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BRITISH EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

8 December 1986

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C D Powell Esq
Private Secretary
No 10 Downing Street
London SW1

CDP
16/12

Dear Charles,

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I enclose two photographs of the Prime Minister with President and Mrs Reagan at Camp David. The Ambassador has thanked the White House by letter.

Yours sincerely,

Quentin

Q F Heim
Private Secretary



UNITED KINGDOM PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
ON THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL
OTAN/NATO
1110 BRUSSELS
TELEPHONE 241.01.15

18.XI.86

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Dear Charles,

I enclose a brief note of
congratulations to the Prime Minister on
Camp David. Well done, yourself also!

I also enclose, for your amusement,
my latest salvo in the effort to galvanise
the F.W. (P.O.) into some kind of
serious analysis of the problems ahead and
of the actions we might take. I was
incidentally in BAOR HQ last week

to talked, *viz* alia, with Martin
Farnside. He is completely sold on the
need (indeed the urgent need) for the
Europeans to get their act together
within the Alliance. He is letting
me have a copy of a paper he
has written (for private use) setting out
his rather radical ideas - I will let you
have a copy.

You may have heard something of this,
I imagine, during the Prime Minister's
visit a few weeks ago. The visit was
obviously a great success & is still being
talked about enthusiastically

Yours
Richard.



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P.S. - I shall be in London all day
Thursday / Friday 26 / 27 November
if you or the boss want to talk
further.



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For Mrs. Lee
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Dear Prime Minister,

A line to congratulate you, from the Brussels angle, on the result you achieved in Camp David. It cannot have been easy.

Quite apart from its obvious importance to the UK nationally, the agreed statement will be an extremely useful reference point in the difficult multilateral discussions which lie ahead. As such it is much valued by my colleagues here (not

least by the US representative!). In the
light of speeches like those delivered by
Stuntz (in Chicago) & Purle (in Paris)
Yesterday, the members of the North
Atlantic Council feel they need all the
ammunition (& reassurance) they can get!

Yours

Richard.

Washington *file*



10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON SW1A 2AA

From the Private Secretary

18 November, 1986..

Dear Squadron Leader Wolley,

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you and the crew of the VC10 for the most comfortable flights to and from Washington last weekend. As always the service we received was marvellous, and I know everyone in the party is most grateful to you.

yours sincerely
Chris Powell

(C.D. Powell)

Squadron Leader Wolley



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ce: fto

10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON SW1A 2AA

THE PRIME MINISTER

18 November 1986

Dear Miss Davis,

I am immensely grateful to you and the members of the National Women's Forum for honouring me with the International Hall of Fame Award. It has given me enormous pleasure. The award itself is really very beautiful and I shall treasure it. I was particularly touched that your members had travelled from all over the United States to the ceremony at the Embassy. I was delighted to have the chance to meet and talk to them.

May I take the opportunity to send all your members my warm good wishes.

Yours sincerely
Rajand Shakti

Miss Susan Davis

JSS



FROM: J A T Sweid
DATE: 14 November 1986
cc: Miss Ross

Mr Powell

THANK YOU LETTERS

1. In addition to the letters the Prime Minister will wish as usual to write to the President and the Ambassador, the only other one she may wish to send is to Miss Susan Davis, President of the National Women's Forum. Her business address appears in the enclosure to Mr Sheinwald's minute of 14 November.
2. The Ambassador will as usual write to others in the Administration involved in the Prime Minister's visit.

Jamie Sweid

J A T Sweid (Ms)

14 November 1986

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 Please add the letter % Mr. Sheinwald
 at the Embassy, addressed to
 Miss Susan Davis, National Women's Forum.
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FOR CONFERENCE SECTION, PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT FROM MISS WAGHORN.

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: ARRIVAL ARRANGEMENTS

1. 1615 VC10 ARRIVES ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE.
AMBASSADOR ROOSEVELT AND SIR A ACLAND BOARD AIRCRAFT
AND ESCORT PRIME MINISTER AND SENIOR MEMBERS OF PARTY
TO WELCOMING COMMITTEE AS FOLLOWS:
THE HONORABLE SELWA ROOSEVELT, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL
SIR ANTONY ACLAND
AMBASSADOR ROZANNE RIDGWAY, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF
STATE FOR EUROPEAN AND CANADIAN AFFAIRS
BRIGADIER GENERAL EDWARD GIDDINGS, COMMANDER, AIR
FORCE DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AIR VICE MARSHAL RONALD DICK, HEAD OF BRITISH
DEFENCE STAFF.

(PHOTO OPPORTUNITY)

2. AFTER GREETING MEMBERS OF WELCOMING COMMITTEE, AMBASSADOR
ROOSEVELT ESCORTS PRIME MINISTER TO HER CAR.

1620 DEPART ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE BY MOTORCADE FOR
RESIDENCE

LEAD CAR	USSS	
PM'S CAR	PRIME MINISTER	
	AMBASSADOR ROOSEVELT	
	SIR A ACLAND	
	(PM'S BAGGAGE IN BOOT OF CAR)	
FOLLOW CAR	USSS	
US CAR 2	MR POWELL	
	MR KERR	
US CAR 3	MISS MURDOCK	
	MR INGHAM	
	MR CORNISH	
	MR SHEINWALD	
US CAR 4	MR HORNE	
	MRS LAMBERT	
	MISS WAGHORN	
AFTER DEPARTURE OF MOTORCADE:		
EMBASSY CAR 6	MISS ROSS	TO EMBASSY
	ONE RMP PLUS BOXES	
MINIBUS	PRESS	TO HOTEL
	DR HUGHES	
US BAGGAGE VAN	TWO RMPs	TO A) RESIDENCE,
	EMBASSY SECURITY OFFICER	B) HOTEL (BLUE AND RED LABELLED LUGGAGE)
EMBASSY VAN	EMBASSY SECURITY OFFICER	PRESS LUGGAGE (GREEN LABELS)
		TO HOTEL
EMBASSY CAR 5	MISS SWEID	TO A) HOTEL,
	MR JENNER	B) EMBASSY
	MR DAMM	

3. THE DUTY CLERK SHOULD GIVE ALL PASSPORTS WITH COMPLETED
IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS DECLARATION FORMS TO ME ON ARRIVAL.

4. PLEASE ADVANCE TO POWELL AND INGHAM (NO 10 DOWNING STREET) AND
FOWLER (NAD, FCO).

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ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE VISIT OF THE
PRIME MINISTER TO WASHINGTON
14-15 NOVEMBER 1986

1. COMPOSITION OF THE PARTY

The Prime Minister, accompanied by those listed at Appendix I, will visit Washington from 14-15 November 1986. A party of press will also travel on the Prime Minister's aircraft, names at Appendix 1(a). Separate administrative instructions are being issued to them.

2. PROGRAMME

The outline programme, as at present known, is shown at Appendix II.

3. TRAVEL

(all times local. UK = GMT, Washington = GMT - 5)

Outward on Friday 14 November

a) The Prime Minister and members of the party will travel to Washington in an RAF VC10, Task No. 1151, departing London Heathrow (Southside) at 1300 hours, arriving Andrews Air Force Base at 1615 hours. Flying time: 8 hours 15 minutes. Luncheon and tea will be served.

Return on Sunday 16 November

b) The RAF VC10 will depart Andrews Air Force Base at 1900 hours local time on Saturday 15 November, giving an arrival time at London Heathrow (Southside) of 0700 hours on Sunday 16 November. Flying time: 7 hours. Dinner and breakfast will be served.

c) Full travel details are given in Appendix III.

4. TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AND HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

a) All members of the party should carry a valid passport containing the appropriate US A1 or A2 visa, which has been, or will be, obtained on their behalf by Conference Section.

b) There are no current health requirements for entry into the USA for passengers travelling from the UK.

5. PERSONAL BAGGAGE AND BAGGAGE LABELS

a) Those travelling on the RAF VC10 may take with them up to 66 lbs of personal baggage.

b) Baggage labels, colour-coded as follows, are enclosed for the party as follows:

- i) Residence : BLUE
- ii) Embassy Row Hotel : RED
- iii) Press (issued separately) : GREEN
- iv) In addition, all items to be cabin-loaded must bear a label coloured YELLOW.

Unused labels must be kept under safe cover. Old labels should not be left in hotels.

6. INSURANCE

A note on baggage and insurance regulations is attached at Appendix IV.

7. CLIMATE AND DRESS

a) The climate in Washington at this time of year is warm during the day and cool in the evenings.

Average temperatures Washington 40°-60°F
Average temperatures Camp David 30°-55°F

b) i) Meetings in Washington will be normal business dress.

ii) For the visit to Camp David the atmosphere is likely to be more informal, eg sports jackets rather than business suits.

8. LIVING ACCOMMODATION

Please see Appendix I.

9. WORKING ACCOMMODATION

a) The No 10 Private Office will be set up in the Old Chancery Building.

b) Mr Horne will work from a suite in the Embassy Row Hotel.

10. OFFICE MACHINERY AND STATIONERY

Electric and manual typewriters, photocopiers and common user stationery will be provided in the Private Office. Orator and Bookface golfball heads will be available.

