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*From the Private Secretary*

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VISIT BY MEMBER OF YUGOSLAV  
FEDERAL PRESIDENCY

Thank you for your letter of 4 November about the proposed visit of Mr. Veselin Djuranovic next year. The Prime Minister could manage talks at 12 o'clock on 23 March followed by lunch. I should be grateful if you could put the necessary arrangements in hand.

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*Andy*  
*Can we manage?*  
*any of these dates?*  
*A meal and an hour.*  
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Dear Charles,

Visit by Member of Yugoslav Federal Presidency

In your letter of 28 July, you said that the Prime Minister agreed in principle that we should invite a member of the Yugoslav Federal Presidency to London in early 1988.

The Yugoslavs have now told us that the person they have in mind is Veselin Djuranovic, who represents Montenegro on the collective Presidency, and whom the Prime Minister will remember from her visit to Yugoslavia in 1980 (when he was Federal Prime Minister). Other members of the Presidency are due to visit the US and France before the end of this year. The Yugoslavs have said that they would like Djuranovic's visit to take place as soon as possible, partly in order to balance an expected early visit by Gorbachev to Belgrade. They have apologised for the delay in putting his name forward, blaming this on preoccupation with their economic and financial situation.

As you know from my letter of 27 July, the Prime Minister's involvement in a visit by Djuranovic would be limited to a meeting and a meal. The Foreign Secretary hopes it may be possible to offer dates fairly early in 1988. From what we know of the Prime Minister's plans, and on the basis of the Foreign Secretary's commitments, the following dates may be possible candidates:

22-23 or 23-24 March  
 27-28 April

If the Prime Minister were able to manage talks and a lunch on 23 March or 27 April, the Foreign Secretary would be able to attend. The earlier date would have the advantage that it would allow us to pursue a possible brief call by Djuranovic on the Queen, for which the Yugoslavs have asked. The Queen will not be in London on 27 April.

I should be grateful if you could let me know whether any of these dates would suit the Prime Minister.

Yours ever,

*L. Parker*

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 Private Secretary