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PRIME MINISTER

MEETING WITH MR. YELTSIN

Mr. Yeltsin's arrangements keep changing to fit in with the meetings of the Central Committee next week in Moscow. He will be here next weekend, when you cannot see him. He will also be passing through, on his way to New York, on Wednesday evening. He would be available at around 8 pm that evening if you wished to see him. You are going to the Chief Whip's drinks at 7 pm but have nothing apart from that. It would therefore be feasible to see him: equally you have a fairly good excuse should you prefer not to do so.

As things are, it seems to me that he is bound to become a figure of increasing political importance, and may win election as the President of the Russian Republic. So there are good arguments for being able to form your own direct and personal judgment of him. I told the Soviet Ambassador this morning that you might see Yeltsin next week. He did not demur, but simply observed that we would need to handle press coverage of the meeting carefully.

Agree to see Mr. Yeltsin next Wednesday evening at 8 pm?

CDP

Yes not

(C. D. POWELL)

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