11. COMMUNICATIONS

a) Telegrams

- i) The Communications Section in the Embassy will operate on a 24 hour basis during the visit.
- ii) Telegrams should be prefixed "Following for from". Telegrams for individuals in the party will not be given any distribution without the prior consent of the addressee. Telegrams addressed "Following for Prime Minister's Party" will be distributed to all senior members of the party.

b) Telephones

- i) The Embassy switchboard will be manned on a 24 hour basis during the visit.
- ii) If required, secure speech facilities (brought out on the VC10) will be used in the Private Office.
- iii) A list of useful telephone numbers is attached at Appendix V.

12. SECURITY

- a) A security brief is enclosed for members of the delegation. This should not be taken overseas.
- b) Miss Amanda Ross will act as Special Courier for the No 10 party on the round trip.
- c) Those taking boxes, briefcases etc, containing classified material must have them entered on the Courier's waybill. Those concerned should contact COD (Miss J Rowan, Tel No: 233 3706).
- d) The Private Office will be guarded at night by the Royal Military Police.

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e) A lock-up cupboard will be provided in the Private Office.

f) London security passes should not be taken overseas.

13. TRANSPORT

a) Transport will be provided by the Embassy/US Government.

b) The car allocation on arrival will be notified in advance, so that all members of the party are aware of the arrangements before landing.

c) Full details of all transport will be available with the local administrative notes issued in Washington.

14. NEWSPAPERS AND COI BULLETINS

a) Conference Section has arranged for two sets of British newspapers to be sent to Washington on 15 November.

b) The COI press summary will be transmitted to Washington on 15 November.

15. FINANCE

a) Costs for the visit will be borne by the Management and Personnel office who will also meet the costs of the hiring of photocopier etc. Any hotel costs incurred by the Detectives should be charged to the Metropolitan Police.

b) Subsistence

Rates of subsistence are as follows:

Class Ai : \$150.00
Class Aii: \$130.45
Class B : \$110.90

Current rate of exchange (as at 6 Nov): \$1.4150 = £1

i) Members of the party staying at the Residence will receive one-third of the appropriate Class A rate of subsistence.

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- ii) Members of the party staying at the Embassy Row Hotel will be on conference terms, ie the Embassy will pay the cost of room, service and taxes and the individual will receive one-half the appropriate rate to cover breakfast, lunch, dinner and all other expenses.
- iii) The Detectives will subsist themselves.

16. ADMINISTRATION

The party will be administered in Washington by Miss S M Waghorn, in conjunction with the British Embassy. Enquiries in London are being handled by Miss B D Davis (Tel No: 210 6374). The Duty Officer over the weekend 15/16 November is Miss F E J Martin (Home Tel No: 01-940 6343).

S M Waghorn

S M Waghorn (Miss)
Conference Section
Protocol Department
210 6373

7 November 1986

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COMPOSITION OF THE PARTY
(not in protocol order)

Serial No	Name	Designation	Accommodation
1.	The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher FRS MP	Prime Minister	Ambassador's Residence
2.	Mr C D Powell	Private Secretary	Ambassador's Residence
3.	Mr B Ingham	Chief Press Secretary	Ambassador's Residence
4.	Mr M J Horne	Assistant Press Secretary	Embassy Row Hotel
5.	Miss A Ross	Duty Clerk	Embassy Row Hotel
6.	Mrs E Lambert	Secretarial Assistant	Embassy Row Hotel
7.	Detective Superintendent M Waller	Detective	Ambassador's Residence
8.	Detective Inspector B Strevens	Detective	Ambassador's Residence
9.	Miss S M Waghorn	Conference Officer	Embassy Row Hotel
10.	Mr Graham Jenner	Communications Officer	Embassy Row Hotel
11.	Mr Frank Damm	Communications Officer	Embassy Row Hotel
12.	Sgt A Wells	Royal Military Police	Embassy Row Hotel
13.	Staff Sgt A M Storrie	Royal Military Police	Embassy Row Hotel
14.	L/Cpl F J Lyle	Royal Military Police	Embassy Row Hotel

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APPENDIX I(a)

PRESS PARTY

Ms Grania Forbes	News of the World
Mr Alan Cochrane	Mail on Sunday
Ms Julia Langdon	Daily Mirror
Mr Adam Bolton	TV-AM
Mr Chris Moncrieff	P.A.
Mr Colin McIntyre	Reuters
Mr Mike Toner	Sunday Express
Mr Geoffrey Parkhouse	Glasgow Herald
(name to follow)	Sunday Times (photographer)

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON

OUTLINE PROGRAMME

Friday 14 November

1615 hours Prime Minister and party arrive at Andrews
Air Force Base by RAF VC10

1730 hours Meeting with Mr Shultz at Residence

1830 hours Meeting with Mr Weinberger at Residence

Supper at Residence

Saturday 15 November

Breakfast with Vice-President Bush

a.m. Depart for Camp David by helicopter

1030-1330 Meeting and lunch with President Reagan
approx

1445 approx Press Conference at Embassy
followed by
Interviews for British TV and Radio

1715 hours Acceptance of American National Womens
Forum's First International Women's Hall of
Fame Award

1800 hours Depart Residence for Andrews Air Force Base

1900 hours Prime Minister and party depart Andrews Air
Force Base for London by RAF VC10

TRAVEL DETAILS
 (all times local)
 London = GMT
 Washington = GMT - 5

OUTWARDTuesday 11 November

Miss S M Waghorn	BA217	ETD London Heathrow	1145
		ETA Washington	1510

Wednesday 12 November

Supt M Waller	PA107	ETD London Heathrow	1415
		ETA Washington	1740

Friday 14 November

Prime Minister	RAF VC10	ETD London Heathrow	1300
Mr Powell	Task No.	(Southside)	
Mr Ingham	1151		
Mr Horne		ETA Andrews Air Force Base	1615
Miss Ross		(Washington)	

Mrs Lambert
 Insp Strevens
 Mr Jenner
 Mr Damm
 Sgt Wells
 S/Sgt Storrie
 L/Cpl Lyle

Flying time: 8 hours 15 minutes

Lunch and tea will be served

Press:

Ms Grania Forbes
 Mr Alan Cochrane
 Ms Julia Langdon
 Mr Adam Bolton
 Mr Chris Moncrieff
 Mr Colin McIntyre
 Mr Mike Toner
 Mr Geoffrey Parkhouse
 Sunday Times Photographer

Total Number of Passengers: 21

RETURNSaturday 15 November

As above	RAF VC10	ETD Andrews Air Force Base	1900
Plus		(Washington)	
Sir Patrick Wright		ETA London Heathrow	0700
The Honourable Charles H Price		(Southside)	(16/11)

Miss S M Waghorn
 Supt M Waller

Flying time: 7 hours

Dinner and breakfast will be served

Total Number of Passengers: 25

TRAVEL ON SPECIAL FLIGHTS
BAGGAGE AND INSURANCE REGULATIONS

1. BAGGAGE

- (a) Those travelling by RAF aircraft are reminded that baggage should be left unlocked for the customary check. Butane gas lighter refills and matches, other than safety ones, may not be taken on the aircraft; certain aerosol sprays are now accepted on flights, provided they are not used on the aircraft. Any electrical items must be disconnected from their batteries.
- (b) Those travelling in the VC10 may take up to 66 lbs of personal baggage.

2. INSURANCE

- (a) No refund of insurance premium is payable from public funds for officers on short-term visits overseas.
- (b) Those travelling by RAF aircraft are subject to the same statutory limits of compensation as apply to carriage by commercial airlines but international journeys to or from the UK with an agreed stopping place in the United States are governed by the provisions of the IATA/Montreal Agreement which include a compensation limit higher than the statutory one. Prospective travellers in RAF aircraft are advised to check whether their personal insurance policies provide cover for travelling by non-commercial flights and to consult their insurers if they are in any doubt about their position.
- (c) When the personal property (other than money or luxury articles) of an officer sent overseas on a short-term visit is lost or damaged during transit to or from the UK or while he is in receipt of subsistence allowance (but not local allowances and DSA) during his stay overseas and the loss or damage is not covered by an existing insurance policy, and the officer himself has not been negligent, compensation may be paid at the discretion of PSD. The amount of compensation would be based on the current cost of replacing the articles less an amount for depreciation or, if less, the full cost of repair.

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LIST OF USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Direct dial code from London to Washington: 0101 202

Direct dial code from Washington to London: 011 44 1

British Embassy

3100 Massachusetts Avenue NW
Washington DC 20008

Chancery and Residence (202) 462 1340

No 10 Private Office in Old Chancery Building

Private Secretary : (202)
Duty Clerk : (202) to follow
Secretarial Assistant : (202)

Embassy Row Hotel

2015 Massachusetts Avenue NW (202) 265 1600
Washington DC

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No 10 Downing Street

Private Secretaries (2)
Mr Charles Fountain
Duty Clerks (2)
Press Office (2)

Cabinet Office

PS/Sir Robert Armstrong
Mr C K Davies

Management and Personnel Office

Mr Donald Wood

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

PS/Secretary of State (2)
Private Office (3)
PS/Lady Young
PS/PUS
Mr P R Fearn
NAD: Mr P Fowler
Mr D Upton
COD: Lt Col E N T Crump) c/o COD Mails Branch Registry
Mr B Ludford) W7a
Mr L Walters
Miss J Rowan
Mr S Smart
Head of Departmental Registry (2)
CTSD: Hanslope Park (R Gilmore)
Finance Dept, IDC
News Dept (2)
PUSD: c/o Room E211
Mr Mooncie, c/o Room E211
Protocol Dept (15)
Resident Clerks (2)
Security Dept: Mr H J Nicholls (for circulation)
Mr M J Harris (Room 1 DSW)

Ministry of Defence

Wing Commander R Johnson RAF, MOVOPS(RAF),
Room 5178, Main Building
MOVOPS RAF Desk Officer (2)
PM(2) RAF Metropole Building
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RAF Northolt

OC OPS Wing, Ruislip, Middx HA4 6NG
Senior Air Movements Officer

London Airport

Mr G May, Public Relations Manager)
Mr R Baxendale, Manager,) Appendix III only
Special Facilities Unit, BAA)

Royal Military Police

APM London District
OC London District Provost Company

New Scotland Yard

Special Branch
Det Chief Supt D Paton

BRITISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON

EACH MEMBER OF THE PARTY



CABINET OFFICE

70 Whitehall London SW1A 2AS Telephone 01-233 8308

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11 November 1986

Amanda Ross
Duty Clerk
No 10 Downing Street
London SW1

Dear Miss Ross

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON

1. As requested two BRAHMS secure speech telephone instruments will be delivered to No 10 on 13 November.
2. In flight secure communications will be available on the VC10.
3. Mr Norman Davies, CTSD, British Embassy Washington, has made all the necessary arrangements for communications in Washington. He is your point of contact for any technical problems whilst in the United States.

