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PRIME MINISTER AND FIRST LORD OF THE

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Dr M W Holdgate CB

Andrew Turnbull Esq  
Private Secretary  
No 10 Downing Street

10 May 1984

PERSONAL

*Dear Andrew,*

Thank you so much for your letter of 30 April, with the speaking notes the Prime Minister used at the United Nations Dinner on 16 April.

I have sent a copy to Richard Sandbrook on the basis you suggest, and I am also keeping a copy by me for my own reference in my forthcoming visit to the Governing Council of the UN Environment Programme in Nairobi. There are some pleasantly telling points, which I might find it handy to echo!

*Yours ever,  
Markus Holdgate*

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Hong Kong has submitted proposals to repatriate Vietnamese who do not qualify as refugees. No decision will be taken without the support and involvement of UNHCR who are considering the proposals. Vietnam is unlikely to give adequate guarantees not to punish returnees in the near future.

h) UNRWA (Mr Rydbeck)

The UK have nominated a candidate to succeed Mr Rydbeck (Mr John Moberly, HMA Baghdad).

i) UNCTAD (Mr Corea)

US has put forward proposals for reform of UNCTAD. UK and other Western countries are working with the US to develop these. UNCTAD is part of the UN and it is not possible for the US to withdraw from it, as it is doing from UNESCO, though they could stop attending meetings.

j) UNITAR (Mr Doo Kingue)

A small UK contribution was ended by the incoming Government in 1979.



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Prime Minister.

Could you please sign this  
amended version - you saw an  
earlier text over the weekend.

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cc: DHSS  
ODA  
OPCS

THE PRIME MINISTER

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/The United Kingdom

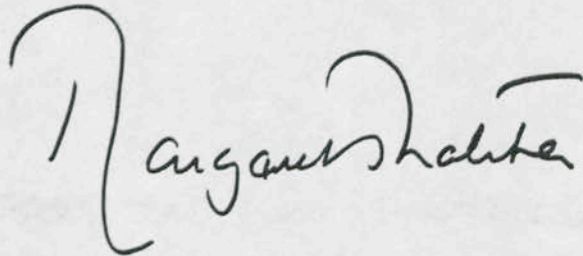
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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Margaret Thatcher". The signature is written in dark ink and is centered on the page.

April 1984



UN DINNER : SPEAKING NOTES

A WARM WELCOME TO THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL  
AND ALL THE HEADS AND OFFICIALS OF THE OTHER  
UNITED NATIONS ORGANISATIONS AND SPECIALISED  
AGENCIES GATHERED HERE.

AND TO OUR OTHER GUESTS, PRACTICALLY ALL OF WHOM ARE  
CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH AND DIRECTLY  
INTERESTED IN THE WORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

I AM DELIGHTED THAT LONDON, THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL  
MARITIME ORGANISATION, IS HOSTING YOUR  
MEETING THIS WEEK.

/ Now, I AM

Now, I AM TOLD THAT I MUST BE CAREFUL, THAT EVERY ORGANISATION AND SPECIALISED AGENCY HERE IS PROUD OF ITS SPECIAL STATUS, THAT IF I MENTION ONE BY NAME I MUST MENTION THEM ALL - AND THAT IF I GET THEM IN THE WRONG ORDER I SHALL ALMOST CERTAINLY BE PERSONALLY CONDEMNED IN THE NEXT RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

WELL, I DARE SAY I COULD STAND THAT.

BUT I WILL AVOID THE TRAPS ANYWAY AND TALK INSTEAD ABOUT THE UNITED NATIONS FAMILY.

/ THE UNITED



THE UNITED KINGDOM CAN CLAIM - INDEED WE DO CLAIM -

TO HAVE PLAYED A MAJOR PART IN THE CREATION  
OF VIRTUALLY EVERY INSTITUTION REPRESENTED  
AROUND THIS TABLE.

YOU REPRESENT AN EXTRAORDINARY RANGE OF INTERNATIONAL  
ACTIVITY: POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, DEVELOPMENTAL,  
HUMANITARIAN, REGULATORY.

BETWEEN YOU, YOU HAVE THROUGH THE MEMBER COUNTRIES,  
IMMENSE CAPACITY TO INFLUENCE OUR WHOLE  
PLANET.

YOU SEE IN EVERY DAY OF YOUR WORKING LIVES  
THE ATTEMPTS TO IMPLEMENT THE IDEALS OF THE  
UNITED NATIONS - YOU SEE THE SUCCESSES AND

/ YOU ARE

YOU ARE MORE CONSCIOUS THAN MOST OF THE  
FAILURES.

AND IT FOLLOWS THAT YOU FEEL PARTICULARLY  
KEENLY THE FRUSTRATIONS WHICH COME FROM  
THE CONTRAST BETWEEN THE IDEALS AND THE  
PERFORMANCE.

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S MESSAGE TO YOU TONIGHT IS

ONE OF STRONG SUPPORT FOR YOUR EFFORTS.

HISTORY HAS MADE BRITAIN A COUNTRY WHICH

IS ALMOST UNIQUE IN THE STRENGTH OF ITS

TIES WITH SO MANY OTHER COUNTRIES IN ALL

PARTS OF THE WORLD.

THEIR PEACE AND PROSPERITY ARE VITAL BRITISH

CONCERNS.

/ BUT THE



BUT THE PEACE AND PROSPERITY OF OUR PLANET ARE YOUR  
GOALS TOO.

