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ON 27 FEBRUARY I WAS PLEASED TO FORWARD TO MR SHITIKOV, THEN CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF THE UNION OF THE SUPREME SOVIET OF THE USSR, AN INVITATION FROM THE LORD CHANCELLOR AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ON BEHALF OF THE BRITISH GROUP OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION FOR A DELEGATION TO VISIT THE UNITED KINGDOM IN DECEMBER 1984.

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SIR ANTHONY KERSHAW, CHAIRMAN OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO INVITE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMISSION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE UNION, MR M S GORBACHEV, TO LEAD THE DELEGATION. I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD INFORM MR GORBACHEV OF SIR ANTHONY KERSHAW'S INVITATION. IT REFLECTS THE DESIRE OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND PARLIAMENT TO PURSUE A BROAD DIALOGUE WITH THE SOVIET UNION. THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY WOULD WELCOME THE CHANCE OF CALLING ON MR GORBACHEV TO DISCUSS THE INVITATION WHEN HE VISITS MOSCOW ON 2-3 JULY. ENDS

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