Yours sincerely
J E Moody

J E MOODY
Telecommunications Secretariat

cc Mr F Francis

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FOLLOWING PERSONAL FOR POWELL (NO 10) FROM KERR.

YOUR TELNO 1945: CAMP DAVID

1. YOU SEEM TO HAVE SUCCEEDED IN CONVINCING PRICE THAT NO FORMAL STATEMENT IS BEING DRAFTED IN LONDON. THE NSC HAVE STOPPED ASKING US: AND THEY TELL US PRIVATELY THAT PRICE'S WORRY NOW IS THAT, IF THE ADMINISTRATION WERE COOKING UP SOMETHING, UNBEKNOWN TO HIM AND YOU, THEY SHOULD COME CLEAN. (THIS WORRY IS UNNECESSARY: AS OF NOW, NOTHING IS COOKING HERE.)
2. WE HAVE CONTINUED TO MAKE YOUR POINTS ABOUT THE FORMAT OF THE MEETINGS. I HOPED TO EXTRACT A RESPONSE FOR YOU TODAY, BUT SOME OF THOSE CONCERNED ARE ON (VETERANS DAY) HOLIDAY, AND AGREED REACTIONS ARE UNLIKELY NOW TO EMERGE BEFORE LATE ON 12 NOVEMBER. BUT WE STILL ADVISE AGAINST YOUR RINGING POINDEXTER.

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Prime Minister

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NOTE FOR THE RECORD

I went to see the United States Ambassador at his request yesterday to discuss arrangements for the Prime Minister's visit to Washington. Mr Price did not in fact seem very well informed about these. His main purpose was to find out what I knew. I gave him an account, without mentioning our concern about the total amount of time available for discussions at Camp David with the President (the Embassy in Washington advise that this is best dealt with at their end). Mr Price said that he had seen Secretary Weinberger in Washington. He was pressing hard for the Pentagon to be represented at the Camp David meeting. Mr Price thought that the reason why there was no provision for a formal plenary session was precisely to make it easier to reject applications by others to attend. Those whom he expected to be present were: Secretary Shultz, Mr Regan, Admiral Poindexter, himself, Roz Ridgway and Peter Sommer as notetaker.

Mr Price was not sure whether he would attend the separate bilaterals with Secretaries Shultz and Weinberger. He had been invited to spend the night at Camp David.

Mr Price said that he assumed that the Government remained very worried about the outcome of the Reykjavik meeting. So were Secretary Weinberger and the Pentagon. Some of the tentative agreements could obviously cause us acute political difficulties, particularly over the future of Trident. I said that I could not anticipate what the Prime Minister would say to the President, although our general views had been put firmly on the record in Washington. As I had told Mr Seitz, I thought that the Prime Minister would be seeking reassurance about the link between deep cuts in strategic nuclear weapons and action to correct the imbalance in conventional forces; about continuing commitment to nuclear deterrence as the basis for NATO's strategy; and about modernisation of US strategic weapons, given the implications for Trident. Mr Price said that the last point was clearly a crucial one for the Government in political terms.

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Mr Price asked about Mr Kinnock's forthcoming visit to Washington. I said that I could not contribute anything on this. Our Embassy would make whatever arrangements Mr Kinnock suggested. Mr Price said that there was some inclination in Washington to offer Mr Kinnock middle-level appointments with the Administration on this visit, but he himself was not keen. I said that I did not think we had received any such request from Mr Kinnock's office.

Mr Price told me in strict confidence that he was being considered as a possible replacement for Shultz, Weinberger or Poindexter if anyone of them were to leave office before the end of the Administration's term.

CDP

Charles Powell

10 November 1986

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OPARBONPRIME MINISTER

cc: Mr. Sherbourne

David Hart has sent you the attached note via Stephen following his visit to Washington.

As always it contains a lot of interest. But you have to remember that it all comes from a small and totally dedicated pro-SDI group in Washington.

As a result his report focusses almost exclusively on SDI and has nothing to say about the immediate problem which you face, namely the proposal to eliminate ballistic missiles in ten years.

I do not see the logic of arguing that an INF deal would strengthen Kinnock. It would be a justification of your policy of strength.

Where I think David is right (and the FCO wrong) is in urging you not to make a fuss about exceeding SALT II limits.

A Global Security Guarantee is a very long way down the road, and not relevant to your talks with the President now.

David Hart has told Stephen that he wants to see you before you go to Washington. I think this would be a mistake:

- (a) because he is not focussed on the real issues of your Camp David meeting:
- (b) because of the risk that he would subsequently pass messages to Washington purporting to represent your views - which would cross wires.

Agree to thank him for his useful paper but say that you cannot see him at present?

Charles Powell

10 November 1986

PRIME MINISTER

BRIEFING FOR CAMP DAVID

We have 2/3 hours in the diary on Thursday afternoon.

I suggest a very small meeting, so that we can really refine the arguments: Foreign Secretary, Defence Secretary, Percy Cradock and me. We might have an hour with their participation, and then a further session with just Percy Cradock and me. Agree?

Yes not

We have some further time on Friday morning, when you could do some further work with Percy and me. We could get Michael Alexander over from Brussels then (he cannot come on Thursday) but its quite a long way to come for what is bound to be a short meeting; also rather late in the day. Anyway, I think he has probably given you his main thoughts already. ✓

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C.D.P.

Charles Powell
10 November 1986

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From the Private Secretary

9 November 1986

I should be grateful if you would despatch
the enclosed telegram to Washington.

(Charles Powell)

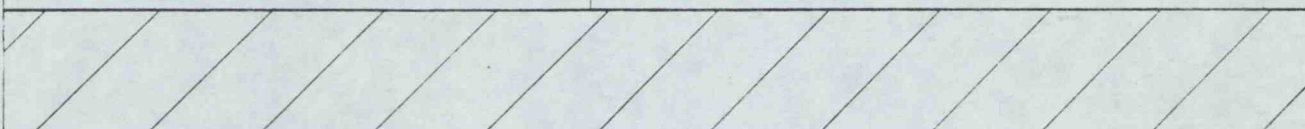
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1 1330 is not an absolute deadline and that we can run over
2 a bit if necessary. We can live with a press conference
3 at 1530 if necessary. But our preference remains a slightly
4 earlier start.

6 3. On your point about Weinberger, I do not think we should
7 get involved discussing participation on the American side.

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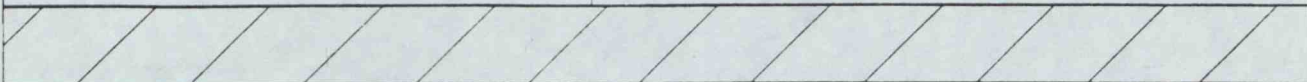
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FOLLOWING PERSONAL FOR KERR FROM POWELL (NO.10)

YOUR TELNO 2848: CAMP DAVID

1. THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS. YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT CHARLIE PRICE ASKED TO SEE ME THIS MORNING TO COMPARE NOTES ABOUT THE PROGRAMME AT CAMP DAVID. I DID NOT MENTION THE PRIME MINISTER'S CONCERN ABOUT THE TOTAL LENGTH OF TIME AVAILABLE. HE CONFIRMED YOUR SUSPICION THAT A REASON FOR NOT HAVING A PROPER PLENARY SESSION IS A DESIRE TO KEEP NUMBERS DOWN. HE PRESSED ME ON WHETHER WE ENVISAGED ANY FORMAL STATEMENT BEING ISSUED AS A RESULT OF THE TALKS. I SAID THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD BE SEEING THE PRESS AFTER THE CAMP DAVID MEETING AND THAT IT WAS HER NORMAL PRACTICE TO AGREE WITH HER INTERLOCUTOR ON THE SPOT THE GENERAL LINES OF WHAT SHE SHOULD SAY.

2. I AM INCLINED TO ADVISE AGAINST TRYING TO NEGOTIATE A LATER FINISH, ALTHOUGH YOU MIGHT EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT 1330 IS NOT AN ABSOLUTE DEADLINE AND THAT WE CAN RUN OVER A BIT IF NECESSARY. WE CAN LIVE WITH A PRESS CONFERENCE

AT 1530 IF NECESSARY. BUT OUR PREFERENCE REMAINS A SLIGHTLY EARLIER START.

