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SOVIET AMBASSADOR

The Soviet Ambassador, Mr. Nikolai Lunkov, has asked to call on the Prime Minister and is doing so at 1615 this afternoon. He is bringing a message from Brezhnev but Michael Alexander thinks that this may merely be an excuse for a meeting with the Prime Minister.

Line to take

We can tell the Lobby that the Soviet Ambassador is calling on the Prime Minister this afternoon adding that it is, as far as we know, a routine call. He has seen the Prime Minister more than once since 3 May.

We can check after the call whether the message contains anything of substance and decide how much we need to brief the press.

CVA