THAT IS ONE REASON - NOT THE ONLY ONE -  
WHY WE WORK WITH YOU.

WE SHARE AND UNDERSTAND YOUR CONCERNS.

YOU HAVE HEARD A GOOD DEAL FROM OUR SPOKESMAN ABOUT  
MONEY.

I EXPECT YOU WILL HEAR A GOOD DEAL MORE.

IN A TIME OF ECONOMIC DIFFICULTY ACROSS  
THE WORLD WE HAVE HAD TO LOOK TO THE UNITED  
NATIONS TO EXERCISE MAXIMUM FINANCIAL  
RESTRAINT.

/ WE CANNOT URGE

WE CANNOT URGE PRUDENT FINANCIAL POLICIES AT HOME  
WITHOUT SEEKING SIMILAR POLICIES IN THOSE  
ORGANISATIONS WHICH WE SUPPORT AND TO WHICH  
WE CONTRIBUTE.

I KNOW THAT YOU UNDERSTAND THIS - AND WE  
WELCOME THE RESPONSIBLE ATTITUDE THAT THE  
UNITED NATIONS ORGANISATIONS HAVE  
GENERALLY SHOWN.

I WISH YOU A GOOD AND PRODUCTIVE MEETING IN LONDON.

AND I HOPE WHEN YOU LEAVE YOU WILL FEEL -  
IF NOT REFRESHED, FOR THE EFFECT OF LONG  
MEETINGS IS RARELY TO REFRESH - AT  
LEAST ENCOURAGED.

/ ENCOURAGED



ENCOURAGED BECAUSE YOU HAVE SOLVED FOR EVER ALL  
PROBLEMS OF CO-ORDINATION AND RIVALRIES  
BETWEEN THE ORGANISATIONS AND AGENCIES.

MORE SERIOUSLY, ENCOURAGED BECAUSE YOU HAVE LOOKED  
INTO THE FUTURE AND NOT FOUND IT ENTIRELY  
DAUNTING.

AND ENCOURAGED BECAUSE YOU FEEL THAT WE IN THIS  
COUNTRY ARE BEHIND YOU AND WILL CONTINUE  
TO WORK WITH YOU TOWARD THE IDEALS OF  
THE INSTITUTION YOU REPRESENT.

TOAST

Sue Goodchild 1

A.S.C. 16/4.

PRIME MINISTER

United Nations Dinner  
Monday, 16 April

I attach the list of guests attending the dinner on Monday evening in honour of the Heads of the United Nations Organisations on the occasion of their meeting in London. I also attach a draft seating plan which has been seen by John Coles.

Do you agree the seating plan?

Sue Goodchild

13 April 1984

Yes

As the Archbishop of Canterbury will be present at this dinner, you will probably wish to ask him to say 'Grace'.



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LIST OF GUESTS ATTENDING THE DINNER TO BE GIVEN BY THE PRIME MINISTER IN HONOUR OF THE HEADS OF THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANISATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR MEETING IN LONDON ON MONDAY, 16 APRIL 1984 AT 7.30 PM FOR 8.00 PM LOUNGE SUIT

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The Prime Minister

Mr. Javier Perez de Cuellar

Secretary General of the United Nations

Mr. J. Ripert

Director General for Development and International Economic Cooperation, United Nations

Mr. Brian Urquhart

Under Secretary General for Special Political Affairs

Mr. Gamani Corea

Secretary General, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

Dr. Abd-El Rahman Khane

Executive Director, United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO)

Dr. Mostafa K. Tolba

Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

Dr. Arcot Ramachandran

Executive Director, United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (HABITAT)

Mr. James P. Grant

United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

Mr. Bradford Morse

Administrator, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Mr. James C. Ingram

Executive Director, World Food Programme (WFP)

Mr. Poul Hartling

High Commissioner, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

Mr. Olof Rydbeck

Commissioner-General, United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)

Mr. M. Doo Kingue

Executive Director, United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)

Mr. Rafael Salas

Executive Director, United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA)

Mr. P. Ruedas

Under Secretary-General for Administration and Management, United Nations



Mr. Bi Jilong	Under Secretary General for Technical Cooperation for Development, United Nations
Mr. Y. Akashi	Under Secretary General in charge of Department of Public Information
Mr. S. Yolah	Under Secretary General, Department of International, Economic and Social Affairs United Nations
Miss Joan Anstee	Assistant Secretary, United Nations
Mr. S.G. Mousouris	Assistant Secretary General, United Nations
Mr. Emilio de Olivares	Executive Officer in Secretary General's Office
<u>Specialised Agencies</u>	
Mr. Francis Blanchard	Director General, International Labour Organisation (ILO)
Mr. Edouard Saouma	Director General, Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO)
Mr. Amadou-Mahtar M'Bow	Director General, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO)
Mr. Yves Lambert	Secretary General, International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO)
Dr. Halfdan Mahler	Director General, World Health Organisation (WHO)
Mr. Munir B. Benjenk	Vice President, International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)
Mr. J. de Larosiere	Managing Director, International Monetary Fund (IMF)
Mr. E. Mostafa Gharbi	Assistant Director General, Universal Postal Union (UPU)
Mr. N. Komplita	International Telecommunications Union (ITU) (Representing the Secretary General)
Mr. G.O.P. Obasi	Secretary General, World Meteorological Organisation (WMO)
Mr. C.P. Srivastava	Secretary General, International Maritime Organisation (IMO)
Dr. Arpad Bogsch	Director General, World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO)
Mr. Donald Brown	Vice President, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)



