kinnock, M.P., will call at the Residence
1750	Leave the Residence
1805	Arrive Mansion House Walbrook Entrance
1800	Reception to meet Members of the Business Community given by the Corporation of London Host: The Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor
1900	Leave Mansion House
1915	Arrive at the Residence
1920	Leave the Residence
1930	Arrive 10 Downing Street
1915 for 1930	Dinner given by Her Majesty's Government Hosts:The Prime Minister and Mr.Denis Thatcher Dress:Lounge Suit

PAGRAMME FOR MRS.R.M.GORBACHEVA

TUESDAY, 13 DECEMBER

1000 hrs	Leave the Residence accompanied by the Secretary of State for Education and Science, The Rt. Hon. Kenneth Baker, M.P.
1040	Arrive Windsor Castle King Henry VIII Gate
	Met by the Director of the Royal Collection, Sir Geoffrey de Bellaigue
	Visit the State Apartments
1120	Leave Windsor Castle
1200	Arrive at the Residence
1240	Leave the Residence
1250	Arrive 10 Downing Street
	Met by Mr. Denis Thatcher
1300 (approx)	Attend Working Luncheon
	Programme for the early afternoon as for His Excellency Mr.M.S.Gorbachev
1630	Arrive at the Residence
1700	Leave the Residence accompanied by the Secretary of State for Education and Science, The Rt. Hon. Kenneth Baker, M.P.
1715	Arrive Museum of London London Wall, E.C.2
	Met by the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Mr. Michael Robbins and the Director, Mr.Max Hebditch
	View selected exhibits
1800	Leave Museum of London
1815	Arrive at the Residence
1920	Leave the Residence

TEESDAY, 13 DECEMBER (Contd.)

1930 hrs Arrive 10 Downing Street

Programme for the evening as for His Excellency Mr.M.S.Gorbachev

PROGRAMME FOR HIS EXCELLENCY MR.E.A. SHEVARDNADZE

TUESDAY, 13 DECEMBER

1015 hrs Leave the hotel

10.15
1025 Arrive 1 Carlton Gardens

Talks with the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs,
The Rt. Hon. Sir Geoffrey Howe, M.P.

13-00 Working Luncheon

Talks resume

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Leave 1 Carlton Gardens

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17-00 Amir Poych Gordens Hold

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1745
Leave the hotel

1800
Arrive Mansion House
Walbrook Entrance

Reception to meet Members of the Business Community
given by the Corporation of London
Host: The Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor

1905
Leave Mansion House

1915
Arrive 10 Downing Street

Programme as for His Excellency Mr.M.S.Gorbachev

PROGRAMME FOR HIS EXCELLENCY MR.A.N.YAKOVLEV TOESDAY, 13 DECEMBER

	Leave the hotel
1020	Arrive 18 Kensington Palace Gardens, W.8
10-30	The Leader of the Social Democratic Party, The Rt. Hon. David Owen, M.P.,
1130	Leave Kensington Palace Gradens.W.8
1145	Arrive House of Commons Members' Entrance
	Met by the Chairman, Foreign Affairs Select Committee, The Rt. Hon. David Howell, M.P.
	Talks with the Foreign Affairs Select Committee, the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the British-Soviet Parliamentary Group
1245	Call on the Speaker of the House Of Commons, The Rt.Hon.Bernard Weatherill, M.P. Speaker's House
1315	Luncheon given by the Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House of Lords, The Rt. Hon. The Lord Belstead
1500	Leave House of Commons
1515	Arrive at the hotel 18 Kenning to Palace Genders
1745	Leave the hotel
1800	Arrive Mansion House Walbrook Entrance
	Reception to meet Members of the Business Community given by The Corporation of London Host: The Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor
1905	Leave Mansion House
1925	Arrive 10 Downing Street
	Programme for the evening as for His Excellency Mr.M.S.Gorbache

OGRAMME FOR HIS EXCELLENCY MR.V.M.KAMENTSEV

TUESDAY, 13 DECEMBER

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0940 hr	s Leave the hotel
0955	Arrive Department of Trade and Industry, 1 Victoria Street, S.W.1
1000 to 1120	Talks with the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, The Rt. Hon. Lord Young of Graffham and the Minister for Trade, The Hon. Alan Clark, M.P.
1125	Leave Department of Trade and Industry
1145	Arrive Confederation of British Industry Centre Point, New Oxford Street, W.C.1
	Meeting with British Businessmen chaired by, hard Tellicoe Chavin of the East European Trade Council
1240	Leave Confederation of British Industry
1305	Arrive Lancaster House St James's, S.W.1
1300 for 1315	Luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government Host: The Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, The Rt. Hon. Lord Young of Graffham
1430 (ypose)	Leave Lancaster House
1500	Arrive Midland Bank plc. 27-32 Poultry, E.C.2
	Met by the Chairman of Midland Bank plc., Sir Kit McMahon
	Meeting with the Chairman of Midland Bank plc., Sir Kit McMahon
1600	Leave Midland Bank plc.
1630	Arrive at the hotel
1745	Leave the Hotel
1800	Arrive Mansion House Walbrook Entrance
	Reception to meet Members of the Business Community given by the Corporation of London Host: The Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor

PROGRAMME FOR HIS EXCELLENCY MR.V.M.KAMENTSEV

TUESDAY, 13 DECEMBER (Contd.)

