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PERSONAL FOR HEMANS, SOVIET DEPARTMENT FROM LYNE

PRIME MINISTER'S PROGRAMME

1. DURING MY MEETING WITH KRASNOV ON 1 JUNE (WHICH I AM REPORTING SEPARATELY), HE SAID THAT THE PROVISIONAL LINE-UP FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING WITH THE MILITARY AT 1630 ON 8 JUNE WOULD BE:

MARSHAL YAZOV

GENERAL MOISEV

- CDS equivalent

GENERAL LUSHOV (WARSAW PACT COMMANDER)

- SACFOR equivalent

GENERAL CHERVOV

- nuclear expert

USPENSKY

INTERPRETER

2. IN PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS, WE HAD TRIED TO STEER THE MFA IN THE DIRECTION OF A SLIGHTLY WIDER GROUP, EG BY MENTIONING THE AIR FORCE AND NAVAL COMMANDERS AS POSSIBILITIES AND BY TALKING IN TERMS OF HAVING PERHAPS 6-10 MILITARY LEADERS AROUND THE TABLE. WE HAVE ON ALL OCCASIONS, TODAY INCLUDED, STRESSED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER IS LOOKING FOR A FREE-RANGING ROUND TABLE SESSION, IN WHICH ALL PARTICIPANTS WOULD PARTICIPATE AND SPEAK FRANKLY. I JUDGE THAT WE HERE HAVE MORE OR LESS REACHED THE LIMITS OF OUR ABILITY TO INFLUENCE THE SOVIET LINE-UP. WE CANNOT ULTIMATELY DICTATE WHOM YAZOV SHOULD INVITE. IF NO 10 ARE NOT HAPPY WITH THE WAY THE MEETING IS SHAPING UP, ONE OPTION MIGHT BE FOR CHARLES POWELL TO HAVE A QUIET WORD WITH KOSOV. ANOTHER WOULD BE TO LEAVE THIS UNTIL THE PRIME MINISTER SITS DOWN WITH GORBACHEV ON THE MORNING OF 8 JUNE, AND FOR HER TO MAKE ANY ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS THEN.

3. WE HAVE YET TO DEFINE ATTENDANCE ON OUR SIDE, FOR WHICH USPENSKY'S PRESENCE HAS IMPLICATIONS.

BRITISH TRADE CENTRE

4. JUST AS HE WAS LEAVING FOR KIEV LAST NIGHT, THE AMBASSADOR RECEIVED A SOMEWHAT INSISTENT TELEX FROM CURTIS KEEBLE. CURTIS SAID THAT HE HAD HEARD FROM YOUR DEPARTMENT THAT THERE MIGHT BE CHANGES TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S PROGRAMME. HE WAS PROCEEDING ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE TRADE CENTRE PRESENTATION WOULD BEGIN AT 0900 IN THE WHITE

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HALL OF MOSSOVIET AND THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD JOINT IT AT 0915 FOR HALF AN HOUR. HE ASKED US TO INDICATE WHETHER THE CHANGES UNDER DISCUSSION WOULD AFFECT THE TRADE CENTRE PRESENTATION, 'THE EFFECT OF WHICH HINGES ENTIRELY ON THE PRIME MINISTER'S PRESENCE.'

5. I DO NOT WISH TO RISK CONFUSION BY ENGAGING IN A PARALLEL CORRESPONDENCE WITH CURTIS. AS YAZOV IS NOT TO BE BUDGED FROM HOLDING HIS MEETING IN THE AFTERNOON, I THINK THAT YOU CAN GENERALLY SET CURTIS'S MIND AT REST (THOUGH IT MIGHT BE PRUDENT TO AVOID AN IRREVOCABLE COMMITMENT, AT LEAST PENDING GORBACHEV'S RETURN FROM THE UNITED STATES). HOWEVER, CURTIS IS BIDDING FOR MORE TIME THAN WE AT PRESENT EXPECT THE PRIME MINISTER TO SPEND AT THE PRESENTATION. WITH THE ADDITION OF GPT TO THE PROGRAMME, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR THE PRIME MINISTER TO SPEND MORE THAN A TOTAL OF 30 MINUTES AT MOSSOVIET. DON BROWN THINKS IT SHOULD SUFFICE FOR HER TO SPEND 15 MINUTES AT THE PRESENTATION (WHICH, HAVING BEEN HONOURED THUS, COULD CONTINUE AFTER HER DEPARTURE). THIS WOULD ALLOW HER THEN TO HAVE A 15-MINUTE CHAT WITH GAVRIIL POPOV, WHICH WE THINK WOULD BE WELL WORTH WHILE. I HAVE SPOKEN IN THESE TERMS TO KRASNOV. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF WE SHOULD EXPAND OR RE-DIVIDE THE TIME SHE SPENDS AT MOSSOVIET. COULD YOU ALSO VERY KINDLY COMMUNICATE ON OUR BEHALF WITH CURTIS, IN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF HIS TELEX?

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