Dr. Hans Blix Director-General, International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

Mr. Arthur Dunkel Director-General, General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT)  
(will not arrive until 2200 hours)

Her Majesty's Government

Rt. Hon. Baroness Young hosting a lunch for Secretary General on 17 April

Rt. Hon. Paul Channon, MP

Mr. Ray Whitney, MP Mr. Whitney has a general interest in UN affairs

Mr. John Patten, MP Mr. Patten will host a lunch in honour of the Director General of the WHO

Conservative MPs

Rt. Hon. Sir Ian Percival, QC, MP

? Mr. Iain Mills, MP Mr. Mills is heading campaign to establish an international property institute in London

Mr. Bowen Wells, MP Chairman, UN Parliamentary Group

Lord James Douglas Hamilton, MP Chairman, Scottish UN Association

Labour MPs

Mr. Tom Clarke, MP

House of Lords

Rt. Hon. Lord Ennals Chairman-designate United Nations Association (w.e.f. 15 April)

The Baroness Gardner of Parkes UK Representative on the UN Status of Women Commission

The Baroness Airey of Abingdon

The Lord Thomas of Swynnerton

Others

His Grace The Lord Archbishop of Canterbury

Mr. Robin Leigh-Pemberton Governor of the Bank of England

Mr. W.R. Davies Director, Welsh Centre for International Affairs

Sir Peter Marshall Deputy Secretary General, Commonwealth Secretariat. Former UK Permanent Representative to the UN, Geneva and Deputy Permanent Representative, New York



Media

Mr. Andrew Knight

Editor, Economist

Officials

Sir Antony Acland

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Mr. H.J. Arbuthnott

Under Secretary, ODA, responsible for relations with 12 of the organisations represented on the ACC

Sir John Thomson

UK Permanent Representative to the UN, New York

Dame Anne Warburton

UK Permanent Representative to the UN, Geneva

Dr. J.A.A. Reid

Chief Medical Officer for Scotland  
UK Member of the Executive Board of the WHO

Dr. M.W. Holdgate

Chief Scientist, Department of the Environment, President of the Governing Body of the UNEP

Mr. I.T. Manley

Department of Energy. Hosting a lunch for the Director General of the IAEA. UK Member of the Board of Governors, IAEA

Dr. John Houghton

Director General Meteorological Office. UK Permanent Representative to WMO

Mr. I.J.G. Davis

Comptroller General, Patent Office

10 Downing Street

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ENTRANCE





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From the Secretary of State for Social Services

Prime Minister

Agree to sign attached  
memo :

David Barclay Esq  
Private Secretary  
10 Downing Street  
LONDON

As amended on  
second page.

and if request 12<sup>th</sup> April 1984  
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Dear David,

DINNER FOR UNITED NATIONS ORGANISATIONS ON 16 APRIL

Among the guests at the dinner the Prime Minister is giving on 16 April in honour of the Heads of Organisations of the United Nations Family, on the occasion of their meeting in London, will be Mr Rafael Salas, Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, and Director-General of the International Conference on Population which is to be held in Mexico City this August.

In this latter capacity, Mr Salas has requested Heads of Government to contribute brief statements (approximately 500 words, together with a photograph) concerning their views on population. These are to be published in a volume to be given global distribution about the middle of this year, a few weeks in advance of the above-mentioned conference. It is possible that Mr Salas may want to use the opportunity presented at the dinner on 16 April personally to urge the Prime Minister to contribute to the publication.

The background is as follows. The International Conference on Population is potentially an important opportunity to bring together developing and developed countries openly to discuss population questions. Problems caused by rapid population growth in the developing world and the need for greater commitment to solve them will be at the forefront of the debate.

As regards Mr Salas's request that the Prime Minister should contribute a statement, it is known that the Heads of Government of some other developed countries (among them Australia, and the Federal Republic of Germany) are definitely to make statements, and that several others (including Canada, USA and Japan) will probably do so. Heads of Governments of some 35 developing countries have already done so.

A statement of this kind would underline the importance of population to the process of development, as recognised in the communiques from the Ottawa, Cancun and Versailles summits, and more recently that from the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting in New Delhi, as well as in other international statements.



E. R.

The FCO and ODA are in favour of the Prime Minister making a statement, and a draft is attached showing the kind of points which this might make. If the Prime Minister is content to contribute, and the matter is raised, she may wish to tell Mr Salas herself that she will do so and will send a final text shortly. Alternatively, if you would let me know, we will arrange for Mr Salas to be informed through the usual channels.

I am copying this to Mr Power (ODA) as his Minister will be at the dinner, as will John Patten from this Department. A copy also goes to Mrs Filer (OPCS).

Yours sincerely,

*Ellen Roberts*  
ELLEN ROBERTS

DRAFT OF POSSIBLE STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER

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12 April 1984

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g) UNHCR (Mr Hartling)

Hong Kong has submitted proposals to repatriate Vietnamese who do not qualify as refugees. No decision will be taken without the support and involvement of UNHCR who are considering the proposals. Vietnam is unlikely to give adequate guarantees not to punish returnees in the near future.

h) UNRWA (Mr Rydbeck)

The UK have nominated a candidate to succeed Mr Rydbeck (Mr John Moberly, HMA Baghdad).

i) UNCTAD (Mr Corea)


US has put forward proposals for reform of UNCTAD. UK and other Western countries are working with the US to develop these. UNCTAD is part of the UN and it is not possible for the US to withdraw from it, as it is doing from UNESCO, though they could stop attending meetings.

j) UNITAR (Mr Doo Kingue)

A small UK contribution was ended by the incoming Government in 1979.