3. ON YOUR POINT ABOUT WEINBERGER, I DO NOT THINK WE SHOULD GET INVOLVED DISCUSSING PARTICIPATION ON THE AMERICAN SIDE.

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FOLLOWING PERSONAL FOR POWELL (NO 10) FROM KERR.

YOUR TELNO 1940: CAMP DAVID

1. ACTION TAKEN ON 7 NOVEMBER, AND AGAIN ON 8 NOVEMBER: WE SHALL RETURN TO THE CHARGE EARLY NEXT WEEK. MEANWHILE I WOULD COUNSEL AGAINST YOUR TELEPHONING POINDEXTER, OR INDEED PRICE, WHICH COULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE AT THIS STAGE: LET'S FIRST SEE WHAT (A) IMPROVEMENT OF THE FORMAT OF THE PRE-LUNCH SESSION AND (B) EXPANSION OF THE TOTAL ENVELOPE CAN BE SECURED ON OUR CHANNELS.
 2. OUR CONTACTS POINT OUT THAT THE TOTAL TIME SO FAR ALLOWED IS NO SHORTER THAN IN 1984: THAT LONGER MEETINGS, INVOLVING THE PRESIDENT THROUGHOUT, ARE EXTREMELY RARE: THAT THE TETE-A-TETE SHOULD IN FACT RUN FOR THE FULL 50 MINUTES, SINCE THE GREETINGS AND PHOTOGRAPHS SHOULD BE OVER BY 11 AM: AND THAT THE LUNCH, AS IN 1984, WILL BE A WORKING OCCASION, AND AS SUCH WILL HAVE MUCH OF THE CHARACTER OF A PLENARY SESSION. BUT THEY TAKE OUR POINTS, AND WILL TRY TO MEET THEM, IN A REVISED PLAN.
 3. MY HUNCH IS THAT ON THE US SIDE THERE WILL BE A BRIEFING SESSION (WITH SHULTZ, POINDEXTER AND RIDGWAY) BEFORE THE PRIME MINISTER ARRIVES AT CAMP DAVID, AND THAT THIS MAY PROVE AN OBSTACLE TO OUR SECURING AN EARLIER START. WE MAY THEREFORE BE DRIVEN TO NEGOTIATE FOR A LATER FINISH. HOW SERIOUS WOULD BE THE PROBLEMS FOR BERNARD INGHAM (DEADLINES FOR THE SUNDAYS) IF THE PRESS CONFERENCE WERE DELAYED TO, SAY, 1530?
 4. I STRONGLY SUSPECT THAT ONE REASON FOR THE ABSENCE IN THE ORIGINAL PLANS OF ANY FORMAL PLENARY SESSION WAS THE WHITE HOUSE'S WISH (RESPONSIVE TO YOURS) TO KEEP US NUMBERS DOWN. I KNOW FROM DOD THAT WEINBERGER IS STILL BIDDING FOR A SEAT, AND IT MAY HAVE BEEN THOUGHT EASIER TO TURN HIM DOWN IF THE PROGRAMME SHOWED NO PLENARY.
- AS YOU KNOW, WE THINK WEINBERGER'S INFLUENCE ON THE KEY ISSUE MIGHT ON THIS OCCASION, UNLIKE 1984, BE HELPFUL. GRATEFUL FOR A STEER ON HOW YOU WOULD LIKE ME TO REACT IF THE QUESTION OF HIS BID IS MENTIONED TO ME BY THE WHITE HOUSE.

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FOLLOWING PERSONAL FOR KERR
FROM POWELL (NO. 10 DOWNING STREET)

THANK YOU FOR TELEGRAM NUMBER 2834 ABOUT THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE
PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT AT CAMP DAVID ON 15
NOVEMBER.

THE PRIME MINISTER SEES NO REAL OPTION BUT TO GO ALONG WITH THE
FORMAT WHICH THE AMERICANS HAVE PROPOSED. WE SHOULD, HOWEVER, ASK
FOR THE PRE-LUNCH SESSION TO BE CONDUCTED AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE AS
THOUGH IT WAS A PLENARY SESSION, SO THAT THE PRIME MINISTER CAN
RELATE THE CONCLUSIONS WHICH SHE HAS DRAWN FROM HER TETE-A-TETE
DISCUSSION WITH THE PRESIDENT TO THE WIDER AUDIENCE.

YOU SHOULD KNOW, HOWEVER, THAT THE PRIME MINISTER IS CONCERNED AT
THE RELATIVELY SHORT TIME AVAILABLE IN TOTAL FOR THIS VERY IMPORTANT
MEETING. BY THE TIME THERE HAVE BEEN PHOTOGRAPHS AND PLEASANTRIES
WITH MRS. REAGAN, HER ACTUAL DISCUSSION WITH THE PRESIDENT WILL
PROBABLY BE REDUCED TO 40 MINUTES OR LESS. I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL,
THEREFORE, IF YOU COULD TRY HARD TO GET THE STARTING TIME BROUGHT
FORWARD BY HALF AN HOUR TO 1015 OR, FAILING THAT, AT LEAST BY 15

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MINUTES TO 1030. I KNOW THIS MAY BE DIFFICULT BUT THE PRIME
MINISTER DOES ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO IT. WOULD IT HELP IF I
WERE TO TELEPHONE JOHN POINDEXTER?

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From the Private Secretary

7 November 1986

Washington tel. no. 2834 (copy enclosed for ease of reference) gave details of the programme proposed for the Prime Minister's meeting with the President at Camp David. I should be grateful if you could send the enclosed reply on my behalf.

I have also seen Washington tel. no. 2835 which deals with the presentation of the National Women's Forum Award. The Prime Minister is content with this and I should be grateful if you could so inform the Embassy in Washington.

(C.D. Powell)

C.R. Budd, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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2	FOLLOWING PERSONAL FOR KERR, WASHINGTON
3	FROM POWELL (No. 10 DOWNING STREET)
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7	Thank you for telegram No. 2834 about the arrangements for the
8	Prime Minister's meeting with the President at Camp David on
9	15 November.
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11	The Prime Minister sees no real option but to go along with the
12	format which the Americans have proposed. We should, however,
13	ask for the pre-lunch session to be conducted as much as
14	possible as though it was a plenary session, so that the
15	Prime Minister can relate the conclusions which she has drawn
16	from her tete-a-tete discussion with the President to the wider
17	audience.
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19	You should know, however, that the Prime Minister is concerned
20	at the relatively short time available in total for this very
21	important meeting. By the time there have been photographs
22	and pleasantries with Mrs. Reagan, her actual discussion with
23	the President will probably be reduced to 40 minutes or less.
24	I should be grateful, therefore, if you could try hard to get
25	the starting time brought forward by half an hour to 1015 or,
26	failing that, at least by 15 minutes to 1030. I know this may
27	be difficult but the Prime Minister does attach great importance
28	to it. Would it help if I were to telephone John Poindexter?
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YOUR TELNO 1916: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT

1. THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S FORUM ARE DELIGHTED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WILL BE ABLE TO ACCEPT THEIR AWARD. THEY ENVISAGE INVITING AROUND 25 OF THEIR SENIOR MEMBERS TO ATTEND, AND ASKING JUSTICE SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR TO PRESENT THE AWARD (A PIECE OF GLASS FROM TIFFANY'S). THE CEREMONY ITSELF, WHICH NEED TAKE NO MORE THAN 5 MINUTES, WOULD BE COVERED BY THE MEDIA: THE PRIME MINISTER MIGHT THEN TALK INFORMALLY WITH THE GROUP (NOT A SPEECH) FOR 10 MINUTES.
2. WE ENVISAGED THIS HAPPENING AT 1715 (DEPARTURE FOR ANDREWS IS NOW SET FOR 1810).
3. GRATEFUL TO KNOW IF WE MAY CONFIRM THESE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S FORUM.
4. PLEASE ADVANCE TO POWELL AND INGHAM (NO 10), AND FOWLER(NAD).

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FOLLOWING PERSONAL FOR POWELL (NO 10 DOWNING STREET) FROM KERR
OUR TELNO 2781: CAMP DAVID: 15 NOVEMBER

1. THE WHITE HOUSE HAVE NOW PRODUCED THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS:

- (A) PRIME MINISTER ARRIVES AT 1045. (THIS MEANS LEAVING THE VICE-PRESIDENT'S HELI-PAD HERE AT 1010, AND THAT BREAKFAST WITH HIM COULD THEREFORE START AT 9 OR 0915.) THE PRESIDENT GREETES THE PRIME MINISTER AND DRIVES HER (THAT GOLF-CART AGAIN) TO ASPEN LODGE (SAME AS LAST TIME) ARRIVING AT 1050. (MRS REAGAN IS TO BE THERE, BRIEFLY.)
- (B) 1100-1150 TETE-A-TETE SESSION, WITH A SINGLE NOTETAKER PRESENT ON EACH SIDE.
- (C) AT AROUND 1150 THE PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER WOULD WALK TO LAUREL LODGE (AS LAST TIME). THE PRESIDENT MAY ASK THE PRIME MINISTER TO WATCH HIM GIVE HIS WEEKLY LIVE 5-MINUTE RADIO BROADCAST AT NOON.
- (D) AT DRINKS (UNTIL 1230) AND LUNCH (UNTIL 1330) THE PRESIDENT WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY SHULTZ, POINDEXTER, AND PROBABLY REGAN, AND CERTAINLY BY RIDGWAY, PRICE AND SOMMER.
- (E) DEPARTURE FROM CAMP DAVID WOULD BE AT 1345, ARRIVING AT THE VICE PRESIDENT'S HELI-PAD AT 1420, AND AT THE RESIDENCE AT 1425. (SO OUR PRESS CONFERENCE WOULD HAVE TO BE MOVED BACK TO, SAY, 1515, WHICH IS FINE.)

