


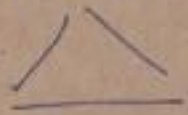
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THE PRIME MINISTER

5 May 1988

Dear Norman Girault:

I am sorry that it has taken so long to reply to your kind invitation to me to participate in the ceremonies on 6 June to inaugurate the Memorial to the Battle of Normandy. Unfortunately, I shall not be able to take up your invitation in person, but the United Kingdom will however be represented at the ceremonies by the Secretary of State for Defence, the Right Honourable George Younger, TD, MP.

I send you every good wish for the successful inauguration of the Museum: it will provide a fitting memorial to all who were involved in the Normandy battles.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Monsieur J.M. Girault

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Mr C D Powell
Private Secretary
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4 May 1988

Dear Private Secretary,

Thank you for your letter of 28th April. It was extremely kind of you to write and I am delighted that the Secretary of State for Defence will represent Her Majesty's Government at the inauguration of the Caen Memorial Museum on 6th June.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Chalfont.



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

3 May 1988

Dear Charles,

Caen Memorial

Thank you for your letter of 28 April.

Although dated 28 December, the Mayor of Caen's written invitation to the Prime Minister (a copy of which is now enclosed) was not received here until early January. We did not burden you with Girault's letter then as it added nothing of substance to my letter of 22 December and as the Paris Embassy were already in direct contact with Girault himself. However, it would be appropriate for the Prime Minister now to reply definitively to Girault: a draft is enclosed.

I am copying this letter to Ian Andrews (MOD).

Yours ever,

L Parker

(L Parker)
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SUBJECT:

I am sorry that it has taken so long to reply to your kind invitation to me to participate in the ceremonies on 6 June to inaugurate the Memorial to the Battle of Normandy.

CAVEAT

Unfortunately, ~~that is an exceptionally busy time for me~~ and I shall not be able to take up your invitation in person, ^{but in} ~~The~~ United Kingdom will however be represented at the ceremonies by the Secretary of State for Defence, the Right Honourable George Younger TD, MP.

I send you every good wish for the successful inauguration of the Museum: it will provide a fitting memorial to all who were involved in the Normandy battles.

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From the Private Secretary

28 April 1988

INAUGURATION OF THE BATTLE OF NORMANDY MEMORIAL

You will have seen Ian Andrews' letter to me of today's date recording that the Defence Secretary would attend the inauguration of the Battle of Normandy Memorial on 6 June. The Prime Minister will be most grateful.

I do not think that we ever had a letter of invitation from the Mayor of Caen to which the Prime Minister could reply. I should be grateful therefore if you could arrange for HM Ambassador in Paris to reply on her behalf. I will write separately to Lord Chalfont to inform him.

I am copying this letter to Ian Andrews (Ministry of Defence).

C. D. POWELL

Lyn Parker, Esq.
Foreign and Commonwealth Office



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From the Private Secretary

28 April 1988

The Prime Minister wrote to you on 14 April about the inauguration of the Caen Memorial Museum on 6 June. It has now been decided that the Secretary of State for Defence will represent Her Majesty's Government.

C. D. POWELL

The Right Honourable The Lord Chalfont,
O.B.E., M.C.



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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
MAIN BUILDING WHITEHALL LONDON SW1A 2HB
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28th April 1988

Dear Paula,

INAUGURATION OF THE BATTLE OF NORMANDY MEMORIAL

at flap
In his letter to you of 12th April, Lyn Parker explained that if Mr Mellor was unable to attend the inauguration of the Caen Memorial on 6th June, about which Lord Chalfont had written to the Prime Minister, the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary hoped that an MOD Minister would be willing to do so. In her reply to Lord Chalfont, the Prime Minister explained that she would not be able to be present in person but promised to let him know as soon as it was decided who should represent the UK in her place.

The Defence Secretary is willing to attend the ceremony in Caen and we have now made arrangements for him to do so. While in Normandy, he will also take the opportunity to visit the D-Day beaches and to lay a wreath in one of the British cemeteries in the area. As the original invitation of 8th December last year from the Mayor of Caen was addressed to the Prime Minister, I imagine that you would wish to inform him that Mr Younger will represent HMG.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Lyn Parker in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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(I C E ANDREWS)
Private Secretary

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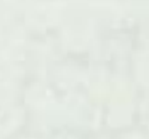
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Prime Minister

Dear Charles,

I wonder how you feel about this. A speech on Europe would be useful - not least with an eye to the European elections - and there is

Invitation to the Prime Minister from the College of Europe, Bruges

Sir David Hannay has forwarded the enclosed letter from Professor Lukaszewski, the Rector of the College of Europe at Bruges, inviting the Prime Minister to be the guest of honour and speaker at the opening ceremony of the College's academic year in September. I also enclose a letter from Lord Plumb to the Prime Minister recommending acceptance of the invitation.

a lot that could be said. You could fit it in on the way to Luxembourg

The College is a post-graduate institution with approximately 180 students which provides courses in European studies, law and administration. Winston Churchill, Duncan Sandys and a number of other leading Europeans of the post-war years took an active part in its creation in 1949 and it will be celebrating its fortieth anniversary during the coming academic year.

in September I think

The College is funded by contributions from a number of European governments, including a small contribution (£2500) from Britain. The largest part of its budget is provided by the Belgians (approximately £1 million in 1987). The European Commission also provides a sizeable contribution (£120,000 in 1987).

we could promise you a good draft.

The College's former students are widely spread through the Community and include members of several national Parliaments, as well as the Commission and the European Parliament. A number of Heads of State and Government have addressed the academic opening ceremony at the College in the past. The most recent was President Mitterrand, last autumn. Previous speakers include President Soares of Portugal, Prime Minister Gonzalez of Spain and Chancellor Kreisky of Austria.

CDP 27/4

Will do no

I understand that there are currently no plans for the Prime Minister to give any major speeches during her visit to Madrid. Nor will she do so in Luxembourg when she stops there on the way to Spain. None of her other visits to EC member states or meetings with Community heads of government this year is likely to provide an opportunity for a speech.



Although the College of Europe is small, they drew a large and distinguished audience for President Mitterrand's speech. The Foreign Secretary considers that the occasion would enable the Prime Minister to make a major speech setting the seal on the reforms we have secured in the Community, looking forward to the Single Market in 1992 and bringing Britain's economic success to the attention of a wide European audience. So, while there is no difficulty about saying 'no' to the invitation, the Foreign Secretary would recommend acceptance if the Prime Minister were to wish to make a European speech this year.

The College's academic year begins on 19 September, but Professor Lukaszewski makes it plain in his letter that the College are quite prepared to arrange the official opening ceremony for any date convenient for the Prime Minister in the two or three weeks following this date. One possibility might be to pass via Bruges on the way to or from the Prime Minister's visit to Luxembourg and Spain on 21 - 23 September.

Copies of this letter go to Tom Jeffery (DES) and Trevor Woolley (Cabinet Office).

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High Power

(L Parker)
Private Secretary

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PS/10 Downing Street



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THE PRIME MINISTER

14 April 1988

Dear Alun,

Thank you for your letter of 29 March.

The Mayor of Caen has indeed invited me to attend the inauguration of the Caen Memorial Museum on 6 June. Unfortunately, much as I support the aims of this venture, other commitments will almost certainly make it impossible for me to attend myself. We are therefore urgently looking into who would be best placed to represent the United Kingdom in my place, and I shall ensure that you are informed as soon as the position is clearer.

Meanwhile, I wish the British Support Committee every success.

*Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher*

The Right Honourable The Lord Chalfont, O.B.E., M.C.