UNITED NATIONS DEPARTMENT  
FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE  
12 MARCH 1984





DRAFT SPEAKING NOTES FOR PRIME MINISTER'S USE  
AT DINNER ON MONDAY, 16 APRIL

Happy to have this rare opportunity to invite all the Chiefs of the UN family to Number Ten. Glad to think that London is also one of the UN centres. Proud to have the International Maritime Organisation, your host for this week's meeting of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, in our midst.

Extraordinary range of international activity represented here today: political, economic, developmental, humanitarian, regulatory. Demonstrates the strength and diversity of the effort of the countries of the world today to promote co-operation among themselves for the good of the planet as a whole.

United Kingdom can claim to have played a major role in the creation of virtually every institution represented around this table. We are as keen now as we have ever been to play our full part in the crucial work in which you are engaged.

At a time when all countries are facing economic difficulties, we have had to look to the United Nations to exercise maximum financial restraint. We welcome the responsible attitude that the United Nations organisations have generally shown. Our emphasis on the need for economy and efficiency does not in any way betoken a lessening of support for the ideals of the United Nations family. All human organisations benefit from discipline. Lean and efficient institutions can be more satisfying to work in as well as more cost effective in terms of the benefits conferred upon their Member States.

United Kingdom not intent on pursuing narrow national concerns. Of course we have interests we must protect and promote. There are certainly UK values we are determined to uphold. But history has made us a country which is perhaps



unique in the strength of its ties with so many other countries in all parts of the world. Their peace and prosperity are vital British concerns. We are as well placed as any country to understand and share the global concerns which must motivate the institutions you lead.

We live in an age in which interdependence is an obvious fact and global co-operation a manifest necessity. The United Nations cannot be a panacea and individual States must bear their own responsibilities. But in such a world, the contribution the United Nations can make is plainly indispensable. I pay tribute to the efforts you have made to promote our common goals in your respective fields. I honour the dedication and commitment of so many international civil servants. I pledge the continued support of the United Kingdom for the ideals of the institutions you represent and wish you all success in the tasks ahead.

[Toast: 'The United Nations family.'  
Perez de Cuellar to respond.]





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cc Sir P Gradock.

10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Private Secretary*

30 March 1984

*Dear Sir,*

UN Administrative Committee on  
Coordination

Thank you for your letter of 28 March.

You can instruct our Mission in New York to convey an invitation to the Prime Minister's dinner on 16 April to the four people whose names were enclosed with your letter. We have noted the other changes.

You can tell the UN Secretary-General's office that the Prime Minister will speak informally for a few minutes after the dinner and that if Mr Perez de Cuellar wishes to speak similarly in return this will be welcome. I shall be grateful for draft speaking notes for the Prime Minister nearer the time.

*Yours ever  
for Cols.*

R B Bone Esq  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

28 March, 1984

To note and return

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John Jones

UN Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC)

With my letter of 13 March, I sent you a draft guest list for the dinner the Prime Minister is hosting on 16 April in honour of the UN Secretary-General and the other heads of UN organisations who will be in London for the ACC meeting.

We have now been told of four more members of the ACC who will attend the meeting, and who should, if possible, be invited to the Prime Minister's dinner. I enclose details. If you agree, we shall instruct the Mission in New York to convey an invitation to these four.

There have also been two changes in the list previously submitted. Mr Sobhi, Director General, UPU and Mr Maurice Williams, Executive Director, World Food Council, are unable to attend the meeting. Mr Sobhi will be represented by his Assistant Director General, Mr El Mostafa Gharbi. The name of Mr Williams' representative will be forwarded to you as soon as possible.

The UN Secretary-General's office have enquired about toasts and speeches. We suggest that it would be appropriate for the Prime Minister to say a few words and for Mr Perez de Cuellar to reply briefly. If you agree, we will provide draft speaking notes nearer the time.

Yours  
R B Bone

(R B Bone)  
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq  
10 Downing Street



AFT GUEST LIST FOR PRIME MINISTER'S DINNER IN HONOUR OF THE  
 SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE  
 COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION (ACC) 16 APRIL 1984

FULL NAME, TITLE, DECORATION	ADDRESS	REASON FOR INVITATION
Mr J Ripert	c/o International Maritime Organisation (Mr La bastida)	Director-General for Development and International Economic Cooperation, United Nations
Mr Bi Jilong	c/o International Maritime Organisation	Under Secretary-General for Technical Cooperation for Develop- ment, United Nations
Mr P Ruedas	c/o International Maritime Organisation	Under Secretary-General for Administration and Management, United Nations.
Mr S Yolah	c/o International Maritime Organisation	Under Secretary-General Department of Inter- national Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations



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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

13 March, 1984

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Dear John,

UN Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC)

The Prime Minister is to host a dinner on 16 April in honour of the UN Secretary-General and the other heads of UN organisations who are coming to London for the ACC meeting.