1905 Leave Mansion House

1915 Arrive 10 Downing Street

Programme as for His Excellency Mr.M.S.Gorbachev

WEDNESDAY, 14 DECEMBER

No official engagements

1120 hrs Leave the Residence

1130 Arrive Buckingham Palace
Grand Entrance via Centre Gate and South Arch

Received by Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh

A Guard of Honour found by The Queen's Guard made up to a strength of 100 and provided by 2nd Battalion, Scots Guards with The Queen's Colour, the Band of the Regiment and the Pipes and Drums of the Battalion, under the Command of Major Julian Lawrie, is mounted in the Quadrangle

His Excellency Mr.M.S.Gorbachev, accompanied by His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, will inspect the Guard of Honour

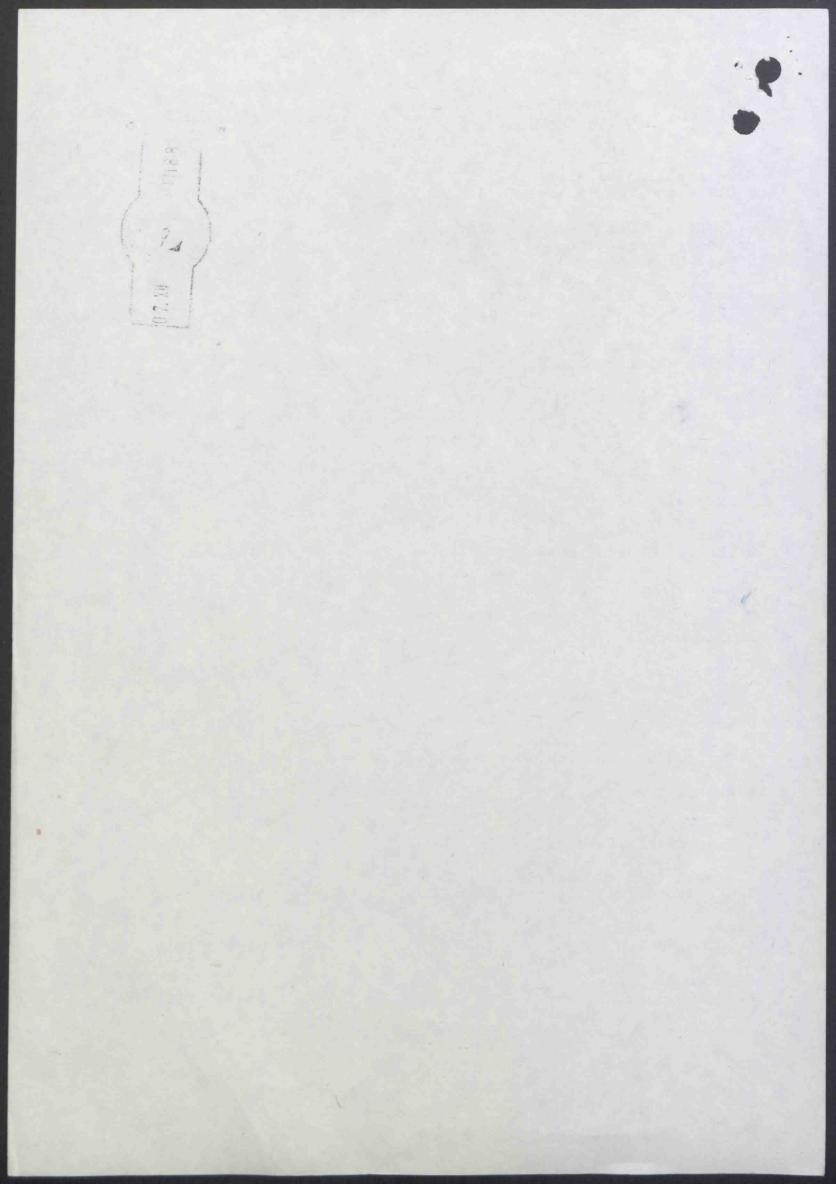
- 1200 Luncheon given by Her Majesty The Queen
- Leave Buckingham Palace accompanied by the Prime Minister, The Rt.Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.
- 1330 Arrive London Heathrow Airport Special Waiting Room, Southside

Depart by Special Flight for Moscow

The Prime Minister
and Mr.Denis Thatcher,
the Secretary of State for Foreign Commonwealth
Affairs,
The Rt.Hon.Sir Geoffrey Howe, M.P.,
the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry,
The Rt.Hon.Lord Young of Graffham,
the Secretary of State for Education and Science,
The Rt.Hon.Kenneth Baker, M.P.
and the Lord President of the Council and Leader of the
House of Commons,
The Rt.Hon.John Wakeham, M.P.,
will bid farewell

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10 DOWNING STREET

LONDON SW1A 2AA

From the Private Secretary

4 December 1988

Dear Lyn

PRESIDENT GORBACHEV'S VISIT

The Prime Minister has had another idea: when President Gorbachev goes to Westminster Abbey on the afternoon of 13 December to lay a wreath, she thinks it would be a good idea to have a choir of the Cathedral - or alternatively the boys of Westminster School - on hand to sing some Christmas Carols. I should be grateful if this thought could be fed into those planning the programme for the visit.

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C. D. POWELL

Lyn Parker, Esq., Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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