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Dear Charles

I enclose a personal letter of thanks to the Prime Minister in reply to her kind letter to me of 24 September. I should be most grateful if you would kindly pass it to her.

It was good to see you and work with you again last week. I am firmly of the opinion - quite apart from all media 'assessments' - that a further qualitative advance in the personal relationship took place at last Saturday's Moscow meetings. I mention two brief points evidencing this (for the linguist) in my letter to the Prime Minister. I shall write to you in the next few days with more detailed observations - and in that form, if I may, rather than duplicate your own verbatim report already existing.

I hope it does not inconvenience you if I proceed thus: I had to be away earlier this week. In anticipation, I would just say that the contrast between Gorbachev at the televised Plenum prior to the PM's visit and the relaxed, at times lascivious, Gorbachev during exchanges with her on 23 September was remarkable. To watch his performances is very informative.

It only remains to thank you for making me feel welcome and for the many ways I am helped by your presence on these occasions.

*Kindest regards,
Yours sincerely
Richard.*

Professor Richard Pollock

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