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PRIME MINISTER

INAUGURATION OF THE CAEN MEMORIAL MUSEUM

You asked why it would not be possible for you to attend the opening of the Caen Memorial Museum on 6 June. There are really two reasons:

- it is clear that other Governments are not going to be represented at Prime Minister level. Chancellor Kohl will not be attending nor will President Reagan. Minister of State level is likely to be more appropriate and we are thinking of proposing Mr. Mellor unless the situation changes;

- moreover, it is a very busy time for you. You will just have had President Reagan's visit and will be getting ready for the Economic Summit and your speeches in Canada, with other Government business running at a very high level. While I cannot say that it will be absolutely impossible for you to go if the situation were to change and, for instance, Chancellor Kohl were to decide to attend, I am sure that you would be wise not to commit yourself to this.

Agree to complete signing the letter?

CDP

(C. D. POWELL)

13 April 1988



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Dear Charles,

Caen Memorial, 6 June

Thank you for your letter of 4 April. I enclose a draft reply to Lord Chalfont.

We agree that it is highly unlikely that President Reagan would be able to attend the Caen ceremony on 6 June. We know that Chancellor Kohl will not do so but will be represented by a State Secretary from the German Interior Ministry. We do not therefore recommend that the Prime Minister should attend the inauguration, even if her diary permitted. We do however believe that UK participation should be at ministerial level. Mr Mellor plans to visit Paris on 6-7 June on WEU and bilateral business, and we are investigating whether his obligations there would allow him to participate in the Caen event. If not, we hope that a Minister from the MOD might be able to take this on.

I am sending a copy of this letter together with a copy of yours to Ian Andrews (MOD).

However,

L Parker

(L Parker)
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
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MEMORIAL OF THE BATTLE OF NORMANDY

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Meanwhile, I wish the British Support Committee every success.

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From the Private Secretary

4 April 1988

I enclose a copy of a letter to the Prime Minister from Lord Chalfont about the opening of the Museum for Peace in Normandy on 6 June. I should be grateful for a draft reply.

I assume in fact that it is unlikely to be either possible or appropriate for the Prime Minister to attend. President Reagan will clearly not be doing so, since he will have only just returned to the United States a few days beforehand. Moreover, the date is one on which we hope the Prime Minister will be in Poland, although still await confirmation of that.

(CHARLES POWELL)

Lyn Parker, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.



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From the Private Secretary

4 April 1988

Thank you for your letter of 29 March about the Memorial de la Bataille de Normandie. I will make sure that the Prime Minister sees this as soon as she returns to London, and I am sure that she will want to reply personally in due course.

(CHARLES POWELL)

The Rt. Hon. Lord Chalfont, O.B.E., M.C.

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The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher, MP
10 Downing Street
LONDON
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29th March, 1988

PERSONAL

Dear Prime Minister,

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MEMORIAL DE LA BATAILLE DE NORMANDIE

I have been asked by some of my army friends to write to you in support of a project which I believe to be worthy of your consideration. As you may already know, the Memorial de la Bataille de Normandie - a Museum for Peace - will be officially opened on Monday 6th June, with the following day being devoted expressly to honouring the British role in the liberation of Caen. My letter to you is written at the request of the British Support Committee to the Museum, who are very anxious that you should, if at all possible, attend the event. I understand that the President of France is to attend (although, of course, this cannot be confirmed until after the French elections) and that President Reagan is also being invited. I know how appallingly heavy your schedule is, but I thought it worthwhile at least to write in the hope that you might be able to fit in this event, the significance of which your presence would do much to enhance.

I understand that the Mayor of Caen has already written to you through the British Embassy and that Charles Powell is aware of what is proposed.

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With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,
John Chalfont.

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Bruges, 28 March 1988.

*The Rt. Hon. Margaret THATCHER FRS, MP
Prime Minister
10, Downing Street
LONDON SW1*

Dear Prime Minister,

According to a long tradition, the College of Europe receives a leading European personality as guest of honour and speaker at the opening ceremony of the academic year. Several Heads of States and Governments have addressed our students, Professors and guests during the last years.

I have the honour to invite you to grace the opening of the year 1988-89 with your presence and to speak about a subject of your choice related to the European Community and its future. The new academic year will start on the 19th of September 1988. However, if -- as I very much hope -- you agree to accept our invitation but would prefer to come to Bruges at another date, we shall be happy to schedule the official opening ceremony on a day of your convenience during the two or three weeks after the 19th of September.

The College of Europe is a Post-graduate School. It is the oldest of all Institutes of European studies. Winston Churchill, Duncan Sandys and many other leading Europeans of the post-war years took an active part in its creation in 1949. Today, our former students are among the members of the EC Commission, of several national Governments and Parliaments, as well as of the European Parliament. They are extremely numerous

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Bruges, 28 March 1988
The Rt. Hon. Margaret THATCHER FRS, MP

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at all levels of the Community administrations. They also assume important responsibilities in the diplomatic services of all Community countries, in journalism, business management and political parties.

Hoping very much to have the privilege of welcoming you at the College of Europe in autumn, I remain

Yours faithfully,



J. Lukaszewski

*The President
of the European Parliament*

2 Queen Anne's Gate

London

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24 March 1988

The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher MP
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
London SW1

Dear Margaret,

Some weeks ago I had the pleasure of dining with Professor Lukaszewski, the Director of the College of Europe in Bruges. As you may know the College of Europe runs a postgraduate course in law and business administration for students from all over Europe, including a high percentage from the United Kingdom. Many of these students have since achieved positions of some importance in the European Community institutions or as lawyers and administrators in Britain and in other European countries.

On that occasion I spoke to the students on the role of the European Parliament and I was deeply impressed by their intelligent and thoughtful questions.

The College will be celebrating the opening of its session on 19 September and Professor Lukaszewski asked me to investigate whether there was any possibility of your being able to attend this occasion. He seemed most anxious, bearing in mind the relative lack of British speakers at such occasions, to impress upon me how very honoured he would be if you felt able to accept his invitation, which I believe he will be extending to you shortly.

Forgive me for raising this in such a specific way. I know that they always try to have a major European personality and I know they earnestly hope that you will be able to accept their invitation which I understand will arrive shortly.

*Yours ever,
Henry*

HENRY PLUMB

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From the Private Secretary

9 March 1988

Dear Tom,

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO MOROCCO

There was no time for a proper discussion this evening at the Foreign Secretary's bilateral with the Prime Minister of the Prime Minister's proposed visit to Morocco.

The Foreign Secretary said that the advice was that the Spaniards would take it very badly if the Prime Minister were to go to Morocco directly after her visit from Spain. The Prime Minister was not convinced. It was agreed to return to the matter at a later meeting.

Yours sincerely,
Chris Powell

C D POWELL

A. C. Galsworthy, Esq., C.M.G.
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Prime Minister

I fear that the
answer is that you
really ought to do
so. It's only for a
few hours on the
way to Madrid:
talks & lunch.

Agree to go?

Yes no

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From the Private Secretary

4 March 1988

INVITATION TO THE PRIME MINISTER
TO VISIT LUXEMBOURG

Thank you for your letter of 4 March. I am sure that the Prime Minister will be content to visit Luxembourg on her way to Spain and we have pencilled 21 September in the diary.

I should be grateful if the Foreign Secretary could inform the Luxembourg government that the Prime Minister accepts in principle to visit Luxembourg when he is in Luxembourg next week.

C D POWELL

Lyn Parker, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

4 March 1988

Wonder if we
need to visit
Luxembourg?

Prime Minister
content?

Dear Charles, *not*

CDD 4/2

Invitation to the Prime Minister to visit Luxembourg

Thank you for your letter of 11 January ¹⁹⁸⁸ about the invitation to the Prime Minister to visit Luxembourg.

I have as you suggested, discussed dates with Mrs Gaisman. Much the most convenient option would be to visit Luxembourg on the way to Spain. The Spaniards have now accepted the proposed dates of 22/23 September. We propose therefore that the Prime Minister visit Luxembourg on 21 September, arriving in the morning or afternoon and travelling on to Madrid that day. The Foreign Secretary will be in Luxembourg on 8/9 March to give the Churchill Memorial Lecture and for bilateral talks; he would obviously welcome it if he were able to take this occasion to inform the Luxembourgers of the Prime Minister's acceptance in principle of their invitation.

however,
L Parker

(L Parker)
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
10 Downing Street

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From the Private Secretary

3 March 1988

Thank you for your letter of 1 March about the invitation to the Prime Minister to visit Iceland. Stuart Brand's letter of 25 January also refers.

