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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRIME MINISTER AND PRESIDENT GORBACHEV: REPORT IN PRAVDA

1. PRAVDA OF 29 MARCH CARRIED A REPORT OF THE TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRIME MINISTER AND PRESIDENT GORBACHEV ON ITS FRONT PAGE
2. THE REPORT READS AS FOLLOWS

'BRITISH PRIME MINISTER MARGARET THATCHER, IN A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION TODAY, CONGRATULATED MIKHAIL GORBACHEV ON HIS ELECTION TO THE POST OF PRESIDENT AND CONFIRMED HER VIEW OF THE PROFOUND CHANGES TAKING PLACE IN THE WORLD CONNECTION WITH PERESTROIKA IN THE USSR.

THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WAS HELD, AS ALWAYS, IN THE SPIRIT OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND TRUST. BOTH STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THEIR FORTHCOMING SUMMIT MEETING DURING THE BRITISH WEEK IN THE SOVIET UNION NEXT SUMMER.

ISSUES OF BILATERAL RELATIONS AND WORLD POLITICS, ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO EUROPE WILL BE ON THE AGENDA. MRS THATCHER AND GORBACHEV ALSO DISCUSSED THE GERMAN UNIFICATION ISSUE.

REPLYING TO MRS THATCHER'S QUESTION, GORBACHEV DESCRIBED THE DEVELOPMENT SINCE LITHUANIA, WHICH HAVE EMERGED AS A RESULT OF THE VIOLATION OF THE SOVIET CONSTITUTION.

MRS THATCHER AND GORBACHEV AGREED TO CONTINUE INFORMING EACH OTHER ABOUT TOPICAL ISSUES OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICS.'

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