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THE PRIME MINISTER

3 April 1987

Dear Bryan,

I am immensely grateful to you and all your staff at the Embassy for all the hard work you put into making my visit to the Soviet Union such a significant and successful event. I am old hand enough to know that these visits cannot be really successful without careful preparation. You laid the groundwork very skilfully and effectively. The programme was very well judged and made it possible to fit in a very great deal. There are still some unanswered questions in my mind about why Mr. Gorbachev was so evidently determined to make the visit a success. And we shall need to think very carefully and thoroughly about the follow up to it. But success it was and for that I am sincerely grateful. I hope you will pass on my thanks also to all the members of your staff who helped make it so. I know what difficult conditions they work under.

Please also thank Ruth most warmly for her kind hospitality and for making me so comfortable. I very much enjoyed seeing you both again.

With warm regards,

Yours ever

Raymond

Sir Bryan Cartledge, KCMG.

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3 April 1987

Dear Secretary-General.

Thank you so much for writing about my visit to the Soviet Union. It was a most kind thought. I hope that I have contributed to the process which will lead to both greater personal liberties in the Soviet Union and to a better understanding between East and West.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Mr. Shridath S. Ramphal, AC, Kt, CMG, GC.





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Dear Mr. Cherkezia,

My visit to Georgia and your capital of Tbilisi was one of the highlights of my visit to the Soviet Union and I write to express my warmest thanks to you and your colleagues for having arranged such a full and interesting programme for me. I was most impressed by what I saw and by the friendly reception which I received from the people of your city. And I particularly enjoyed the chance to talk to you and hear both about the achievements and problems of your Republic.

I am sorry that we had to leave before the end of the dinner but we were there long enough for me to testify to the renowned excellence and warmth of Georgia's hospitality.

I hope that you will visit us in the United Kingdom and look forward to seeing you when you do. In the meantime, I should be most grateful if you would pass on my thanks to all those associated with my visit on what was a very happy day.

With warm good wishes,

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

Mr. O. E. Cherkezia

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THE PRIME MINISTER

3 April 1987

Dear Mr. Pitovranov,

Thank you very much for your help in establishing the new offices of the British-Soviet Chamber of Commerce in the International Trade Center and for accompanying me at the opening ceremony. I hope that this augurs well for the future trade relations between our countries, which it is my aim to see develop and expand.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Raymond Barber

Mr. E. P. Pitovranov.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

3 April 1987

Dear Mr. Saikin,

I should like to thank you most warmly for your kindness and consideration in arranging for me to see Krilatskoye, and for accompanying me during my visit. I was much impressed by what I saw and delighted by the warmth and spontaneity of the welcome which I received from the people. It was a memorable aspect of a fascinating and productive visit to the Soviet Union.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Raymond Thatcher

Mr. V. T. Saikin.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

3 April 1987

Dear Mr. Aristov,

I am most grateful to you for your courtesy in meeting me on my arrival in the Soviet Union and your kindness in accompanying me to the opening of the new offices of the British/Soviet Chamber of Commerce. The prospects for increased trade between our two countries are indeed encouraging and I hope that my visit will have given them a further impetus, as well as proving an important step forward in our wider relations.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Raymond Thatcher

Mr. B. I. Aristov.





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THE PRIME MINISTER

3 April 1987

Dear Mr. Kamentsev,

I write to thank you most warmly for your kindness and courtesy in accompanying me on various engagements during my visit to the Soviet Union, and in particular to the opening of the British/Soviet Trade Centre and to Tbilisi. The latter was a particularly cheerful and friendly occasion which I enjoyed enormously. Altogether I found my visit a most exhilarating experience and believe it will mark a positive and constructive step forward in relations between Britain and the Soviet Union.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

Mr. V. M. Kamentsev





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THE PRIME MINISTER

3 April 1987

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Yom Grae.

I should like to thank you most warmly for your kind hospitality to me at Zagorsk. I found my visit an interesting and a moving experience and was glad to be able to demonstrate my feeling of fellowship with those who continue to maintain their tradition of Christian faith and worship in the Soviet Union. May I ask you also to thank on my behalf all those concerned with my visit, which I shall long remember.

I am, Sir,

Yom Grae's obedient servant-

Nayand Shalita

His Beatitude, The Metropolitan of Krutits and Kolomna

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THE PRIME MINISTER

3 April 1987

Dear Mr. Marchuk.

I was most grateful to you for giving me such a lucid account of the activities of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR during my all too brief visit to the Institute of Crystallography. I had heard a great deal about you from my colleague Peter Walker and was delighted that we had this brief opportunity to meet. I hope that you will let me know when you visit the United Kingdom so that we may continue our talk. In the meantime, I send you my best wishes,

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

Academician G.I. Marchuk

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THE PRIME MINISTER

3 April 1987

Dear Mr. Ryzhkov.

I am writing to express my deep and sincere gratitude for the arrangements made for my visit to the Soviet Union, and for the outstanding hospitality accorded to me. I am particularly grateful to you personally for your great courtesy in devoting so much of your time to my visit. I found our talks, especially those dealing with bilateral problems and trade, of particular value. I shall ensure that the points for future co-operation which we identified are properly followed up.

