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From the Private Secretary

11 June 1990

I enclose a copy of the Prime Minister's message to President Bush in the form in which it issued.

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Prime Minister

Message to President

Bush

The FCO had only
a minor comment
which I have
taken.

Content for the
message to issue?
C.D.!



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Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's visit to the Soviet Union

Thank you for your letters of 10 June asking for comments on a draft statement to the House and a draft message to President Bush.

On the draft message, we would suggest adding a new second sentence to the first paragraph to read "I was also grateful to Jim Baker for briefing me on subsequent developments at Turnberry". "Him" in the last line would then have to read "President Gorbachev". We would also suggest a new paragraph:

"I mentioned BW, as you did. President Gorbachev was dismissive but said he intended to look into it more deeply."

We would suggest four small amendments to the draft statement:


- page 2, para 1: redraft first lines to read:
"NATO, indeed that would be the natural result of unification:". Our legal advisers believe this gives a more accurate account of the legal position.
- page 2, para 3, line 3: delete "proper": there is a danger of implying that we share Gorbachev's view of the applicability of the Soviet constitution to Lithuania.
- page 3, para 3: add after first sentence "I was impressed by the exhibition and the range of cultural events on offer. And", so as not to make it sound as if the exhibition is purely commercial.
- on page 4, perhaps it would be better to refer to a new and more "positive" period in Europe. We ourselves often point to the fact that we have had peace in Europe for forty-five years.

Yours,
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