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*From the Private Secretary*

14 September 1988

Mr Robert Maxwell telephoned me this evening to say that he would shortly be visiting Poland to meet General Jaruzelski, with whom he was on very good terms. The purpose was to take part in a discussion on open communications. He would be very ready to put any points to the General which we would find it useful to have raised, either in relation to the Prime Minister's visit or more generally.

I thanked Mr Maxwell for giving us this opportunity and said that I would reflect on it and consult the FCO. I think it would be helpful to our relations with Mr Maxwell if we could come up with some response.

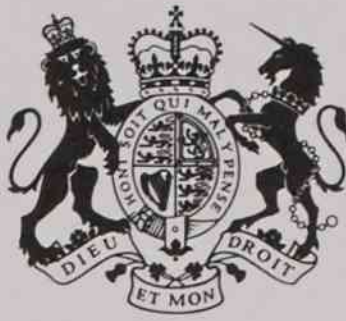
BF/ Could you please ask the department for some suggestions by the morning of 20 September.

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Note for file

I have passed  
on them points orally  
to Mr. Maxwell, who  
is using them with

Good Janzeliski.

He will report  
back next week.

No further action.

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*Mr Maxwell explained me ~~the~~ really is*

~~Thank you for your letter of 14 September.~~

*as letters are very particular points which the  
line. Another would like him to make*

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CAVEAT .....

Please thank Mr Maxwell for his offer to put points to General Jaruzelski. He could begin by saying how much the Prime Minister is looking forward to the visit. She hopes therefore that there <sup>will be</sup> ~~is~~ no recurrence of the sort of violence we saw in April and May. British public opinion would be strongly opposed to a visit in such circumstances.

Secondly, Mr Maxwell could say that the Prime Minister hopes that there will be a genuine attempt to find common ground with Solidarity. (The next round of talks is due in mid-October.) It would be unfortunate if the authorities simply regarded the round-table discussions with the opposition as a device for gaining time. The situation is too serious for that.

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Finally, Mr Maxwell might say that the Prime Minister is coming with an open mind, wants to listen to all parties and to form her own judgement of the situation.