2. THE FORMAT IS THUS SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT FROM 1984, AND GIVES THE PRIME MINISTER SIGNIFICANTLY LONGER IN PRIVATE WITH THE PRESIDENT: GOOD NEWS, I THINK. HOWEVER, THOUGH THE LUNCH IS OF COURSE INTENDED TO BE A WORKING OCCASION, ON PRESENT PLANS THERE WILL BE NO FORMAL PLENARY SESSION AS SUCH. WE COULD, IF YOU LIKE, TRY TO ENSURE THAT THE PRE-LUNCH (DRINKS) SESSION TAKES PLACE ROUND A TABLE: THERE IS PERHAPS SOMETHING TO BE SAID FOR ENSURING THAT UNDERSTANDINGS REACHED IN PRIVATE ARE REPEATED IN FRONT OF SHULTZ, REGAN AND POINDEXTER.

3. HOW WOULD YOU LIKE US TO REACT TO THE WHITE HOUSE PROPOSALS?

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Miss Amanda Ross
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London
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Your reference

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Date

6 November 1986

Dear Amanda

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON

1. I enclose US Immigration and Customs forms and should be grateful if you would arrange for all officials and press travelling on the Prime Minister's RAF VC10 to complete one of each form and hand them, together with passports, to me on arrival at Andrews Air Force Base.
2. Perhaps there could be separate envelopes for officials and press.
3. As I mentioned on the telephone no gifts are required but the Embassy suggest that one large photograph of the Prime Minister and about ten standard sized ones be brought out. I will let you have a list of suggested recipients on your arrival.
4. You are also going to organise a bottle of British mineral water!

Yours sincerely

S M Waghorn

S M Waghorn (Miss)
Protocol Department

PRIME MINISTER

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TALKS AT CAMP DAVID

We need to get absolutely clear the position about attendance at your talks at Camp David. Various people aspire to attend. And one or two Americans hope to increase their prospects of being there, by trying to ensure that their British counterparts are present.

The absolutely essential point is that only one person should speak on our side. That means you should be the only minister present (when we disregarded that excellent principle in February 1985, the value of the meeting was much reduced).

The Americans will undoubtedly have more people on their side, for part of the time. But that is helpful, because they get to hear you: and get to hear what the President says to you.

I strongly advise against taking other officials for two reasons:-

- (i) it will be an opening for the Americans to send people like Perle, who will greatly complicate our task, particularly when it comes to trying to get an agreed statement; and
- (ii) (less important but not to be ignored) there will be problems on our side. Patrick Wright is in Washington, but you do not want him at Camp David (quite rightly: he does not know the subjects). But if other officials go and he does not, he loses face with the Americans and that affects his usefulness on other matters. The point is, I don't think you need anyone but Antony Acland.

The only question mark is over Percy Cradock. Even in his case, I think the problems identified above might arise. And he can make his most effective contribution at the briefing

stage here in London. We have made time in the diary next week for him to talk the issues through with you (once the speeches are out of the way).

Agree to restrict it to Antony Acland (and me as note-taker)?

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Charles Powell

5 November 1986



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From the Private Secretary

4 November 1986

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON: PROGRAMME

I am grateful to the Embassy in Washington for making the appointments for the Prime Minister to see Secretary Shultz and Secretary Weinberger on her arrival in Washington on the Friday evening.

The Prime Minister will definitely wish to return from Camp David to the Embassy for her press conference and interviews with British radio and television. She would also be ready to accept the American National Womens Forum's First International Women's Hall of Fame Award in a brief ceremony. She wishes to defer the decision on whether to do an interview with a major US network.

C. D. POWELL

R. N. Culshaw, Esq.,
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From the Private Secretary

4 November 1986

**PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON:
RAF VC10**

Thank you for your letter enclosing a proposed fit for the RAF VC10 for the visit to Washington, together with suggested menus during the flight.

I have slightly amended the fit and indicated the menus which I think the Prime Minister would prefer.

C. D. POWELL

R. N. Culshaw, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

1. MR. INGHAM

*I think the priorities are (1) British radio & TV; (2) US TV.
But it would be useful to put our own point of
view to the American public
JCP 27/11*

2. PRIME MINISTER

VISIT TO WASHINGTON: PROGRAMME

It now seems likely that you will be back from Camp David and at the Embassy by 1430 on the Saturday, and will not need to leave for the airport until 1800.

We shall probably need about an hour and a half for your press conference and subsequent short interviews with British radio and television.

The Embassy have recommended that you should also do a TV interview with one of the major networks' Sunday newsmaker programmes in the US. These are always very good value and get a wide audience. On balance I see advantage for you in doing it if you can face it. Bernard will have a view.

You earlier agreed in principle to accept the American National Womens Forum's First International Women's Hall of Fame Award. Antony Acland suggests that you might let them present it to you in a short informal ceremony at the Residence (15 minutes and no speeches).

Agree to a major network TV interview?

- Will need further consideration

Agree to accept the Women's Award?

Yes

CJP

(Charles Powell)

3 November 1986

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

3 November 1986

Dear Charles

Prime Minister's Visit to Washington: RAF VC10

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I attach:

- a) a proposed fit of the RAF VC10;
- b) suggested menus for the outward and return flights.

I should be grateful to know if you agree with the fit and which alternative menus for lunch on the way out and dinner on the way back are preferred.

Yours ever
Adam [Signature]

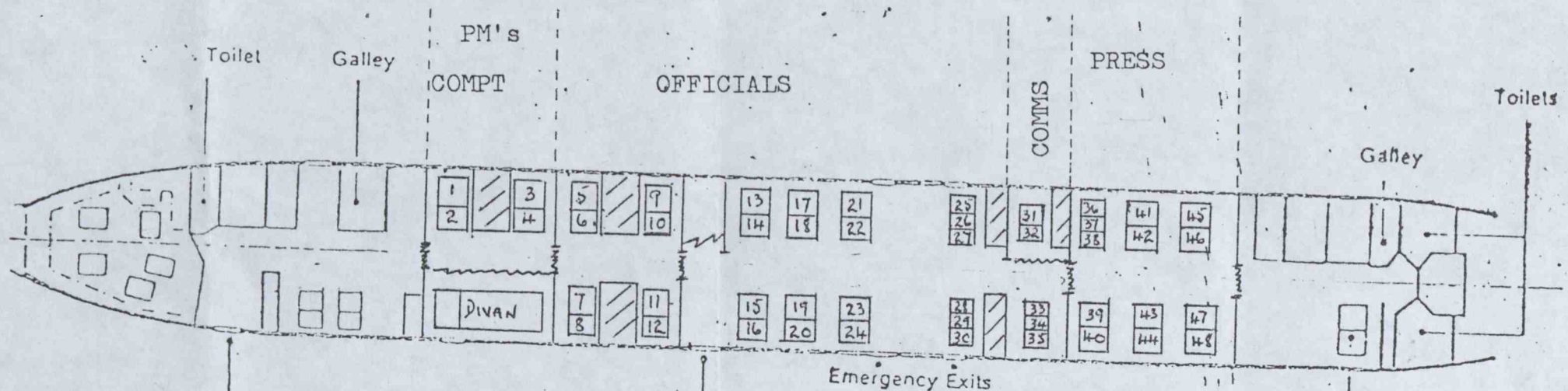
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SEATING PLAN FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO USA

OVER PERIOD 14 - 16 NOV 86

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PROPOSED MENUS FOR VC10 ASCOT 1151 - PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO USAOVER PERIOD 14 TO 16 NOV 86HEATHROW TO WASHINGTON (14 NOV)LUNCH

PARMA HAM WITH MELON

FILLETS OF SOLE DUMAS

AMANDINE POTATOES/BROCCOLI SPEARS/BATON CARROTS

CREME BRULEE

CHEESE/BISCUITS

COFFEE

WINE

OR

MIXED SEAFOOD HORS D'OEUVRE

NOISETTE OF LAMB WITH TARRAGON

PARISIENNE POTATOES/SIDE SALAD/SELECTION OF VEGETABLES

MILLEFEUILLES WITH CREAM

CHEESE/BISCUITS

COFFEE

WINE

AFTERNOON TEA

SELECTION OF RECEPTION SANDWICHES

AFTERNOON TEA FANCIES

SCONES/JAM/CREAM

BISCUITS

TEA/COFFEE

WASHINGTON TO HEATHROW (15/16 NOV)

DINNER

HOT AND COLD CANAPES

POACHED SALMON WITH CAVIAR

BEEF SIRLOIN WITH GREEN PEPPERCORNS

BUTTERED LEAF SPINACH/BABY CARROTS/RISSOLEE POTATOES

MOCHA AND KAHLUA MOUSSE

CHEESE/BISCUITS

COFFEE

PETITS FOURS

WINE

OR

HOT AND COLD CANAPES

AVACADO WITH SEAFOOD NEPTUNE

BREAST OF DUCKLING WITH GRAPE AND WALNUT STUFFING

BUTTERED LEAF SPINACH/BABY CARROTS/RISSOLEE POTATOES

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WINE

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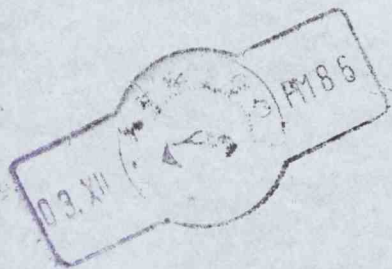
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From the Private Secretary

30 October 1986

15 NOVEMBER

Thank you for your letter of 27 October about the Vice President's invitation to the Prime Minister to breakfast on the morning of 15 November. The Prime Minister accepts this with pleasure and hopes that the Vice President would be kind enough to invite HM Ambassador and me as well.

