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Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's Visit to Poland

The Polish Ambassador called on Mr Waldegrave today to discuss the visit.

Dr Gertych stressed that the only reason the postponement had been requested was to ensure that best possible visit. The Polish Government would like to be in a position to brief the Prime Minister on its programme, and on the next session of round-table talks, due in mid-October. The Ambassador stressed the importance which the Polish authorities attached to the visit and their concern that it should be productive for both sides. He hoped there was no misunderstanding over the request for a postponement. Mr Waldegrave assured him that he understood the reasons for the postponement and that he would reinforce this message to No 10.

The Ambassador said that the new government would be confirmed by Parliament on 13 October. He personally expected that the Round Table talks with Solidarity would go ahead on 17-18 October.

Mr Waldegrave had just seen the text of General Jaruzelski's message to the Prime Minister. He told the Ambassador that he could not anticipate the Prime Minister's reply to General Jaruzelski's proposed dates, but that he understood that there were diary problems after the beginning of November.

Dr Gertych is of course calling on the Prime Minister on 7 October.

*Yours ever,
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