We have been in touch with the Foreign Office about this. The position is that while the Prime Minister is grateful for the invitation she does not see any immediate prospect of being able to take it up.

P.A. Bearpark

Ms Philippa Jones,
Department of Energy.

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ENERGY
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Andy Bearpark Esq
Private Secretary
10 Downing Street
LONDON SW1

1 March 1988

Dear Andy,

My Secretary of State recently met Mr Sophusson the Icelandic Energy Minister. In the course of the meeting and in a follow-up letter Mr Sophusson asked the Secretary of State whether it would be possible for the Prime Minister to visit Iceland. The Secretary of State asked if I could find out from you whether the Prime Minister would be at all interested. If so the Icelandic Prime Minister will invite the Prime Minister formally.

Yours sincerely
Philippa Jones

PHILIPPA JONES
Private Secretary

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10 DOWNING STREET
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From the Private Secretary

10 February 1988

Thank you for your letter of 10 February about the invitation to the Prime Minister to visit Iceland. I propose to speak in the way you suggest.

(Charles Powell)

Lyn Parker, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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For CDP on return from
Brussels

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PRIME MINISTER

ICELAND

The Icelandic Minister of Industry recently conveyed through the Secretary of State for Energy an invitation for you to visit Iceland. If you agree, I propose to reply orally that you are grateful for the invitation but do not see any immediate prospect of being able to take it up. I shall refer to the fact that the Foreign Secretary hopes to reinstate his plans for a bilateral visit late this year or early next.

Agree?

Yes not

CDP

Charles Powell

10 February 1988

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

10 February 1988

Dear Charles,

not plan
Thank you for your letter of 28 January about the invitation to the Prime Minister to visit Iceland.

There are good reasons not to neglect Iceland, a strategically important member of NATO. But we do not suggest that the Prime Minister take up this invitation in the near future and add to her already crowded schedule. The Foreign Secretary was in Reykjavik for the meeting of the North Atlantic Council in June 1987 and, if it had not been for the General Election, would have stayed on for bilateral meetings. He intends to reinstate these plans in due course - perhaps next year.

Yours ever,

L Parker

(L Parker)
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
10 Downing Street

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From the Private Secretary

28 January 1988

bf || I enclose a copy of a letter from the Secretary of State for Energy's Office about an invitation to the Prime Minister to visit Iceland this year or next. It is very unlikely that she can do so. But are there any particular considerations you would wish me to put to the Prime Minister when telling her of the invitation.

(Charles Powell)

Lyn Parker, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.



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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ENERGY
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Charles Powell Esq
Private Secretary to
The Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
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25 January 1988

Dear Charles,

My Secretary of State met Mr Sophusson, the Icelandic Minister of Industry and the Icelandic Ambassador to the UK, 19 January. During the conversation, Mr Sophusson informally raised the possibility of a visit by the Prime Minister to Iceland, either this year or next. He said that the visit need not be long, perhaps only a day, but he believed that this would serve to strengthen relations between the two countries.

My Secretary of State undertook to pass on this message to the Prime Minister and said that no doubt No 10 would let the Ambassador have a response in due course.

Yours sincerely,

S. Brand.

S BRAND
Private Secretary

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From the Private Secretary

11 January 1988

INVITATION TO THE PRIME MINISTER TO VISIT
LUXEMBOURG

Thank you for your letter of 7 January about the invitation to the Prime Minister to visit Luxembourg.

The Prime Minister would not absolutely exclude a brief visit in September if this could be fitted into her programme. You may like to discuss dates with Mrs. Gaisman.

CHARLES POWELL

Lyn Parker, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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7 January 1988

Prime Minister

Agree to stall

an invitation from
Luxembourg?

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Dear Charles,

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Invitation to the Prime Minister to Visit Luxembourg

Our Ambassador in Luxembourg has been told that M Santer would like to invite the Prime Minister to Luxembourg, in return for his own visit to London in 1985. The Luxembourgers are thinking in terms of 2 hours of talks on bilateral, European and world issues and then a dinner probably hosted by the Grand Duke. No timing has yet been proposed.

Save in specific EC contexts, Luxembourg's weight in international affairs is minimal. But they have been helpful to us in the past (eg. in their handling of the Intergovernmental Conference as EC Presidency in 1985). Since then Germany, France, Italy, Greece and Spain have had talks with them at Prime Minister or Foreign Minister level.

The Foreign Secretary does not see any strong reason, given the heavy demands on the Prime Minister's diary, for her to visit Luxembourg in the near future. Santer himself has been Prime Minister for three years and is likely to continue for some years yet (elections are due in 18 months but Luxembourg Prime Ministers of his Party have come to expect innings of 20 years or more).

The Prime Minister might wish however at some time in the future to visit Luxembourg to give the annual Churchill Lecture, as she did in 1979, since this is a good platform from which to address a wide European audience. This could be combined with a short bilateral visit, and possibly a visit to EC institutions in Luxembourg such as the European Court of Justice and the European Investment Bank.

The Foreign Secretary is himself giving this year's Churchill Memorial Lecture in Luxembourg this spring, and would hope to be able to call on Santer then.

Against this background, the Foreign Secretary suggests that we should tell the Luxembourgers that the Prime Minister is most grateful for the invitation; she has warm memories of Santer's own visit in 1985 and hopes to visit Luxembourg in due course; but her programme of overseas travel for 1988 is already very heavy and a visit could not realistically take place before next year at the earliest.

We could
fit one in
during
September.
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I should be grateful to know the Prime Minister's wishes.

Yours ever,
L. Parker

(L Parker)
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
PS/10 Downing Street

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29 December 1987

CC/PC

~~PAB~~ to Mr
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Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's visit to Poland

In your letter of 11 December, you gave us discretion to propose 30/31 May as dates for the Prime Minister's visit to Poland. You will have seen our subsequent telegram of instructions to Mr Barder (FCO telno 441 to Warsaw).

The Polish MFA have now confirmed that the dates are acceptable, saying they look forward to starting discussion of the programme and other arrangements in the New Year. We are in touch with Mr Barder about a possible outline programme, and will send this to you for the Prime Minister's consideration as soon as possible.

Yours ever

(L Parker)
Private Secretary

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From the Private Secretary

24 December, 1987.

CAEN MEMORIAL INAUGURATION: 6 JUNE 1988

Thank you for your letter of 22 December giving advance warning of the invitation to the Prime Minister to visit Caen for the inauguration of the Caen Memorial of the Battle of Normandy on 6 June. As you say, we cannot take any decisions about attendance until it is clear whether other Heads of Government will attend. But I think that the Prime Minister would be most reluctant to undertake any more foreign travel in the first half of next year. Nothing should therefore be said to the French authorities at this stage to give them any grounds to think that she might attend.

(C.D. Powell)

Lyn Parker, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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22 December 1987

Prime Minister

For information at this stage. We
 should obviously wait until we
 know what others are going
 to do. COP 23/12

Dear Charles,

CAEN Memorial Inauguration: 6 June 1988 MR

The Mayor of Caen has written to Sir Ewen Ferguson proposing that the Prime Minister visit Caen on 6 June 1988 for the inauguration of the Caen Memorial of the Battle of Normandy, "a Museum for Peace". We believe that similar invitations have issued to the Heads of all the Governments whose forces were involved in the Battle. The foundation stone for the museum was laid in 1986 at a ceremony attended by M. Chirac and representatives of the thirteen nations whose armies participated - on either side - in the fighting. The MOD have been assisting the organisers to identify and obtain possible exhibits to recall the British part in the battle. These may include a Churchill tank. A British Support Committee, including veterans of the campaign, has been formed.