I am copying this letter to Colin Budd and Peter Fowler (Foreign and Commonwealth Office).

Charles Powell

John Kerr, Esq.

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10 DOWNING STREET
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From the Private Secretary

29 October 1986

**PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON
14-15 NOVEMBER**

Thank you for your letter of 29 October proposing timings for the Prime Minister's visit to and from Washington on 14-15 November. I am content with these.

(Charles Powell)

Colin Budd, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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London SW1A 2AH

29 October 1986

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Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's Visit to Washington, 14-15 November

I would be grateful for confirmation that you are content with the following suggested timings for the RAF VC10:

London GMT

Washington GMT - 5

(All times local)

Friday 14 November

ETD LHR (Southside) 1300 hours

ETA Andrews Air Force Base 1615 hours

Flying time 8 hours 15 minutes

Luncheon to be served during the flight.

Saturday 15 November

ETD Andrews Air Force Base 1900 hours

ETA London Heathrow (Southside) 0700 hours
(16 November)

Flying time 7 hours

Dinner and breakfast to be served during the flight.

Yours ever,
Colin Budd

(C R Budd)
Private Secretary

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27th October 1986

Dear Chamber,

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON: AIRCRAFT

We spoke about the charge you had heard the RAF wished to recover for the use of a VC10 by the Prime Minister. I have looked into this. The meeting in Washington does come at a time when the RAF transport fleet is very heavily stretched, because of exercises, and we will have to do a good deal of re-planning and re-scheduling in order to make available a VC10 without very considerable extra cost. Nevertheless this can and will be done and we expect that the costs we have to recover from you will be at or near the normal charge.

Yours sincerely,
John Howe

(J F HOWE)

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BRITISH EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

27 October 1986

C D Powell Esq
No 10 Downing Street
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Dear Charles,

*Prime Minster
Agree to breakfast
with Vice-President Bush,
before you go up to
Camp David?*

CDP 24/x

15 NOVEMBER

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1. As you know, the Vice-President will not be able to be present at Camp David on 15 November. He has instead suggested that the Prime Minister might like to join him for breakfast that morning before she takes off (from his helipad) for Camp David, and he takes off for the West Coast. I enclose his letter (of 26 October) putting this proposal to the Prime Minister

2. Our view here, and I think yours, is that the idea is a good one. We shall plan on the basis that it is likely to go ahead.

*Yours ever,
J O Kerr*

J O Kerr

cc: C R Budd Esq
APS/SofS
over
P J Fowler Esq
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10 DOWNING STREET
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From the Private Secretary

27 October, 1986.

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON: 14/15 NOVEMBER

I have consulted the Prime Minister about the programme for her visit to Washington and Camp David on 14 and 15 November. The Prime Minister would like to depart from Heathrow at 1300 on Friday, 14 November. If possible, she would like short, separate bilateral meetings with Secretaries Shultz and Weinberger on arrival in Washington. In each case she would like to see them in as restricted a group as possible. Thereafter she would appreciate an early supper at the Embassy. She would not want any other engagements that evening.

On the Saturday, I imagine that, if we follow the pattern of the December 1984 meeting, we would helicopter from the Embassy to Camp David for talks with the President followed by lunch. Thereafter the Prime Minister would like to depart for London at whatever time would bring us into Heathrow by 7.00 a.m. local time on Sunday. She will give a press conference before leaving Washington. Whether this should be at Andrews Air Force Base or at the Embassy must depend upon the time available between leaving Camp David and takeoff.

The Prime Minister is perfectly content for Ambassador Price and Sir Patrick Wright to travel by VC10 on the return journey.

(C.D. Powell)

C.R. Budd, Esq.,
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PERSONAL

THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

October 26, 1986

The Right Honorable
Margaret Thatcher, M.P.,
Prime Minister,
London.

Dear Madame Prime Minister:

On November 15, I will be heading west and thus will not be able to attend the larger meeting at Camp David.

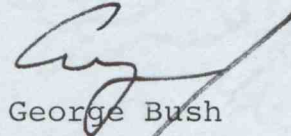
I do not want to miss having a chance for a good chat provided, of course, that it can comfortably fit your schedule.

Barbara and I would love to have you come across our fence and have breakfast with us on Saturday the 15th. You could then proceed to Camp David by chopper right from our helo-pad at the Observatory (same as last year).

If breakfast is too complicated perhaps I could come to call on you at your Embassy at your convenience. If none of this is convenient I will certainly understand, but I hate to have you so nearby without a chance to have a visit of some sort.

Bar joins me in sending our warmest best wishes to you and to Dennis.

Most sincerely,



George Bush



E.P.R.

PRIME MINISTER

HAIR: WASHINGTON

Would you like any hair appointments while you are in Washington?

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CAROLINE RYDER

24 October 1986

Told Betty
Davis at
FEO.

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PRIME MINISTER

VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES

You have agreed to visit Washington on Friday 14/Saturday 15 November. Your meeting with the President is on the morning of Saturday 15 November at Camp David. We need to think about the rest of your programme.

I suggest:

	Yes	No
- depart London at 2 pm on Friday	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- arrive Washington at 5pm local time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- short bilateral meetings with Shultz and Weinberger if available	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- early supper at Embassy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

*Could we go at 1pm
have lunch on Board?*

✓ I don't believe it is worth trying to see anyone else on a Friday evening. The purpose of seeing them would be to do some softening up before your meeting with the President, in the hope that they will be willing to weigh in helpfully.

The only additional possibility is to organise a small ceremony at the Embassy, to receive one of the honorary degrees or awards that are outstanding. But this might be rather a distraction. I recommend against. Agree? ✓

On the Saturday, we envisage you leaving Camp David by helicopter for Andrews Air Force Base and giving a press conference there, before flying back to London. But the question is really when you prefer to arrive back in London. If you leave Andrews at 1530 you will get into Heathrow at 3.30am on Sunday (though 1030pm Washington time). The alternative is to return to the Embassy to give a press

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conference and delay departure from Washington till, say, 7pm.
That way you get into Heathrow at 7am and go straight to
Chequers.

Yes No

Prefer to leave Washington straight
after the press conference?

Or

Delay departure in order to arrive at
a reasonable hour at Heathrow?

*Would prefer that if it is
all right by the
new
mt*

Incidentally I have assumed that we should fly by VC 10.
There is no Concorde flight to Washington on a Friday: and no
Concorde back from Washington or New York on a Saturday.

Finally, I have said that I thought you would be happy to
bring back Charlie Price from Washington on your aircraft,
also Sir Patrick Wright (who will have been conducting
separate official level talks in Washington, but will not be
taking part in your discussions).

*Yes
delighted*

C.D.P.

(C. D. POWELL)
24 October 1986



10 DOWNING STREET
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From the Private Secretary

24 October, 1986.

Dear Colin,

**PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN:
PRESS STATEMENT**

We have done some thinking about the sort of statement which the Prime Minister might try to agree with President Reagan for use with the press following her meeting with him at Camp David. I enclose an illustrative draft. Paragraph 8, which is in square brackets, is intended as a fall back if the Americans were unwilling to accept the more robust formulation in paragraph 5.

Several reservations need to be made. This is simply work in hand. Any text to be agreed with the President would have to be shorter than this. Much of the present text may well be overtaken by events before 15 November. There may be a case for an additional paragraph referring to wider aspects of East-West relations.

Obviously we do not want to let the Americans know that we are considering this tactic (which is of course the same as that which we used at the Camp David meeting in December, 1984). I would not therefore want the text - with which the Prime Minister is generally content - seen outside a very small circle here. But, with that caveat, I would welcome comments and improvements.

I am sending copies of this letter and its enclosure to John Howe (Ministry of Defence) and Trevor Woolley (Cabinet Office).

