

Mr Power

This message came into Mr Guise,  
and he has asked me to pass it  
on to you.

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Louise Ashton.

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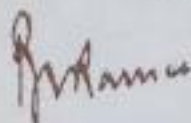
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## MESSAGE:

BP in the USSR

You may wish to brief the Prime Minister about some BP activities in the USSR in preparation for her visit later this week. She will be aware that both ELF (France) and Chevron (USA) have signed protocols/letters of intent with the Soviets for exploration and production in the USSR. Indeed these events have been well publicised in recent announcements and in the Press comment that followed.

The Prime Minister should be assured that BP are also actively developing a position with Soviet counterparts which, inter alia, includes the promising project described in the attached note. She should be aware of this but we would prefer at this stage that she makes no specific reference to it. However we would, of course, welcome any general support that she feels able to give us.


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BP Exploration has recently been in discussion with the Republic of Kazakhstan concerning the exploration and production of hydrocarbons in Kazakhstan. The Ministry of Oil and Gas and the Ministry of Geology in Moscow are fully aware that the discussions took place, although we have not returned to speak to the Ministries to tell them of the outcome. We are currently arranging visits to Moscow for this purpose, anticipated to be in the second half of June.

The Minister for Energy in the UK is aware of these discussions and we request that they are kept confidential, and not raised by the Prime Minister in her forthcoming visit to the USSR.