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Tory Foreign Policy: Only the outlines of the Conservative Party's likely foreign policy have emerged during its four years in opposition. Mrs. Thatcher is new to foreign affairs and is the first potential prime minister in many years who has never previously held one of the "inner circle" cabinet portfolios. Her views are broadly conservative -- pro-American, pro-European, anti-Soviet and distrustful of change in the third world. At the same time, she is an accomplished politician who recognizes that any policy has its political limits and that most policy issues defy simple answers. Embassy London concludes that the foreign policy of a Tory government would be distinguished from its predecessor's more in tone than in substance. (C)

-- Shadow foreign secretary Pym has gone further than almost any British political leader in recent years to reassert the importance of the U.S.-UK tie. Many Tories desire to see America play a more vigorous world role.

-- The Conservative leadership has characterized detente as asymmetrical and would like to see a tougher Western stance that insists more vigorously on Soviet coopera-

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tion and restraint, although it does not seek to replace detente with confrontation.

-- Tory public statements on SALT have been measured and tend to take the line that a SALT agreement should be contingent on Soviet good behavior.

-- In southern Africa, Tory policy gives priority to resisting Soviet influence rather than accomodating black nationalism and to regard the Rhodesian internal settlement as imperfect, but deserving of encouragement and support. The Tories will likely establish some form of quasi-official presence in Salisbury, but at the same time continue close cooperation with the U.S. and avoid a hasty lifting of sanctions. (C)

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