Yours sincerely
Chris Powell

C.D. Powell

C.R. Budd, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

POINTS FOR PRESS STATEMENT

1. The President and I discussed the outcome of the Reykjavik Summit and the way ahead. I congratulated the President on the stand he took at Reykjavik. He was superb.
2. The various proposals put on the table in Reykjavik are now being considered in detail within NATO so that we can formulate a common position of the Alliance in the further negotiations we want to see.
3. We share the view that negotiations for an agreement to put limits on Intermediate Nuclear Weapons (INF) should be given priority. I told the President that Britain could support an agreement which would provide for the elimination of all such weapons in Europe and the western Soviet Union. The conditions are that there must be effective verification and early negotiations to achieve equal ceilings on shorter-range Nuclear Weapons (SRNF). We want to see negotiations on intermediate nuclear weapons brought to a conclusion rapidly without being linked to progress in other areas. We hope that the Soviet Union will not impose conditions which would needlessly delay such an agreement.
4. We also agree that every effort should be made to reach agreement permitting 50 per cent reductions in strategic nuclear weapons over a five year period. The proposals discussed in Reykjavik provide a good basis for this.
5. At the same time, the President and I confirmed that, because of great superiority of Warsaw Pact capabilities in chemical and conventional weapons, the security of the Western Alliance would continue for the foreseeable future to rest on nuclear deterrence and in particular on

the nuclear umbrella provided by the United States. Nuclear weapons cannot be treated in isolation without taking into account the overall balance of forces between East and West.

6. We therefore declare our readiness to press ahead with negotiations to reduce chemical weapons and conventional forces, in parallel with, and linked to progress in, negotiations on nuclear weapons.
7. I confirmed to the President Britain's firm support for continued research [and testing] within the ABM Treaty into a system of strategic defence. This is of course essential given the Soviet Union's extensive work on ABM systems, lasers and other forms of strategic defence. The President, for his part, welcomed the growing role being played by British firms and institutions in such research. We both take the view that the goal of strategic defence is not to achieve military superiority but to strengthen mutual security and deterrence.
8. [We look forward to a day when such a system might allow us to reduce [or even ultimately eliminate] dependence on offensive nuclear weapons for deterrence. But that must of course depend on progress in negotiations about chemical and conventional weapons and towards removing the basic causes of East/West conflict. Until that time, we are agreed upon the need to maintain adequate nuclear and conventional defences.]
9. The President confirmed the United States' full support for the modernisation of Britain's independent nuclear deterrent with Trident. This is of course already in progress and will be completed by 199[].

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MANADA?

Mr Powell
Je spoke
24/10/86

From: Wing Commander R H O Johnson-RAF
Movements(Ops) (RAF)



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Assignment received
from John Hume, RDD
that we shall
be charged to
'usual' price i.e.
about \$50,000.

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Miss S Waghorn
Conference Section
Protocol Department
Foreign and Commonwealth Office
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23 October 1986

Dear Sheila

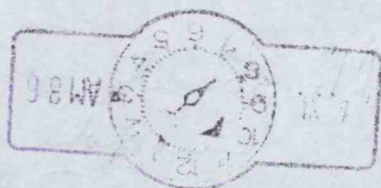
PROVISION OF AIRCRAFT FOR PRIME MINISTER TO VISIT THE USA 14-16 NOVEMBER 1986

1. Thank you very much for your provisional warning of the requirement for a VC10 to convey the Prime Minister and her party to the USA on 14-16 November 1986. I have examined the options available to us with November's programme already finalised and can confirm that a VC10 plus a departure reserve could be made available at a considerable disruption to the rest of our arrangements.
2. For your background information you will wish to be aware that to accommodate this requirement we have had to re-arrange the travel plans for 3 exercises and 2 scheduled flights which in fact will involve disruption to over 1000 passengers. In more detailed terms it will be necessary to lay on an additional charter flight to undertake two exercise moves to Cyprus and we plan to replace the scheduled flights by booking around 200 seats on commercial scheduled flights to/from the USA and Sardinia. We have, of course, minimised any additional cost that is likely to occur and, if capacity on the Prime Minister's VC10 were available, intend to seek your agreement to emplane duty passengers. However, I estimate that the additional expenditure to MOD will be in the order of £80-100K and, although this figure is only an estimate and will need to be refined in the light of more precise details as they become available, we would expect such extra costs to be added to our final bill. No doubt the financial staffs will address this aspect of the requirement in more detail.
3. I would appreciate your confirmation that you are content with these arrangements on the basis of the facts outlined above, and of course early confirmation of the requirement will allow us to minimise both cost and disruption.

Yours Sincerely

Richard Johnson

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PM trip to Washington

Sheila Waghorn telephoned with the flight details ^{that} you enquired about.

1. There is no direct flight by Concorde to Washington on Friday 14 November.

There are no flights from New York or Washington by Concorde on Saturday 15 November.

2. on Friday 14 there are two Concorde flights to New York:

Depart LHR	Arrive NY (Local Time)
1030	0920
1900	1750

The cost of a single fare is £1,552.

3. on Saturday 15 there is a subsonic flight from Washington to LHR

Depart W'ton (local)	Arrive LHR
2015	0820 (Next Day)

The cost of a single fare is £1,302

4. The best guess cost for chartering a plane from New York to Washington is £5,000 plus. This is for a small seven seater plane.

5. Total cost for flying on commercial flights and chartering the plane from New York to Washington is (approx) £35,000.

6. The cost for taking the RAF VC 10 is £54,000.

7. Sheila said the only ~~possible~~ alternative (she had not made any enquiries) was that British Airways may be prepared to fly on from New York to Washington on Friday night which would mean we would not need to charter the small plane. Sheila had no idea if this was possible and did not know what this would cost.

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Telephoned Sheila Waghorn 23/10 JB.

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23 October 1986

From the Private Secretary

Dear Colin,

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON: 14-15 NOVEMBER

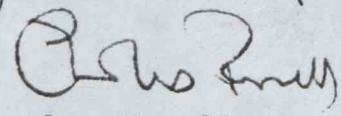
Thank you for your letter of 22 October about the arrangements for the Prime Minister's visit to Washington.

The Prime Minister will be accompanied by the following:-

- Mr C D Powell (Private Secretary)
- Mr B Ingham (Spokesman)
- Miss Amanda Ross (Duty Clerk)
- Mrs Elizabeth Lambert (Garden Room)
- Supt M Waller (Detective)
- Sgt B Strevens (Detective)

I agree that we shall need 3 RMPs, and also that Miss Waghorn should travel to Washington in advance of the party.

You should plan on the assumption that the Prime Minister will travel to Washington on an RAF VC10 and that secure communications will be required.

Yours sincerely

Charles Powell

P.S. I have agreed with the American Ambassador should travel back with us.

Colin Budd Esq
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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22 October 1986

Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's Visit to Washington:

14-15 November

I should be grateful for confirmation that the Prime Minister will wish to travel in an RAF VC10 for her visit to Washington on 14-15 November and that secure communications will be required on the aircraft. The flying times are; LHR to Andrews Air Force Base 8 hours 15 minutes, and for the return flight 7 hours. A suggested timetable will be submitted when details of the programme are known.

I should also be grateful for your approval to the following support staff:

- Conference Officer (Sheila Waghorn) who would travel out a day or so in advance. (The Visits Officer in the Embassy in Washington will be on leave during the weeks preceding the visit.)

- 3 Royal Military Police (travelling out and back on the VC10). The number of Security Officers at the Embassy in Washington has been greatly reduced and the RMPs would have to guard the No 10 office overnight as well as look after baggage.

Yours ever,

Colin Budd

(C R Budd)
Private Secretary

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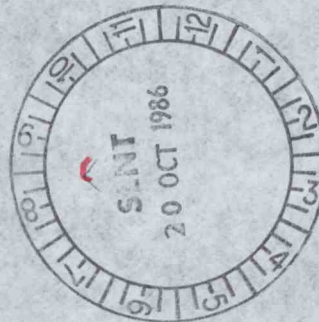
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Mr Ingham }
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FOR HEAD OF NAD FROM KERR

MY TELNO 2626 AND YOUR TELNO 1786: NOVEMBER VISIT

1. 15 NOVEMBER, AND CAMP DAVID, IS NOW FIRM.
2. THE WHITE HOUSE/NSC AGREE THAT AN EARLY ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. THEY AGREE TO OUR SUGGESTION OF CO-ORDINATED ACTION ON 21 OCTOBER, AND PROPOSE NOON WASHINGTON TIME, IE 5PM YOUR TIME.
3. ON THE FORM OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT, WE HAVE TOLD THEM THAT WE ASSUME YOU WILL WISH TO FOLLOW THE 1984 CAMP DAVID FORMULA WITH WORDING ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:
QUOTE PRESIDENT REAGAN HAS INVITED THE PRIME MINISTER, THE RT HON MARGARET THATCHER FRs MP, TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES. THE PRIME MINISTER HAS ACCEPTED THE INVITATION, AND WILL MEET THE PRESIDENT AT CAMP DAVID ON 15 NOVEMBER 1986. UNQUOTE
THE WHITE HOUSE ARE ENTIRELY CONTENT WITH THIS: THEIR WORDING WILL BE VERY SIMILAR.
4. MINOR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE EXACT TIMING, OR WORDING, OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT NEED NOT BE RE-CLEARED HERE. BUT GRATEFUL FOR INSTRUCTIONS BY 211500Z IF FOR ANY REASON YOU WANT ACTION DEFERRED BEYOND 21 OCTOBER.
5. ADVANCE COPIES ALSO TO POWELL AND INGHAM (NO 10), BUDD AND MEYER (FCO), PLEASE.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

15 October 1986

Prime Minister
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Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's Visit to Washington

We hear from our Embassy that post-Reykjavik contacts with the NSC suggest that we are now close to agreement on the lines we earlier proposed to the Americans. It is clear that the President looks forward to the occasion, and that the White House/NSC expect it to happen on 14 or 15 November. It also seems virtually certain that they will go for 15 November, your preferred date. It is less certain that we will get Camp David, ^{but} the odds on that are apparently improving.

