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Foreign Office,
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Dear Secretary General,

I was very pleased to receive your letter PO/67/275 ✓
of 19 April sending me some questions on the subject of
Soviet foreign policy. It was very good of you to have
taken the trouble.

I quite accept that in the last analysis we must
base our judgments, and our conduct as allies, on the
known signs of Soviet policy as it affects the external
world. Our hope was that by examining the elements which
make for flexibility and hesitation in the policy of the
Soviet and East European Governments we might be able to
see how best to exploit the current relaxation of tension
to our own advantage, rather than leaving it to the other
side to exploit our hesitations and differences.

Since you were kind enough to say that you would
leave it to me how to use this paper, I propose to dis-
cuss it in the first instance with Ambassador Grewe who
is acting for the German co-rapporteur for Sub Group 1.
I do not doubt that he will agree to make full use of
your questions in preparing our paper for the next
discussion of the sub group. I am particularly grateful
for your suggestion that we may maintain close working
relations. This will not only be a great help to my
German colleague and myself: I am sure it will lead to

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Signor Manlio Brosio,
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a more co-ordinated study and thus to more effective
recommendations about the future tasks of our Alliance.

with many thanks

Yours sincerely
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