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Sent to Clapham
by Muzak

PRIME MINISTER

US/SOVIET SUMMIT

I think on reflection that you ought to send a short message to Mr Gorbachev about the Summit so that we retain an even-handed approach. There is perhaps some small risk of seeming importunate but I do not take it at all seriously.

I attach a draft which I hope is about right. He may respond by offering to send someone to brief you about his view of the Summit. Although not convenient in diary terms, I think it would nonetheless be worthwhile.

I have deliberately not repeated your invitation to him to visit Britain, since that was in your pre-Summit message and we do not want to appear over-eager.

CDP

Charles Powell

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THE PRESS SECRETARY

I would like to congratulate you most warmly on your successful Summit meeting with President Reagan in Moscow. ~~In my judgment~~ Your discussions made important progress on all four of the main items of your agenda and represent a further step towards the more peaceful and stable relations between East and West that ~~both of us~~ ^{we all} want to see. Most important, I think your successive meetings with President Reagan are beginning to change for the better attitudes and perceptions in each country about the other, and I am sure this will be further developed by the exchanges of young people between your two countries on which I understand you and the President have agreed.

I have received a full account from President Reagan of your meetings and also listened with great interest to your remarkable and spirited press conference. If there are any further, personal impressions of the meeting or of the way ahead which you wish to convey, I should of course be most interested to hear them.

May I also add a particular word of appreciation for the very considerable contribution made to the overall atmosphere of the Summit by Mrs Gorbachev.

Charles -
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upset
Mary. The last
sure was very difficult.

Meanwhile I send you my best wishes for your forthcoming Party Conference and for the success of the great reforms on which you are embarked.

His Excellency Mr Mikhail Sergeevich Gorbachev