The 40th Anniversary of D-Day in 1984 was marked by the participation of The Queen and other Heads of State. The Embassy expect next June's events, though not comparable to 1984, to be important and widely publicised; they recommend high level British representation to remind the French of the British part in the Battle of Normandy and of our present partnership. They expect the French President to attend: if so, this would be one of the earliest opportunities to meet him after the elections. We expect that the Prime Minister would not wish to take a decision about attendance until it is clearer which other Heads of Government are likely to be present.

The Mayor of Caen has asked to call on the Prime Minister to brief her on the proposal. We propose to ask the Embassy to deal with this on her behalf.

I am copying this letter to John Howe (MOD).

Yours ever,

L Parker
 (L Parker)
 Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
 PS/No 10 Downing Street



VILLE DE CAEN

LE MAIRE

Caen le 8 Décembre 1987

SL/CA N°303/87

Madame le Premier Ministre,

La Ville de Caen serait particulièrement honorée que vous acceptiez personnellement d'assister à l'inauguration, le 6 Juin 1988, du MEMORIAL DE LA BATAILLE DE NORMANDIE, qui devra être présidée par le Président de la République Française, entouré d'un certain nombre de Ministres.

Le 10 Septembre 1986, votre gouvernement avait bien voulu se faire représenter à la cérémonie de la pose de la première pierre par votre Ambassadeur à PARIS. Ce fut pour tous les participants un moment particulièrement émouvant et au cours de mon allocution, j'ai souhaité que les 13 pays ayant été impliqués dans les combats de la Bataille de Normandie, se retrouvent à Caen le 6 Juin 1988 pour l'ouverture officielle de ce MUSEE qui, par l'évocation des événements tragiques de la 2ème guerre mondiale, veut amener les générations successives à réfléchir sur la fragilité de la Liberté et de la Paix.

En espérant que les obligations de votre charge vous permettront ce déplacement,

Je vous prie de croire, Madame le Premier Ministre, à l'assurance de ma haute considération et de mes respectueux hommages.





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10 DOWNING STREET
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From the Private Secretary

11 December 1987

PROPOSED VISITS BY THE PRIME MINISTER
TO TURKEY AND POLAND

Thank you for your letter of 10 December about the dates for the Prime Minister's visits to Turkey and Poland. You have discretion to propose 7-8 April for Turkey and 30-31 May for Poland at the appropriate moment. I should be grateful if you could keep me informed when action is being taken.

C. D. Powell

Lyn Parker, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Prime Minister

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

10 December 1987

May we now put forward dates for those two visits please:

7/8 April
30/31 May

for Turkey
for Poland

Yes no

Dear Charles,

CD 10/12/87

Proposed visit by the Prime Minister to Turkey

In your letter of 9 November about the Prime Minister's possible visit to Poland, you said that you had blocked off 7/8 April and 30/31 May as possible dates for the Prime Minister's visit to Poland and Turkey (without deciding how to allocate them between the two). I subsequently explained on the telephone the desirability of putting as much distance as possible between the Prime Minister's visit to Turkey and the State Visit of President Evren (who has now accepted an invitation to come from 12/15 July). This points to using the April slot for the Turks.

Now that Mr Ozal and his party have been re-elected with a massive majority in the Grand National Assembly, the way is clear for us to put dates to the Turks formally. We should be grateful for the Prime Minister's authority to instruct the Ambassador in Ankara to do this as soon as possible. We are unlikely to get a formal response before Mr Ozal re-forms his Government - probably in early January. But early action should avoid the risk of having the Prime Minister's preferred dates being pre-empted by, for example, Shevardnadze who is expected to visit Turkey in the first half of 1988.

Yours ever,

L Parker

(L Parker)
Private Secretary

PRIME MINISTER: International
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10 DOWNING STREET
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From the Private Secretary

9 November 1987

Dear dyn

POSSIBLE VISIT BY THE PRIME MINISTER TO POLAND

Thank you for your letter of 5 November about the Prime Minister's possible visit to Poland.

The Prime Minister would not wish any firm indication to be given to the Poles yet about the timing of a visit, beyond saying that it would be in the first half of next year. Strictly for your information, we have blocked out 7/8 April and 30/31 May as possible dates for visits to Poland and Turkey (without deciding how to allocate them between the two). In both cases, two days are the most which the Prime Minister can make available.

As regards the other points in your letter, I am sure that the Prime Minister would want the television interview to be a question and answer session with one or more journalists, rather than a statement to camera. She would certainly want assurances that Jaruzelski would himself play a major part in the programme. I realise that a visit to Gdansk might well not be feasible, given that the whole visit has to be compressed into two days. But equally, I think that the symbolism of such a visit could be important to the Prime Minister. It should certainly not be ruled out.

Yours sincerely,

C D POWELL

Lyn Parker, Esq.
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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5 November 1987

Dear Charles,

Possible Visit by the Prime Minister to Poland

In your letter of ^{11/10} 1 September you said that the Prime Minister was content with the terms for a possible visit to Poland spelled out in the enclosure to Robert Culshaw's letter of 27 August, and agreed that the Foreign Secretary should put them to the Polish Foreign Minister in New York later that month.

The Foreign Secretary spoke accordingly to Orzechowski in New York. Orzechowski said his authorities would be delighted if the visit went ahead, and took note of the conditions. Sir Patrick Wright was in Poland last week, and discussed the conditions further, both with Orzechowski and with his Deputy, Olechowski. The Prime Minister will wish to know how matters stand.

On a television interview, Olechowski confirmed that this could be given without editing or censorship, though the form of the interview would have to be discussed. Would the Prime Minister want a question and answer session with some journalists, or would she want to make a prepared statement?

On the non-official programme, Olechowski made it clear that a meeting with Cardinal Glemp and a visit to Father Popieluszko's grave posed no problems. On a meeting with Walesa, he said that this would be outside the official programme, and was therefore our business; the Poles could not object to it. But he assumed that the meeting would be in Warsaw (implying that the Polish authorities would not wish Mrs Thatcher to go to Gdansk to see Walesa). The Foreign Secretary believes there would in fact be advantages if the Prime Minister were to see Walesa in Warsaw, since a visit to Gdansk would take time, and would have to include calls on the authorities there. But he believes that we should give no hint to the Poles that we would be prepared to accept a veto on a visit to Gdansk. In response to a question, Olechowski confirmed that the Polish side would not place impediments in the way of any meetings with Walesa and that in particular there would be no problem in Walesa getting time off work.

[I assume a question and answer session?]

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On General Jaruzelski as main interlocutor Orzechowski said that the Poles would treat a visit by the Prime Minister at the highest level, as befitted her international status and the importance which the Poles attached to her bilateral relations with Britain. They were currently working on an appropriate formula for the visit, and he hoped to have specific proposals to put to the Foreign Secretary in December. Olechowski for his part said that a recent visit by the Japanese Prime Minister, Mr Nakasone, might be a useful model. Officially, the Polish Prime Minister, Messner, had issued the formal invitation to Mr Nakasone. But the de facto host had been Jaruzelski. The main dinner had been given in Nakasone's honour by Jaruzelski, with an exchange of speeches by both leaders; there had been a lunch given by Messner, without speeches. All political matters had been discussed at a meeting chaired by Jaruzelski on the Polish side. Messner had led the Polish team for an earlier meeting principally about the economy.

This means that the Poles have accepted all the points we spelled out to them. However, further discussion is needed on:

- the form of a television interview;
- whether the Prime Minister would see Walesa in Warsaw or Gdansk; and
- whatever formula Orzechowski confirms for Jaruzelski's participation.

The Foreign Secretary doubts that it will be possible to take the question of Jaruzelski's participation further before Orzechowski comes to London. The Prime Minister may herself wish to discuss it with Orzechowski when she sees him on 7 December. Meanwhile, since the Foreign Secretary will be seeing Orzechowski the previous day, he would be grateful for any comments the Prime Minister may have, including any indications of possible timing for the visit.

