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PRIME MINISTER

REYKJAVIK MEETING

The Russians have been in touch to say that Mr Gorbachev wants to send a personal emissary to London to brief you (and others) on the outcome of the Reykjavik meeting. The emissary will be Karpov, who is the chief Soviet negotiator at Geneva. He would come on Tuesday 14 October.

I think you should agree to see Karpov, who could subsequently also brief FCO Ministers and officials. There might be some slight presentational awkwardness vis-a-vis the Americans who are not - or not yet - sending personal emissaries, although George Shultz will brief a meeting of NATO Ministers, and there will no doubt be messages. I think this is manageable, but have warned the Americans of the Soviet offer in case they want to adjust their plans.

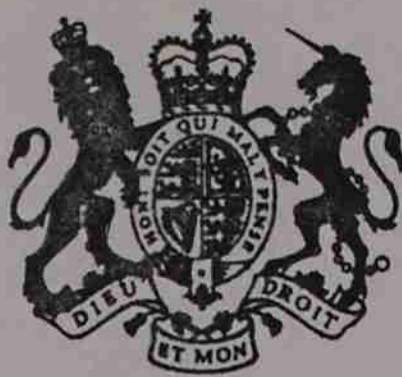
Tuesday is a bad day in the diary but I think it is important enough to find half an hour. - *it's much longer than that*

Agree to see Mr Karpov?

Yes

Charles Powell
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From the Private Secretary

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US/SOVIET MEETING IN REYKJAVIK

This is to confirm my conversation with the Resident Clerk over the weekend in which I said that the Prime Minister would be willing to receive Mr. Karpov on Tuesday 14 October at 0915. She would prefer Mr. Karpov to come with the Soviet Ambassador and an interpreter (if necessary) only.

I should also be grateful for the appropriate briefing, by Monday evening.

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