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I attach a draft guest list of 65 names, with reserves. As the Prime Minister knows, Sir Geoffrey Howe plans to be abroad at that time but Lady Young will be free to attend, and I have therefore added her name to the guest-list. She will also be hosting a lunch for the ACC on that day on behalf of Sir Geoffrey.

un Sec. General on 17 April

We have checked that other Ministers included in the guest list will be free to attend. After consulting No 10 we have already instructed posts to convey the invitations to the ACC members, whose cards can await their arrival c/o the International Maritime Organisation.

We suggest the cards might be endorsed "in honour of the heads of the United Nations Organisations on the occasion of their meeting in London", without referring to the ACC in terms.

Yours ever,

Peter Ricketts

(P F Ricketts)  
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq  
10 Downing Street



DRAFT GUEST LIST FOR  
 PRIME MINISTER'S DINNER IN HONOUR OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED  
 NATIONS AND MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION (ACC)  
 16 APRIL 1984

FULL NAME, TITLE, DECORATION	ADDRESS	REASON FOR INVITATION
Senor Javier Perez de Cuellar	c/o International Maritime Organisation 4 Albert Embankment London SE1	Secretary-General of the United Nations
Mr Maurice J Williams	c/o International Maritime Organisation	Executive Director World Food Council (WFC)
Mr Gamani Corea	c/o International Maritime Organisation	Secretary-General United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
Dr Abd-El Rahman Khane	c/o International Maritime Organisation	Executive Director United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO)
Mr Mostafa K Tolba	c/o International Maritime Organisation	Executive Director United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
Dr Arcot Ramachandran	c/o International Maritime Organisation	Executive Director United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (HABITAT)
Mr James P Grant	c/o International Maritime Organisation	United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
Mr Bradford Morse	c/o International Maritime Organisation	Administrator United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
Mr James C Ingram	c/o International Maritime Organisation	Executive Director World Food Programme (WFP)
Mr Poul Hartling	c/o International Maritime Organisation	High Commissioner Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
Mr Olof Rydbeck	c/o International Maritime Organisation	Commissioner-General United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)



FULL NAME, TITLE, DECORATION	ADDRESS	REASON FOR INVITATION
Mr M Doo Kingue	c/o International Maritime Organisation	Executive Director United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)
Mr Rafael Salas	c/o International Maritime Organisation	Executive Director United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA)
Mr Francis Blanchard	c/o International Maritime Organisation	Director-General International Labour Organisation (ILO)
Mr Edouard Saouma	c/o International Maritime Organisation	Director-General Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO)
Mr Amadou-Mahtar M'Bow	c/o International Maritime Organisation	Director-General United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO)
Mr Yves Lambert	c/o International Maritime Organisation	Secretary-General International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO)
Dr Halfdan Mahler	c/o International Maritime Organisation	Director-General World Health Organisation (WHO)
Mr Munir P Benjenk	c/o International Maritime Organisation	Vice-President International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)
Mr J de Larosière	c/o International Maritime Organisation	Managing Director International Monetary Fund (IMF)
Mr M I Sobhi	c/o International Maritime Organisation	Director-General Universal Postal Union (UPU)
Mr N Komplita	c/o International Maritime Organisation	International Telecommunications Union (ITU) [representing the Secretary-General]
Dr G O P Obasi	c/o International Maritime Organisation	Secretary General World Meteorological Organisation (WMO)



FULL NAME, TITLE, DECORATION	ADDRESS	REASON FOR INVITATION
Mr C P Srivastava	c/o International Maritime Organisation	Secretary General International Maritime Organisation (IMO)
Dr Arpad Bogsch	c/o International Maritime Organisation	Director-General World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO)
Mr Abdelmuhsin M Al-Sudeary	c/o International Maritime Organisation	President International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
Dr Hans Blix	c/o International Maritime Organisation	Director-General International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)
Mr Arthur Dunkel	c/o International Maritime Organisation	Director-General General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT)
The Rt Hon Nigel Lawson MP Chancellor of the Exchequer		
The Rt Hon The Baroness Young Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs The Rt Hon Timothy Raison MP Minister of State for Overseas Development		Hosting lunch for the ACC on 16 <sup>th</sup> April <i>UN Sec. General</i>
Mr John Selwyn Gummer MP Minister of State, Department of Employment		Mr Gummer will host a lunch in honour of the Director General of the ILO
The Rt Hon Paul Channon MP Minister for Trade		
Mr R Whitney OBE MP Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, FCO		Mr Whitney has a general interest in UN affairs
Mr J Patten MP Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, DHSS		Mr Patten will host a lunch in honour of the Director General of the WHO
Mr I Mills MP		Mr Mills is heading a campaign to establish an international intellectual property institute in London



FULL NAME, TITLE, DECORATION	ADDRESS	REASON FOR INVITATION
Baroness Elliott of Harwood		Joint President, UN Parliamentary Group
The Rt Hon Lord Ennals		Chairman-designate United Nations Association (w.e.f 15 April)
Baroness Gardner of Parkes		UK Representative on the UN Status of Women Commission
Mr Bowen Wells MP		Chairman, UN Parliamentary Group
The Rt Hon Denis Healey MP		Labour spokesman on foreign affairs
<u>Substitute</u> Mr Guy Barnett MP		Vice-Chairman UN Parliamentary Group
Mr Robert Rhodes James MP		Vice-Chairman UN Parliamentary Group and former member of the staff of the UN Secretariat
Lord James Douglas Hamilton MP		Chairman of the Scottish UN Association
The Rt Hon David Owen MP		Member of the Independent Commission on International Humanitarian Issues
The Rt Hon Terence Higgins MP and Professor Rosalyn Higgins		Professor of International Law, LSE and UK candidate for election to the Committee on Human Rights
Mr W R Davies	Welsh Centre for International Affairs Temple of Peace Cathays Park Cardiff tel: (0222) 28548	Director Welsh Centre for International Affairs