Yours ever,

L. Parker

(L. Parker)
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
10 Downing Street

21/22 Nov

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PRIME MINISTER

VISITS TO TURKEY AND POLAND

We need to be

very sure about

Poland not

You have agreed in principle to pay brief visits to both Poland and Turkey in the first half of next year (in the case of Turkey, this is based on the assumption that Ozal will win the election). We need - for your own programme planning purposes - to give some thought to possible dates, although we do not yet need to mention these to the Governments concerned.

I have been through your diary for the first half of next year with Andy. We have looked for dates in the spring, when the weather in both countries should be reasonable, and have deliberately avoided June and July which are always very busy. I have assumed a visit of two days in each case.

The possibilities we have identified are:

- Monday 21/Tuesday 22 March. The House would be sitting but I would think you could well miss a PM's Questions for once. The dates fall about ten days before Easter; No
- Thursday 7/Friday 8 April. This falls at the end of Easter Recess week. I would be very reluctant to see you give up any of your recess. But it is a quiet time; No
- Monday 16/Tuesday 17 May. This comes after the Scottish Conference and about ten days before the Women's Conference. But you may also have to speak at the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland on 21 May. With so many speeches, it is probably better to avoid these dates. X
- Monday 30/Tuesday 31 May. This would be in the Whitsun Recess, but after the worst of the speech season. ✓

Content for us to earmark these dates (less 16/17 May)? (I attach a list of your other engagements so that you can see them in context.)

There are also a number of specific points to settle about your visit to Poland:

- television interviews. I assume that you would like to repeat the Soviet pattern of several interviews;
- meeting with Walesa. The question arises whether this should be in Warsaw or Gdansk. Warsaw would be more convenient, especially on a short visit. But the symbolism of Gdansk would be greater.
- role of Jaruzelski. You will need to get satisfactory assurances in December that Jaruzelski will play the part of host on the Polish side.

C D P

CHARLES POWELL

5 November 1987

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1988Monday, 4 - Saturday, 9 January
OVERSEAS?Wednesday, 13 January1300 LUNCH WITH FOREIGN PRESS ASSOCIATION
1530 Sir Robin Ibbs
1600-1730 Value for MoneyFriday, 15 January

REGIONAL TOUR?

Saturday 16 January

Keep free

Monday, 18 JanuaryLunch for UK-Japan 2000 Group No.10
DINNER: AWARDS FOR ACHIEVEMENT (HANSON TRUST)Tuesday, 19 January

BRITISH-AUSTRALIAN BICENTENNIAL DINNER

Wednesday, 20 January

1830-2000 Reception for Winter Ball No 10

Wednesday, 27 January?1100 Meeting with Parliamentary Secretaries
Followed by lunchFriday 29 January

POSSIBLE FRENCH SUMMIT (OR 1 FEBRUARY)

Saturday, 30 January

FINCHLEY DINNER DANCE

Monday, 1 FebruaryPOSSIBLE FRENCH SUMMIT (OR 29 JANUARY)
CONSERVATIVE WINTER BALLFriday 5 FebruaryREGIONAL TOUR?
ANGLO-GERMAN SUMMITTuesday, 9 February

1830 AUDIENCE

Wednesday, 10 February

Executive Committee Dinner

Thursday, 11 February

FINANCIAL TIMES DINNER

Friday 12 February

Anglo-German Summit or 15.2.87

Monday 15 February

Anglo-German Summit ? or 12.2.87

Tuesday, 16 February

1830 AUDIENCE

Wednesday, 17 February

EARLY am DEPART NO.10

KEEP FREE

PM RETURN

Evening Free

Friday 19 February

PINCHLEY

Monday 22 February

1800? National Union Officers and Area Chairmen

Tuesday, 23 February

1830 AUDIENCE

Wednesday, 24 February

LUNCH: ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS?

1530 Sir Robin Ibbs

1600-1730 Value for Money

Thursday 25 February

1915 DINNER AT MARKETING GROUP OF GREAT BRITAIN DORCHESTER

Friday, 26 February

am only? REGIONAL TOUR

Monday 29 February

1830-2000 General Reception

Tuesday, 1 March

1830 AUDIENCE

Wednesday 2 March

Lunch for Industrialists

Thursday 3 March

Dinner and Talks with President of Portugal No.10
(or 13 June)

Saturday, 5 March

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE

Monday, 7 March

PINCHLEY AGM

Tuesday 8 March
1830 AUDIENCE

Wednesday 9 March
am only REGIONAL TOUR?

Thursday 10 March
SCOTLAND?
ADDRESS NFU: GLASGOW

Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 March
Keep free for speech

Monday, 14 March
1500? COMMONWEALTH DAY : WESTMINSTER ABBEY
2000? DINNER WITH PROGRESS TRUST + AH, H/C

Tuesday, 15 March
Budget?
0900 Questions Briefing Team
1000 Keep free
1500 Lunch and Questions Briefing
1515 QUESTIONS H/C
1830 AUDIENCE
KEEP FREE?

Friday 18 March
Keep free for speech

Saturday, 19 March
CENTRAL COUNCIL?: BUXTON

Tuesday, 22 March
1830 AUDIENCE

[21/22 Possible visit to
Poland or Turkey]

Wednesday 23 March
1800-1930 ATTEND CITY AND INDUSTRIAL LIAISON SEMINAR
SMITH AND NEPHEW BUILDING, EMBANKMENT

Thursday 24 March
2300 LOOK IN AT MAYOR'S BALL, BARNET, INTERCONTINENTAL
HOTEL

Friday, 25 March
pm FINCHLEY

Saturday 26 March
Keep free

Monday 28 March
1530 Sir Robin Ibbs
1600-1730 Value for Money
1830-2000 Reception for St. John's Ambulance Brigade, No.10

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Tuesday, 29 March

DINE AND SLEEP AT WINDSOR + DT

Thursday 31 March

House rises?

Sunday, 3 April

Easter Day

Tuesday 5 April to Friday 8 April

OVERSEAS

Tuesday 12 April

House returns?

1030-1045 DEPART NO. 10 + CDP

Between

1130 and 1145 ARRIVE WINDSOR GREAT PARK?

1200 KING OF NORWAY ARRIVES?

RETURN TO NO. 10

1300 Lunch and Questions briefing

1515 QUESTIONS

1905 DEPART FOR STATE BANQUET? WINDSOR

*[7/8 April. Possible visit to Poland or Turkey]*Wednesday 13 April

1300-1530? Lunch in honour of the King of Norway No 10

Thursday 14 April

? ATTEND DINNER GIVEN BY KING OF NORWAY

Friday, 15 April

pm FINCHLEY

Friday 22 April

REGIONAL TOUR ?

Thursday 5 May1700? onwards Talks and working dinner for PM of Hungary? +
+ CDPThursday, 12 May

Keep free for speech

Friday, 13 May

SCOTTISH CONFERENCE

Monday, 16 May~~Whitsun recess?~~Tuesday 17 May

1830 AUDIENCE

[16/17 May. Possible visit to Poland or Turkey]

Friday, 20 May

pm FINCHLEY

Saturday 21 May

KEEP FREE

Monday 23 May

KEEP FREE

Tuesday, 24 May

1830 AUDIENCE

Wednesday, 25 May

am-1600 WOMENS CONFERENCE

Thursday 26 May

COMMEMORATION FEAST + DT GROCERS' HALL

Friday 27 May

House rises?

Friday, 3 June

REGIONAL TOUR ?

Monday 6 June

House returns?