More widely, I am glad to say that my Cabinet colleagues warmly welcomed the outcome of my visit when I reported to them, and expressed the wish to develop better co-operation with the Soviet Union in many fields. Our support for the policies of restructuring, greater open-ness and democratization were reaffirmed in my report to Parliament.

I should like to take this opportunity to repeat my invitation to you to visit the United Kingdom at a convenient time.

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Finally may I ask you to convey my warm appreciation to all those concerned in the organisation of my visit, for the excellent arrangements which they made.

With best wishes to you and Mrs. Ryzhkov.

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

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His Excellency Mr. Nikolai Aleksandrovich Ryzhkov





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3 April 1987

Dear Mrs. Burton-Murrell

Thank you so much for presenting me with a copy of your book about Moscow's architecture. I have not yet had time to look at it properly but it will be a reminder of my visit. I am delighted to hear you are now working on a second volume.

Thank you again,

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

Mrs. Burton-Murrell.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

3 April 1987

Dear Mr. Vainshtein,

I am most grateful to you for arranging for me to visit the Institute of Crystallography. I found it absolutely fascinating and was sad only that we did not have enough time to look properly at all the work which you are doing there. As you know, from the very first moment that we began to discuss my visit to the Soviet Union I asked if it would be possible to visit your Institute and it fully lived up to my high expectations. I should be grateful if you would pass on my warm thanks to your colleagues and members of staff of the Institute.

I send you my best wishes,

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

Academician B.K. Vainshtein





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THE PRIME MINISTER

3 April 1987

Dear Mr. Pollock.

I should like to thank you very warmly indeed for your quite outstanding work as interpreter during my visit to the Soviet Union. It was a tremendous help to have someone who was able to convey not only the sense of what I was saying but also the feeling and the tone. It was very important that the visit should be a success and I believe that it was so, thanks in good part to your skill and energy. I am most grateful for all your help and support.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

Richard Pollock, Esq.

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Personal Minute

No. PM 2187

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS

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VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION

I know what a very great deal of effort went into the preparations for our visit to the Soviet Union. I should be grateful if you would, on my behalf, thank the members of the Soviet Department and everyone else who contributed very warmly indeed for their excellent work. The same goes for officials in the Department of Trade and Industry, the Ministry of Defence, the Cabinet Office and ECGD. Our combined effort produced an important success for British interests and, I believe, made a real impact on the people and government of the Soviet Union. I am truly grateful.

I am sending copies of my minute to Paul Channon, George Younger and Sir Robert Armstrong.

*Margaret Thatcher*

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3 April 1987

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THE PRIME MINISTER

2 April 1987

Dear Ambassador.

I should like you to know how interesting and rewarding I found my visit to the Soviet Union, and how grateful I am to you for all you did to make a success of it. The programme fully met my hopes in every respect and I was very touched by the warmth of the reception which I received. I have of course written to General Secretary Gorbachev to express my thanks to him for his great courtesy in devoting so much time to my visit and for our very frank and useful exchanges. When I reported on my visit to Cabinet this morning, the conclusion was that it had been a positive and constructive step forward in our relations which we would follow up in future. I cannot think of a better outcome to a visit than that.

Please also convey my thanks to Mr. Kossov for all his help and assistance.

With good wishes,

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Monsieur Leonid M. Zamyatin





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THE PRIME MINISTER

2 April 1987

*Dear Mr. Gorbachev,*

I want to let you know straight away that I reported to Cabinet this morning on my visit to the Soviet Union. Cabinet warmly welcomed the visit as a positive and constructive step forward in our relations with the Soviet Union, which we would follow up in future.

As you will know from our discussions, this very closely reflects my own views and wishes, and I am delighted that my colleagues have so readily endorsed them. I shall be reporting to Parliament this afternoon and shall ensure that the Soviet Embassy receive a copy of my statement.

I found my visit an exhilarating experience and I am most grateful to you personally for your great kindness in devoting so much time to it. We both enjoy frank speaking, and I am sure that this is the best way to reach a better understanding. I was pleased to be able to confirm to you personally our welcome for your policies of open-ness, restructuring and democratisation. We do most sincerely wish you well in them. They point the way to the greater trust and confidence which we both want to see. Obviously there are many matters on which we think very differently and shall continue to do so. But if we can discuss them in the same frank spirit as during my visit, our relations will prosper and become more friendly.

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May I thank you particularly, among all the many aspects of my interesting and rewarding programme, for the delightful and informal supper party on 31 March; and for allowing me so many opportunities to meet and speak to the Soviet people. I was deeply touched by the spontaneous warmth of their welcome, both in Moscow and in Tbilisi.

I hope very much that you will pay us an official visit before long. Meanwhile, I shall be considering with my colleagues how we can best follow up in practical ways the commitment which we both made to further co-operation between our countries. I hope that we can continue to communicate directly with each other on matters of concern to us both.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

Mr. M. S. Gorbachev