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Sir Anthony Parsons GCMG	Highgrove Near Ashburton South Devon tel: (0364) 525 26	Former UK Permanent Representative to the UN, New York
Sir John Thomson KCMG	C/o Heads of Mission Section Personnel Operations Department FCO	UK Permanent Representative to the UN, New York
Dame Anne Warburton DCVO CMG	C/o Heads of Mission Section Personnel Operations Department FCO	UK Permanent Representative to the UN, Geneva
Dr J J A Reid CB TD	Scottish Home and Health Department St Andrew's House Edinburgh tel: (031) 556 8501 x 2117	Chief Medical Officer for Scotland UK member of the Executive Board of the WHO
Dr M W Holdgate CB	Chief Scientist Department of Environment tel: 212 7391	President of the Governing Body of UNEP
Mr I T Manley CB	Department of Energy tel: 211 3220	Hosting lunch for the Director General of the IAEA. UK member of the Board of Governors, IAEA
Dr John Houghton CBC	Meteorological Office London Road Bracknell Berks RG12 2SZ tel: (0344) 420242	Director General Meteorological Office UK Permanent Representative to WMO
Mr I J G Davis CB	Patent Office 25 Southampton Buildings London WC2A 1AY tel: 405 8721	Comptroller General Patent Office responsible for relations with WIPO



FULL NAME, TITLE, DECORATION	ADDRESS	REASON FOR INVITATION
Mr P E Lazarus CB	tel: 212 4581	Permanent Secretary Department of Transport (which has responsibility for IMO and ICAO)
Sir Antony Acland KCMG KCVO <u>or</u>	tel: 233 5501	Permanent Under Secretary, FCO
Sir Julian Bullard KCMG	tel: 233 4729	Deputy Under Secretary, FCO
Mr H J Arbuthnott CMG	tel: 213 6609	Under Secretary, Overseas Development Administration, responsible for relations with 12 of the organisations represented on the ACC
Mr A J Coles	Private Secretary 10 Downing Street	
Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton		Governor of the Bank of England
Admiral Sir James Eberle	Royal Institute for International Affairs Chatham House 10 St James Square London SW1 tel: 930 2233	Director Royal Institute for International Affairs
Mr Geoffrey Owen	Financial Times Cannon Street London EC4 tel: 248 8000	
Mr Andrew Knight	The Economist 25 St James Street London SW1 tel: 839 7000	
Mr M Walsh	Congress House Great Russell Street London WC1B 2LS tel: 636 4030	Head, International Relations Dept Trades Union Congress



FULL NAME, TITLE, DECORATION	ADDRESS	REASON FOR INVITATION
<u>RESERVES</u>		
The Rt Hon Lord Caradon GCMG KCVO OBE		Joint President of UN Parliamentary Group
Baroness Airey of Abingdon		Stated interest in UN affairs
Sir Bernard Braine MP		Interest in refugee and human rights matters
Mr Mark Robinson MP		Member UN Parliamentary Group, former Member of staff of the UN Secretariat
Sir Bernard Ledwidge KCMG	19 Queen's Gate Terrace London SW7 tel: 584 4132	Chairman UK National Committee for UNICEF
Mr W A Dodd	tel: 213 4859	UK Member of UNESCO Executive Board
Mr W R B Robinson	tel: 213 5699	UK Government Member ILO Governing Body, Under Secretary, Dept of Employment
Mr T A Mensah	International Maritime Organisation 4 Albert Embankment London SE1 7SR tel: 735 7611	Assistant Secretary General IMO (The IMO is hosting the ACC meetings on 16 and 17 April)
Sir Peter Hirsch	UK Atomic Energy Authority 11 Charles II Street London SW1 tel: GTN 2824 531	Chairman UK Atomic Energy Authority
Mr Andrew Neil	The Sunday Times	Editor, The Sunday Times
Professor W H Cornish	London School of Economics Houghton Street London WC2A 2AE tel: 405 7686	Professor of English Law, authority on Intellectual Property (WIPO)
Dr E M Acheson Chief Medical Officer (w.e.f 1 April 1984) DHSS	Department of Health and Social Security Alexander Fleming House Elephant and Castle tel: 2915 6880	Dr Acheson will lead the UK delegation to the World Health Assembly



FULL NAME, TITLE, DECORATION	ADDRESS	REASON FOR INVITATION
Mr H M G Stevens	tel: 212 7668	Under Secretary Department of Transport responsible for relations with ICAO



as at 5 March 1984  
LIST OF SUGGESTIONS FOR LUNCHEES/DINNERS AT 10 DOWNING STREET

Mr. Peter Gregson	Cabinet Office
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The Lord Hanson and The Lady Hanson	
The Lady Ashdown	
The Lord Bancroft and Lady Bancroft	
The Lord Sieff and The Lady Sieff	
Sir David McNee and Lady McNee	
Sir Horace Cutler and Lady Cutler	
Mr. Kenneth Durham and Mrs. Durham	Chairman, Unilever
Sir Nicholas Goodison and Lady Goodison	Chairman, Stock Exchange
Sir Robin Cooke and Lady Cooke	
Mr. Bill Walker, MP and Mrs. Walker	
Mr. Albert McQuarrie, MP and Mrs. McQuarrie	
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Sir Karl Popper	
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Mr. Richard Body, MP  
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Mr. John Gorst, MP  
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Mr. Teddy Taylor, MP  
and Mrs. Taylor