Tuesday, 7 June

1830 AUDIENCE

Wednesday, 8 June

PRESS ASSOCIATION LUNCH

Thursday 9 June

?CPS Dinner - No.10

Monday 13 June

Dinner and talks with President of Portugal? No.10 (or
3 March)

Saturday 18 June

WELSH CONFERENCE

Early pm RETURN TO NO.10

Sunday - Tuesday, 19-21 June

ECONOMIC SUMMIT, CANADA

Tuesday 21 June

? AUDIENCE

Thursday 23 June

1900 LOOK IN AT CIF RECEPTION, HOUSE TERRACE

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From the Private Secretary

4 November 1987

Dear Tom,

POSSIBLE VISIT BY THE PRIME MINISTER TO THE UNITED STATES

The Foreign Secretary mentioned to the Prime Minister this evening the suggestion by Sir Antony Acland that the Prime Minister should visit the United States in the first few months of next year and deliver a speech about the success of the Government's policies in the United Kingdom. The Prime Minister, who was not previously aware of the proposal, showed little enthusiasm although she did not absolutely exclude it. She was inclined to think that a more important reason for her to visit the United States would be for her to meet the President before a further United States/Soviet Summit in Moscow.

*Yours sincerely,
Chris Powell*

C D POWELL - .

A. C. Galsworthy, Esq., C.M.G.
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PRIME MINISTER'S VISITS ABROAD1979

June	France (two visits)
June-July	Japan/Soviet Union (stop over)/Australia
July-August	Zambia
October	Italy
	Luxembourg
	Germany
November	Republic of Ireland
December	United States of America

1980

April	Luxembourg
May	Yugoslavia
June	Italy (two visits)
September	France
	Greece/Yugoslavia
November	Germany
	Italy
December	Luxembourg
	Republic of Ireland

1981

February	Netherlands
February-March	United States of America
March	Netherlands
April	India/Saudi Arabia/Abu Dhabi/Dubai/Oman/Qatar
June	Luxembourg
July	Canada
Sept-Oct	Kuwait/Bahrain/Australia/Pakistan
October	Mexico
November	Germany
December	France

1982

March	Belgium
June	France
	Germany
	United States of America
	Belgium
July	Italy
*September	Hong Kong/China/Japan
October	Germany
November	France
December	Denmark
*August	Cern (official part of holiday in Switzerland)

1983

January	Falkland Islands
March	Belgium
May	United States of America
June	Germany
September	Germany/Netherlands
	Canada/United States of America
November	Germany
	India
December	Greece

1984

January	France
	Italy
February	Hungary
	Soviet Union
March	Belgium
April	Portugal
June	France
November	India
Nov-Dec	France
December	Republic of Ireland
	China/Hong Kong/United States of America
January	Germany
February	United States of America

1985

January	Germany
February	United States of America
March	Soviet Union
	Belgium
April	Malaysia/Brunei/Indonesia/Singapore/Sri Lanka/ India/Saudi Arabia
May	Germany
June	Italy
July	United States of America
September	Egypt/Jordan
October	Bahamas/United States of America
November	Belgium
December	Luxembourg

1986

January	France
March	Italy
May	Korea/Japan
	Israel
June	Netherlands
July	Canada
September	Norway
	Federal Republic of Germany
November	United States of America
	France
December	France

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March	Zeebrugge
	Caen/Bonn
March-April	Moscow
June	Venice
	Brussels
	Paris
July	Washington/Kingston
September	Berlin
October	Canada

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO KENYA: TELECON, MARSDEN/EDWARDS

1. I SPOKE TO KIPLAGAT, PS/MFA, ON 26 OCTOBER ABOUT TENTATIVE DATES FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT. KIPLAGAT SAID THAT THE KENYANS WOULD WELCOME A VISIT BETWEEN 4 AND 6 JANUARY. THE KENYANS WOULD PREFER THE OFFICIAL PROGRAMME FOR THE VISIT TO START ON MONDAY 4 JANUARY RATHER THAN ON THE SUNDAY, BUT WE ASSUME THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD PROBABLY ARRIVE IN THE LATE AFTERNOON OF SUNDAY 3 JANUARY. KIPLAGAT WILL BE SENDING US A NOTE TO CONFIRM DATES.

No -

2. MEANWHILE, KIPLAGAT AGREED THAT WE SHOULD TAKE THE FOLLOWING DEFENSIVE LINE WITH THE PRESS:

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DURING THE COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING IN VANCOUVER PRESIDENT MDI INVITED MRS THATCHER TO VISIT KENYA. MRS THATCHER WAS HAPPY TO ACCEPT THIS INVITATION AND DATES FOR A VISIT ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION.
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21 October 1987

Mrs Gaisman
P.O. ✓ 14 22/10
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Dear Charles,

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Proposed Visit by the Prime Minister to Turkey

In your letter of 11 October, you said that we should be looking for dates in April or May 1988 for the Prime Minister's prospective visit to Turkey.

As you suggested, I have discussed with Mrs Gaisman, who envisages a 2-3 day visit in the week of 5 April (during the Parliamentary recess). We have consulted the Ambassador in Ankara and believe these dates would suit admirably; there would be no clash with local, national or religious holidays in Turkey nor, so far as Timothy Daunt knows, with any other planned visits; and the gap of three months before the proposed State visit by President Evren (12-15 July) would be sufficient. We shall put the dates to the Turks after 29 November, the revised date for the General Election, assuming Mr Ozal wins (as still seems likely).

Yours ever,

L Parker

(L Parker)
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
10 Downing Street



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From the Private Secretary

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4-8 April for
11 October 1987

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PROPOSED VISIT BY THE PRIME MINISTER TO TURKEY

Thank you for your letter of 9 October about the Prime Minister's prospective visit to Turkey next year. The Prime Minister would prefer to wait until after the Turkish Elections before reaching any decision about possible dates. But it would clearly be better if the visit were to take place before President Evren makes his State Visit to Britain in July 1988. We should therefore be looking for dates in April or May. It would have to be a fairly brief visit of two or at most three days. You may like to discuss with Mrs Gaisman the possible dates in the Prime Minister's diary at that time.

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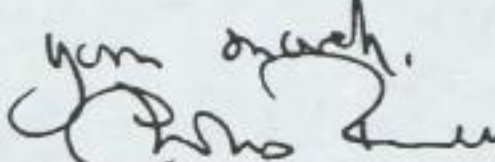
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11 October 1987

Dear Lynn,

PROPOSED VISIT BY THE PRIME MINISTER TO TURKEY

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Yours sincerely,

C D POWELL

Lyn Parker, Esq.
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8 October 1987

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Dear Charles,

Possible visit by the Prime Minister to Africa

Thank you for your letter of 16 September. The Foreign Secretary would welcome a visit by the Prime Minister to Africa in early January, and agrees that she should visit Kenya and Nigeria.

The Foreign Secretary has considered possible options for a third country to visit. He has noted your suggestions of Cameroon. While it may have long term economic potential, Cameroon is politically lightweight and the short term commercial opportunities are limited. We have looked carefully at other countries in the region, but have not found any for which a credible case can be made.

Another possibility which has some attractions would be to visit one of the Front Line States, eg Botswana, Zimbabwe or Tanzania. The Foreign Secretary considers, however, that such a visit would risk provoking avoidable controversy about South Africa - as well as involving a substantial detour.

The Foreign Secretary concludes that it would be best to build the Prime Minister's visit around substantial visits to Kenya and Nigeria. He would not rule out a short visit to a third country, perhaps in the light of CHOGM. But at present he sees no strong case for such a visit, and no very credible candidate.

(L Parker)
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
PS/No 10 Downing Street

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From the Private Secretary

16 September 1987

Dear Tony,

POSSIBLE VISIT BY THE PRIME MINISTER TO AFRICA

As you know, the Prime Minister has in mind a possible visit to Africa next year. She will not decide on this, or its timing, until after CHOGM. But from recent discussions I have the impression that the intention of paying such a visit is now firmly in her mind, that she would want it to take in Kenya and Nigeria at least; and that dates in early January are quite likely to be her preference (probably 3-10 January). You may want to start doing a certain amount of contingency planning within the office for a visit at that time - indeed you may already have done so. But it should of course be no more than an internal exercise for the time being, without any discussions with foreign governments. You will also want to consider a third country for inclusion in the tour. I have some inclination towards Cameroon. But you may wish to recommend a Front Line State, although this could considerably extend the journey. I would guess that Botswana is the one on which the Prime Minister would look most favourably. But a visit there might lead to speculation that she would go on to South Africa or meet President Botha.