We are pressing for clear answers soon, and have been promised one before the end of this week.

The Embassy believe it will be important to clear in advance with the White House the wording and timing of the public announcement of the visit.

Yours ever,

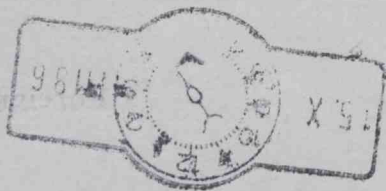
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Private Secretary

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PM TOURS ABROAD: Washington: July 86





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29 September 1986

From the Private Secretary

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON

As you know, the Prime Minister has it in mind to pay a brief visit to Washington in November to talk to the President (my letter of 3 July to Colin Budd refers). The main purpose would be to discuss a US/Soviet summit, but she would intend to cover a number of other current issues including the Middle East and South Africa. The Prime Minister's preferred dates are 14/15 November, indeed any others before the end of the year would be virtually impossible. What she would like to do would be to travel out to Washington in the afternoon of 14 November, possibly see one or two people in Washington that evening, with talks with the President at Camp David on Saturday 15 November. She would return to London overnight Saturday/Sunday. The Prime Minister would not want to take a delegation, only a minimum of Private Office and security staff. In effect she would like to repeat the sort of discussion which she had with the President in December 1984: a tete-a-tete with him, followed by a very restricted session of talks for which she would be accompanied only by the Ambassador and a Private Secretary (it is of course up to the Americans whom to have on their side).

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I should be grateful if you could now ask Sir Antony Acland to explore with the White House, in strict confidence, the possibility of a programme on 14/15 November, on the lines suggested above.

Charles Powell

A.C. Galsworthy, Esq., CMG.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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PRIME MINISTER

VISIT TO WASHINGTON

You earlier agreed that it might be useful to pay a brief visit to Washington this autumn for a talk with the President, depending on progress towards a US/Soviet Summit. We have pencilled in dates of 13-15 November (after the Lord Mayor's Banquet and the Debate on the Address). I have ascertained that the President's diary is at present free on 14/15 November and told the White House that you might want to pay a visit.

We are getting to the point where we ought to firm up some arrangements. The prospects for a Summit by the end of the year are still uncertain. But it is surely important for you to go whether or not there is to be a Summit. Either way, people will expect you to be putting our views to the President - perhaps even more so if progress to a Summit is stalled. It will be an important part of the build-up to your visit to the Soviet Union in the spring. And there will be other issues to discuss: the Middle East, South Africa and some secret matters. It is not irrelevant that Chancellor Kohl will be going in late October.

Probably your most productive and successful visit was that to Camp David in December 1984, with talks attended by a very small circle indeed. There is a lot to be said for repeating that pattern. With so much else on this autumn, you will not, in any event, want to make a 'full-scale' visit where you have to make a speech and so on.

My suggestion is therefore that we should now propose to the Americans a brief visit to hold talks with the President at Camp David on Saturday 15 November. The sort of programme I have in mind would be to fly to Washington at lunch-time on Friday 14 November, see one or two people in Washington that afternoon, get a good night's sleep, helicopter up to Camp

David early on Saturday 15 November for talks and lunch with the President, give a press conference at Andrews AFB and fly back to London overnight Saturday/Sunday, giving you Sunday to recover. We would make clear to the Americans that you would be going virtually alone, with just the Ambassador (Antony Acland) and a note-taker; and urge them to restrict participation on their side too. The Foreign Secretary has been in the United States twice this autumn already (and was there in July): he would have no strong grounds to press to come this time.

Agree to proceed in this way?

We need to have
good reason to go. I am
not yet sure that we have.
Otherwise it will be depicted
as unnecessary expense
on an emergency. May we
have a word
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CHARLES POWELL

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

1 September 1986

VISIT TO THE USA BY THE PRIME MINISTER

Thank you for your letter of 29 August about a possible visit by the Prime Minister to Washington this autumn.

The Prime Minister agrees we should tell the Americans that she would in principle wish to visit Washington to see the President at some time before the Summit. The fact that we hold the Presidency of the European Community gives added weight to this. She would not regard the proposed meeting at the end of September as being an adequate opportunity on its own to put British and European views.

(C.D. POWELL)

C.R. Budd, Esq.,
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29 August 1986

I think we are in a different position by virtue of the President's A. Little etc. could expect to see the President on his own - dual capacity not

Prime Minister if the Summit does materialise late this year or early next, it is crucial that you should see the President in advance. Agree?

Dear Charles,

Visit to the USA by the Prime Minister

Your letter of 3 July records that the Prime Minister is considering a visit to Washington immediately before the next US/Soviet Summit, if one takes place.

The Foreign Secretary will be meeting Mr Shultz on 9 September (and Vice-President Bush on 10 September). They will undoubtedly discuss the Summit. Sir Geoffrey mentioned to Mr Shultz when they met on 17 July the possibility of a visit by the Prime Minister. Shultz took note, and may now ask if the Prime Minister is still interested. Shultz said, incidentally, that the President did not envisage a repeat of the arrangements made to brief allies around the President's visit to Brussels in 1985 after the Geneva Summit. The US had not decided what form consultation might take.

Since then we have been told by the State Department that the President is likely to invite "Allied leaders" to meet him in New York in late September. The purpose of the meeting would be to report to the allies on the talks with Shevardnadze and also (perhaps) look ahead to the Summit. We are told that the "Allied leaders" will in practice probably mean Foreign Ministers. The Foreign Secretary will on present plans be in New York from 21-28 September, in connection with the United Nations General Assembly.

[This will be a media event]

/Depending

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Depending on the form it eventually takes, and if it materialises, that September meeting may weaken the case for a later visit by the Prime Minister. But at this stage it is by no means clear that it will. If you agree, the Foreign Secretary intends to tell Shultz that the Prime Minister remains interested in principle in a visit some time before the Summit.

*Yours ever,
Colin Budd*

(C R Budd)
Private Secretary

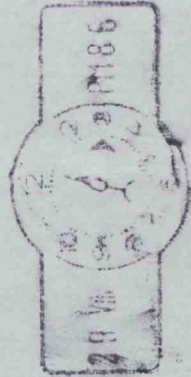
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From the Private Secretary

3 July, 1986.

VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES

Thank you for your letter of 2 July about the possibility of the Prime Minister visiting Washington in the second half of this year.

The Prime Minister has in fact independently been considering this, and has reached the conclusion that it would in principle be right for her to visit Washington in the period before the next US/Soviet Summit. We cannot take planning very far until we know definitely whether and when the Summit will take place. But I agree that the period between the US Congressional elections on 4 November and the December European Council is the most likely period, with the fortnight 17-30 November being the best from the Prime Minister's point of view. I must put on record now that it would have to be a very short visit - perhaps to Camp David - and the Prime Minister would not want to make any major speech in the course of it. As you will recall, November is already a very heavy month for speeches.

In the light of this, it would suit us better if the Americans were not to arrange the sort of meeting with Heads of Government that they held in New York last year. That in any case depended in good part on the fact that most Heads of Government were in New York anyway for the UN 40th Anniversary. If we can tactfully discourage them from a further such exercise at Head of Government level, that would be helpful.

(C.D. Powell)

C.R. Budd, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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PRIME MINISTER

VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES

The attached letter raises the question of a possible visit to the United States in the second half of the year. You were of course already thinking of this.

The letter points out that the Americans may be thinking of another pre-summit meeting on the lines of last year's session in New York. In my view this would be no substitute for a proper bilateral. I know privately that Kohl is going for a full bilateral in October.

In my view, the best time for visit - assuming a Summit is in December - would be after the Congressional elections in November and before the European Council in December.

Agree in principle?

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Dear Charles,

Visit to the United States

You may wish to know that the US Embassy have recently asked (we think on a personal initiative) whether the Prime Minister had it in mind to visit the USA during our Presidency of the EC. They indicated that if so they thought such a visit would be welcome in Washington.

Sir Oliver Wright supports this idea. The Prime Minister's last extended visit to the USA was in February 1985. (She visited in 1981, but before we held the Presidency that year.) A visit would not, of course, be timely from the American viewpoint before the mid-term elections on 4 November. But after that date there would be no domestic constraints in the US. Moreover, there is a fair chance that there will be a Reagan/Gorbachev summit in the USA in November or shortly after. It would be of value both in substance and for presentational purposes if the Prime Minister were able to go over the ground bilaterally with President Reagan in advance of the summit.

From the FCO's point of view, this is the only specific argument in favour of a Prime Ministerial visit during the UK Presidency. The case for a visit on purely European business is not by itself compelling. If however the Prime Minister were to visit the USA in November, she might well then find it useful to be able to report back to the December European Council, given the current public interest in the state of transatlantic relations, and the possible importance in that context of regional subjects such as South Africa and the Middle East.

The Embassy in Washington believe that the Americans may intend to set up multilateral consultation with allies prior to any further summit meeting, as they did in New York last October. This might well be superficial on substance, and it would not of course have the presentational advantages of a bilateral meeting at the highest level.

The Foreign Secretary is inclined to conclude that this is not a question on which a decision can be taken now. Meanwhile the Prime Minister may like to note that there may later prove to be a strong case for a visit to the USA towards the end of the year. Sir Geoffrey Howe will in any case be going to Washington himself in September, in his Presidential capacity, for talks with Shultz.

Yours ever,
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