Mr. Richard Shepherd, MP  
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Mr. Barry Porter, MP  
and Mrs. Porter

Mr. Michael Morris, MP  
and Mrs. Morris

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Mr. Arthur Hoskins  
and Mrs. Hoskins

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Mr. Tom Stoppard  
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Sir Richard Attenborough  
and Lady Attenborough

Mr. Patrick Sergeant

Former Financial Editor,  
Daily Mail

The Viscount Watkinson

Rt. Hon. <sup>Sir</sup> Humphrey Atkins, MP  
and Lady Atkins

Editors

Mr. Stewart Steven

The Mail on Sunday

Mr. Louis Kirby

The Standard

Mr. Alexander Chancellor

Spectator



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Building Society

Mr. Stuart G. Cameron  
and Mrs. Cameron

Chairman, Gallagher Ltd.  
(suggested by Mr. Thatcher)

Sir Emmanuel Kaye  
and Lady Kaye

suggested by Mr. Thatcher

Rt. Hon. Reginald Prentice, MP  
and Mrs. Prentice

suggested by Chief Whip

Sir Graham Wilkins  
and Lady Wilkins

retiring Chairman of Beecham

The Lord Keith  
and Lady Keith

Rt. Hon. Lord Boyd-Carpenter  
and Lady Boyd-Carpenter

Sir Ian Percival, MP  
and Lady Percival

Rt. Hon. The Speaker  
and Mrs. Weatherill (this would need to be a dinner)





Mrs Ryder

10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Private Secretary*

8 February 1984

United Nations Administrative Committee on  
Co-ordination

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Would you refer again to my letter of 14 December. Now that the Prime Minister is leaving for Portugal on 17 April, her talks with Mr. Perez de Cuellar will have to be on Monday 16 April. They could be either in the morning or in the afternoon. Perhaps the two diary secretaries could arrange a time.

A. J. COLES

Peter Ricketts, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

Have offered  
abson in the PM  
the afternoon  
for these talks

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10 DOWNING STREET

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Can you tell  
Mrs. Mark-  
the talks with  
have to be  
on Monday 16<sup>th</sup>  
a/m or p/m  
as she goes to  
Portugal early  
on the 17<sup>th</sup>

CR.



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Box

14 December 1983

United Nations Administrative Committee on  
Co-ordination

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Thank you for your letter of 13 December.  
The Prime Minister will be able to see the  
United Nations Secretary-General at 0930  
on 17 April.

JOHN COLES

Peter Ricketts, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.





Caroline

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

Is X acceptable?

13 December, 1983

A.J.C. 14/12.

Yes - have blocked out  
an hour. CR

Dear John,

United Nations Administrative Committee on Coordination

Thank you for your letter of 19 October.

Mr Perez de Cuellar, as Chairman of the Committee, has told us that he accepts with pleasure the Prime Minister's offer of a dinner in honour of the members of the Committee on the evening of 16 April.

X | As far as the timing of a call on the Prime Minister is concerned, the Secretary-General's office have suggested 9.30 am on 17 April. This would minimise his absence from the ACC meeting, which will probably start at 10.00. Perhaps you could let me know in due course whether this would be convenient for the Prime Minister.

Yours ever,

Peter Ricketts

(P F Ricketts)  
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq  
10 Downing Street



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on Co-ordination





10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Private Secretary*

19 October, 1983

United Nations Administrative Committee on Co-ordination

Thank you for your letter of 17 October.

The Prime Minister would like to entertain the members of this Committee during their meeting in London from 16-18 April and would propose to give a dinner for them on the evening of 16 April. I should be grateful if you would let me know whether that event could be incorporated without difficulty into the programme.

I have no doubt that the Prime Minister will be willing to receive the UN Secretary General some time during his visit. Perhaps we could consider the idea of meeting with the heads of the IMF and the IBRD separately nearer the time.

N.J. COLES

John Holmes, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Prime Minister

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Agree

London SW1A 2AH

(a) to give a reception for the  
Committee on 16 April?

17 October 1983

(b) to receive the UN Secretary-  
General — and play the heads  
of the IMF and IBRD?

It would be  
simpler if I  
saw a dinner  
at No. 10.

Dear John,

A. J. C. 18/10

United Nations Administrative Committee  
on Co-ordination

This Committee will be meeting in London from 16-18 April 1984 at the headquarters of the International Maritime Organisation. The Committee brings together the executive heads of the UN, its Specialised Agencies and other bodies within the UN system, including the IMF and the World Bank. It is chaired by the UN Secretary-General. The London meeting is one of their regular sessions to discuss ways of improving co-ordination between the various bodies of the UN system. I attach a list of the members of the Committee who are expected in London.

The Foreign Secretary proposes to give a lunch in honour of the Committee. He recommends that the Prime Minister should also extend some hospitality to it. A reception on the evening of 16 April might be appropriate. This would be a valuable way of demonstrating both to domestic opinion and to the agency heads our interest in and support for the UN system. We make substantial contributions to these bodies and play an active role in them. Agency heads often dominate the work of their organisations and their goodwill is important to us.