Yours sincerely,
Chris Powell
(C.D. POWELL)

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15 September 1987

Prime Minister

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Dear Charles -

Dinner Invitation by President Reagan to the
Prime Minister: 21 September

Please refer to your letter of 31 July about a possible dinner hosted by President Reagan for NATO Heads of Government in New York on 21 September.

This dinner has now been cancelled and instead a meeting at 1330 hours on the same day will be hosted by Mr Shultz for NATO Foreign Ministers.

Yours Sincerely
Russell Dixon

(R K Dixon)
Assistant Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
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1 September 1987

From the Private Secretary

POSSIBLE VISIT BY THE PRIME MINISTER TO POLAND

Robert Culshaw wrote to me on 27 August about the conditions which would need to be agreed in advance by the Polish Government before the Prime Minister would agree to visit Poland.

The Prime Minister is content with the terms spelled out in the enclosure to that letter and agrees that the Foreign Secretary should put them to the Polish Foreign Minister in New York later this month. But the Prime Minister would not wish, at this stage, to be committed to any particular date for a visit.

C. D. POWELL

Lyn Parker, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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PRIME MINISTER

POSSIBLE VISIT TO POLAND

When we were discussing your programme of foreign visits for next year, you indicated that you would only be prepared to consider a visit to Poland if certain strict conditions were met: for instance, you would wish to be assured that you would meet Walesa and Cardinal Glemp, that you could visit Father Popieluszko's grave and appear on television.

The Foreign Office have now come back to say (letter attached) that they think the Poles would swallow these conditions. They suggest that the Foreign Secretary should put them to the Polish Foreign Minister when he meets him in New York in September, and that we would look to the Poles to confirm their acceptance of them when the Polish Foreign Minister comes here in December.

If you agree to this course, and if the Poles do indeed accept our pretty stringent conditions, you would of course then be committed to visiting Poland sometime in the course of 1988. This would be no bad thing: you want to continue to encourage the East European countries to show some modicum of independence from the Soviet Union. On the other hand, there are competing claims, such as Turkey, and you will not want to be committed to too many visits in 1988.

On the whole, I would recommend that you should agree that the Foreign Secretary should start to explore with the Poles the conditions on which you would be prepared to visit Poland, while making clear that at this stage you are not able to commit yourself to any particular date.

Agree?

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Yes

C D POWELL

28 August 1987

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27 August 1987

Dear Charles

Possible Visit by the Prime Minister to Poland

In your letter of 28 July, you asked for advice about the conditions on which it might be possible to arrange a visit by the Prime Minister to Poland, before you put the question of a visit back to her for a decision.

As you know from our letter of 27 July, the Foreign Secretary's view is that, given Jaruzelski's very strong wish to see the Prime Minister in Poland, the Polish authorities could probably be brought to agree that she should meet Walesa on an appropriate basis. Once that was accepted, we do not believe that a visit to Father Popieluszko's grave, a meeting with Cardinal Glemp or an appearance on television would be likely to be major sticking points for the Poles. (We understand from the American Embassy in Warsaw that Vice President Bush will visit Poland in late September, and that he is likely to see Walesa in Warsaw - see Warsaw Telno 360 attached).

It is nevertheless clear that the Polish authorities will not find our conditions easy to swallow. The Foreign Secretary believes that we should make our requirements clear to the Polish authorities at the outset. We should, in addition, establish unequivocally that Jaruzelski rather than Prime Minister Messner would be the main interlocutor, though that is likely to be much less of a problem. There will be an opportunity to discuss all this if Sir Geoffrey Howe has a meeting with the Polish Foreign Minister in the margins of the UN General Assembly in late September. If the Prime Minister can agree in principle to visit Poland, we would propose that our conditions for the visit should be clearly spelt out during that meeting, along the lines of the attached annex. We would ask for an early Polish reply, if possible before the visit to London in December by the Polish Foreign Minister, Orzechowski. Sir Geoffrey Howe hopes that in that case the Prime Minister might have been able to identify possible dates by the time she sees Orzechowski on 8 December. But it would not, in our view, be at all appropriate to offer dates to the Poles unless they had unreservedly accepted our conditions beforehand.

(R N Culshaw)
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VISIT TO WARSAW BY VICE PRESIDENT BUSH

1. US EMBASSY HAS TOLD US IN CONFIDENCE (PLEASE PROTECT) THAT VICE PRESIDENT BUSH WILL VISIT POLAND IN SEPTEMBER. DATES ARE STILL BEING DISCUSSED BUT LIKELY TIMING IS 21-23 SEPTEMBER. BUSH WILL INCLUDE POLAND IN VISIT TO OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE UK.

2. BUSH WILL BE BY FAR THE MOST SENIOR VISITOR TO POLAND SINCE MARTIAL LAW. HE WILL BE RECEIVED BY JARUZELSKI. HIS VISIT SHOULD GIVE US/POLISH RELATIONS A FURTHER PUSH FORWARD. BUSH WILL ALSO SEE WALESKA. THIS MEETING WILL PROBABLY TAKE PLACE IN WARSAW.

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ANNEX

Conditions for Visit by the Prime Minister to Poland

- (i) Meeting with Walesa. It should be made clear to the Polish authorities that this would have to take place in Warsaw. They should be asked to confirm that Walesa would be permitted to come to Warsaw (which he did for a meeting with the US Deputy Secretary of State, John Whitehead, in February 1986; and as he is expected to do for Vice President Bush in September; that the press could be admitted for a few minutes when the Prime Minister and Walesa first met; that the Polish authorities accept that other opposition figures might be present; and that while the meeting would be private, we would wish to refer it afterwards, in press briefings etc.
- (ii) Visit to St Stanislaw Kostka. It would need to be clear that the Prime Minister would lay flowers on the grave of Father Popieluszko.
- (iii) Meeting with Cardinal Glemp or other appropriate Church leaders.
- (iv) TV Interview, including appropriate assurances over editing and censorship, if the broadcast did not go out live; and over interpretation, to ensure that the Prime Minister's words were interpreted literally, and ^{that none of her} ~~certain~~ remarks ~~not~~ ^{were} ~~were~~ _{either} glossed over or ignored.
- (v) Main interlocutor to be Jaruzelski, rather than Prime Minister Messner or any successor. We would need to ensure that Jaruzelski was the host (or principal guest) at the major lunch or dinner.

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From the Private Secretary

31 July 1987

**DINNER INVITATION BY PRESIDENT REAGAN
TO THE PRIME MINISTER: 21 SEPTEMBER**

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Thank you for your letter of 30 July about the possibility that President Reagan will give a dinner for NATO Heads of Government in New York on 21 September. Unless it turns out that a significant number of other Heads of Government are planning to attend this dinner, it is unlikely that the Prime Minister will go, and that should be our working assumption. I should be grateful if you could let me know the situation as regards attendance by others in early September.

(Charles Powell)

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

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From the Private Secretary

31 July 1987

See by.

POSSIBLE VISIT OF THE PRIME MINISTER TO NATO

The Prime Minister has returned to the idea that she ought to pay an official visit to NATO at some point. She would like this to be before Lord Carrington gives up his post next year but after the new SACEUR has had time to settle in. The visit would, I assume, cover both the NATO headquarters and SACEUR's headquarters in Mons. It could be conducted in the inside of a day.

The Prime Minister would not wish this to be put formally yet to Lord Carrington. But I would be grateful if you could consult Michael Alexander in due course and let me have some suggestions for an outline of a programme and the possible timing of a visit. In view of the Prime Minister's other commitments, I doubt it could be before early 1988.

I am copying this letter to John Howe (Ministry of Defence).

