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PRIME MINISTER

SHEVARDNADZE

Mr. Gorbachev is very keen for Shevardnadze to come to see you next week. The only day he could manage is Tuesday afternoon after Questions. He has to be back in Moscow that night to receive the new Czechoslovak Prime Minister the following day.

The time which would suit him best is 1545 but you already have an hour with The Prince of Wales then. We therefore intend to suggest to Shevardnadze a meeting at 1700 which would last an hour and a half or so, from which he would go straight to the airport.

The Foreign Secretary would also want to be present and would return early from the EC meeting in Brussels to attend.

Can we go ahead on this basis please?

*— Am agreed*

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*RP*, (C.D. POWELL)

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