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From the Private Secretary

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**PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION:
MEETING WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR**

BF // The Prime Minister has decided that it would be useful for her to see the Soviet Ambassador a fortnight or so before her visit to Moscow. I have therefore invited him to call on 10 March at 1700. We shall need briefing, if possible by the preceding Friday, on the state of preparations for the visit. We shall also need to work out what the Prime Minister should say to the Ambassador about what the Russians call the "political content" of the visit. There will be an opportunity to develop our views on this further during the second part of the seminar on the Soviet Union on 27 February.

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