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To Paul - m/s

Dear Michael,

Thank you for your letter of 18 September about the telephone call to you on that day from Mr Dolgov of the Soviet Embassy.

On his return from past visits to Moscow, Mr Lunkov has frequently asked to see the Prime Minister. But meetings with the Ambassador are not likely to be fruitful unless there is a specific subject to discuss. Lord Carrington agrees that there is no reason to recommend to the Prime Minister that she should receive Mr Lunkov at present.

Yours etc

Paul

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From the Private Secretary

18 September 1979

If only as an example of the dog that did not bark, or at least that has not barked yet, you may wish to know that the Counsellor of the Soviet Embassy, Mr. Dolgov, rang me this morning to say that his Ambassador had just returned from Moscow where he had "seen members of the Soviet leadership". He had been asked to convey to the Prime Minister Premier Kosygin's warm regards and best wishes. Mr. Dolgov concluded by saying that his Ambassador was available to call on the Prime Minister at any time.

Mr. Dolgov did not offer any specific reason why the Prime Minister should see the Soviet Ambassador, and, subject to your views, I do not propose to recommend to the Prime Minister that she should take up the offer of a meeting with Mr. Lunkov at present.

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