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5 October 1984

From the Private Secretary

Visit of the Yugoslav Foreign Minister

Thank you for your letter of 4 October about the visit of the Yugoslav Foreign Minister.

The Prime Minister would be happy to see Mr. Disdarevic at 0930 on 7 November.

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Prime Minister Foreign and Commonwealth Office
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Agree to brief
meeting with Yugoslav
Foreign Minister?

4 October 1984

Dear Charles,

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Yes [initials]

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Mr Raif Dizdarevic, the Yugoslav Foreign Minister, will be visiting Britain at the invitation of the Secretary of State from 6-8 November. The Yugoslavs have asked if Mr Dizdarevic could call on the Prime Minister.

Political consultations with the Yugoslavs take place every two years at Foreign Minister level. When Mr Pym visited Yugoslavia in 1982, he was received by the Yugoslav Prime Minister, Mrs Planinc, who as the Prime Minister will recall visited Britain at the Prime Minister's invitation last November.

Mr Dizdarevic has never been to Britain before and so far has had little experience of the West. Although his present appointment expires in May 1986 (under the Yugoslav system of rotation of Ministerial offices which is designed to satisfy the aspirations of the constituent republics), he is likely to remain an important political figure. A short call on the Prime Minister would add greatly to the success of the visit, although the Foreign Secretary would not wish to press the Prime Minister if she is heavily committed on the days concerned. The Embassy have advised that it would if necessary be possible to placate the Yugoslavs should the Prime Minister's diary be too full for her to spare the necessary time.

Mr Dizdarevic arrives in the afternoon of 6 November and departs at lunch time on 8 November.

Yours ever,

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