The Committee also met in London in 1972 and 1978. In 1972 the then Prime Minister hosted a lunch and the Foreign Secretary a reception. In 1978 the then Prime Minister was not able to offer hospitality but the then Foreign Secretary hosted a lunch.

A reception given by the Prime Minister will help to pre-empt requests from agency heads to pay individual calls on the Prime Minister. But we hope the Prime Minister would be able to receive the UN Secretary-General (without the rest of the Committee) at some time during his visit to London. It may also be worth seeing the heads of the IMF and IBRD, but this will need careful handling to avoid putting other noses out of joint.

Yours ever

(J E Holmes)  
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq  
10 Downing Street



MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON CO-ORDINATION (ACC)

Mr. Javier Pérez de Cuéllar  
Secretary-General  
United Nations

Mr. Maurice J. Williams  
Executive Director  
World Food Council

Mr. Gamani Corea  
Secretary-General  
United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

Dr. Abd-El Rahman Khane  
Executive Director  
United Nations Industrial Development Organization

Mr. Mostafa K. Tolba  
Executive Director  
United Nations Environment Programme

Dr. Arcot Ramachandran  
Executive Director  
United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (HABITAT)

Mr. James P. Grant  
Executive Director  
United Nations Children's Fund

Mr. Bradford Morse  
Administrator  
United Nations Development Programme

Mr. James Charles Ingram  
Executive Director  
World Food Programme

Mr. Poul Hartling  
High Commissioner  
Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Mr. Olof Rydbeck  
Commissioner-General  
United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine  
Refugees in the Near East

Mr. M. Doo Kingue  
Executive Director  
United Nations Institute for Training and Research

Mr. Rafael M. Salas  
Executive Director  
United Nations Fund for Population Activities



Mr. Francis Blanchard  
Director-General  
International Labour Organisation

Mr. Edouard Saouma  
Director-General  
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Mr. Amadou-Mahtar M'Bow  
Director-General  
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural  
Organization

Mr. Yves Lambert  
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International Civil Aviation Organization

Dr. Halfdan Mahler  
Director-General  
World Health Organization

Mr. A.W. Clausen  
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Mr. J. de Larosière  
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Mr. C.P. Srivastava  
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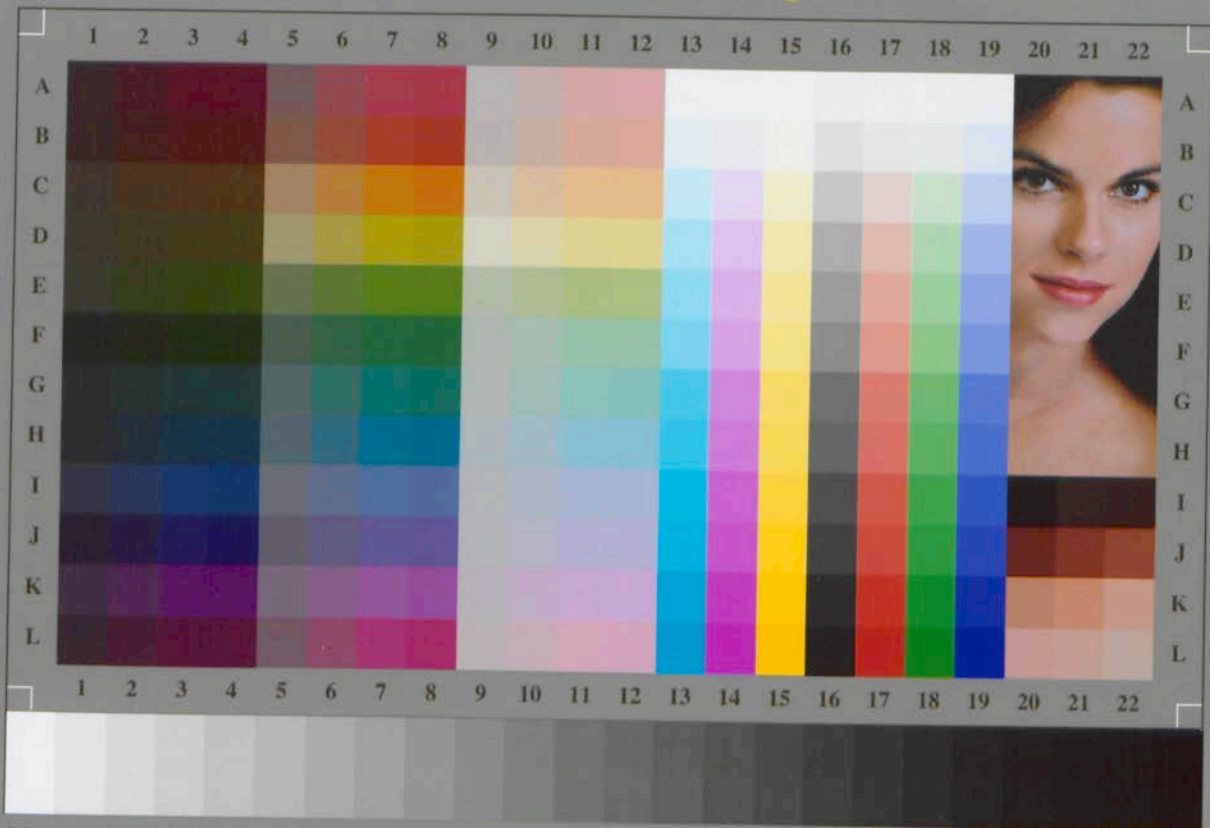
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