Yours sincerely,
Charles Powell

(Charles Powell)

Lyn Parker, Esq.,
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Prime Minister

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I expect that this will turn into a Foreign Ministers occasion; and the date would be difficult for you (broadcasting seminar) But we ought to check in early September whether a significant number of first division heads of government are going, before reaching a final decision.

30 July 1987

Dinner invitation by President Reagan to the Prime Minister: 21 September

Agreed to working assumption that you will not go?
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Yes

The US Embassy have told us that President Reagan is thinking of giving a dinner for NATO Heads of Government plus the Australian and Japanese Prime Ministers in New York on 21 September, taking advantage of the presence of some of them for the General Assembly. The intention is apparently to include those who might in any case be in New York rather than prompting Allied leaders to make a special visit.

According to the Americans, the President would use the occasion for a general discussion of East/West relations, including the status of arms control talks and other high level exchanges. He would also cover other major UN issues and, if appropriate, the question of freedom of navigation in the Gulf. The Americans have made it clear that the dinner is not intended to be a substitute for whatever was eventually proposed by way of NATO consultation in the run-up to a US/Soviet summit.

I assume that the Prime Minister is unlikely to want to make a special trip to New York for this occasion, unless it turns out to be more substantial than seems at present to be envisaged. The Americans have made it clear that if the Prime Minister did not go, the Foreign Secretary, who will be in New York at the General Assembly on that date anyway, would be welcome to attend instead. Perhaps you would let me know in due course what the Prime Minister decides to do. There is of course no need to take a firm decision this early.

Yours ever,

(A C Galsworthy)
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From the Private Secretary

27 July 1987

PRIME MINISTER'S VISITS ABROAD

Thank you for your letter of 24 July about the Prime Minister's forward programme of foreign visits.

Visit to Berlin

The Prime Minister agrees to call on Herr Diepgen at the Rathaus on the afternoon of 25 September. She does not wish to address the Berlin Press Conference, this year at least. Are you sure that she ought not to pay a visit to the Wall?

Meeting with the Danish Presidency

The letter to Mr. Schluter has issued.

Possible visit to Africa

The Prime Minister has noted the proposal that she should visit Nigeria as well as Kenya but has not expressed a view. She will decide in the light of her meeting with President Babangida at CHOGM.

CHARLES POWELL

Lyn Parker, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Prime Minister Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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There are only two points here:

(a) agreed to see Mr. Dapgen in Berlin? Yes

24 July 1987

(b) agreed to postpone a decision on
letter to visit Nigeria (as well as Kenya)
in January, until after you meet Babangida

Dear Charles,

Yes at CHOGM?

Prime Minister's Visits Abroad

Thank you for your two letters dated 7 July.

Visit to Berlin

The Foreign Secretary welcomes the Prime Minister's decision to visit Berlin for the IDU Conference. The visit will be well received in Berlin during its 750th Anniversary.

We envisage the following outline agenda for the Prime Minister's bilateral meeting with Chancellor Kohl:-

- European Community: future financing, including agricultural reform, expenditure control and level of Own Resources; and international trade issues.
- East/West relations and arms control and disarmament, including review of NST negotiations and other issues (to be decided nearer the time).
- Regional issues: Lebanon/hostages, Iran/Iraq (UN and shipping in the Gulf), Middle East Peace Conference (if appropriate), Southern Africa.
- Berlin.

I should be grateful to know if you are content with this, subject to refinement nearer the time.

As you know, the Foreign Secretary believes that, given the importance of close Anglo-German coordination on developments in the Community this autumn, a further bilateral meeting with Chancellor Kohl in the run-up to the Copenhagen European Council (and before the next Anglo-German Summit early next year) would be valuable. The Prime Minister might wish to discuss this with Chancellor Kohl in Berlin.

[No need to decide now]

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The only other engagement the Foreign Secretary would recommend in Berlin is a short meeting with the Governing Mayor, Herr Diepgen. This would be primarily of a courtesy nature and might be on the morning or afternoon of 25 September in the Rathaus.

Agree?
Yes

The Berlin Press Conference (Pressekonferenz) recently indicated their wish to invite the Prime Minister to speak at their annual dinner in late November/early December, dates for which could be flexible. The dinner is traditionally the occasion for a major speech on East/West relations. The Foreign Secretary was guest speaker in 1984. We had intended to recommend that the Prime Minister consider taking up this invitation. However, given that she will now be visiting Berlin in September, we believe that the invitation would be better kept for another year. I should be grateful to know the Prime Minister's views on this point.

Meeting with Danish Presidency

Mr Schluter has said that he would be happy to come to Chequers on 11 September, arriving mid-morning (he has an important engagement in Denmark the previous evening), and returning to Denmark the same evening. I enclose a draft letter from the Prime Minister confirming the invitation.

Possible visit to Africa

The Foreign Secretary warmly welcomes the idea of a visit to Kenya by the Prime Minister during the Christmas recess. He recommends that the Prime Minister consider spending two days in Kenya, to allow her to see something of the country and of our substantial aid programme.

Given the Prime Minister's wish not to be away for more than four days, there would be time for a visit to one other country in the region. The Foreign Secretary strongly recommends that this be Nigeria rather than Cameroon. Apart from the greater political weight of Nigeria, our commercial and economic interests there (UK exports £566m, investment £1.6 billion in 1986) are far more substantial than in Cameroon (UK exports £35m, investment £150m in 1986). Relations with Nigeria have gone through several difficult periods over the years. But we are at present engaged in getting them on to a better footing and are having some success, in particular with President Babangida, who is a candidate for a State Visit in 1989. A visit by the Prime Minister would greatly reinforce our efforts to build a more substantial relationship with Nigeria, and would leave British firms well placed to benefit as Nigeria's economic recovery programme makes headway. The Nigerian leg might have to be fitted inside 2 days, but this should be manageable. In addition to Lagos, a stop-off in Kano might be possible on the way home.

/The Prime Minister

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The Prime Minister will meet President Babangida for the first time at CHOGM, and may wish to reserve her decision until then.

Yours ever

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'L Parker', with a flourish underneath.

(L Parker)
Private Secretary

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From the Private Secretary

7 July 1987

PRIME MINISTER'S VISITS ABROAD

I have discussed with the Prime Minister her programme of visits abroad over the coming months. You may like to have a summary of where we stand.

Visits already arranged

The following visits are firmly in the programme:

Washington	17 July
Kingston	18 July
Paris (ratification of Channel Tunnel Treaty)	29 or 31 July
CHOGM	13-17 October
European Council, Copenhagen	4/5 December

IDU Conference in Berlin

The IDU are holding their annual conference in Berlin on 24/26 September. The Prime Minister is inclined to attend, and has so informed the Party Chairman. The most likely time would be the evening of 24 September and the morning of 25 September.

Since Chancellor Kohl will also be attending this meeting, I have proposed to his office that he and the Prime Minister might have a bilateral then. In that event, the proposed Anglo-German Summit on 28 September would be postponed. Given the difficulty of finding dates in the autumn, the postponement might have to be until early in the New Year.

BL // If you wished to advise the Prime Minister to carry out other engagements in Berlin, I should be grateful if you would let me know.

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Meeting with the Danish Presidency

The Prime Minister would like an early meeting, after the summer break, with Mr. Schluter. She would like to invite him to Chequers on 11 or 18 September. I realise that the Danes may feel that the Prime Minister should visit Denmark. If they insist, we shall of course have to put that to her. But her hope is that Mr. Schluter would agree to come here.

Possible visit to Africa

The Prime Minister is considering the possibility of visiting Africa during the Christmas recess, probably in early January. The countries which she has in mind are Kenya and Cameroon. She would welcome the Foreign Secretary's views on the timing and choice of countries. It might be possible to add one more. But the Prime Minister would not want to be away for more than four days.

May I stress that the Prime Minister has not yet reached a firm decision on this and would not want the possibility known beyond a small circle, let alone to the Governments concerned.

CHARLES POWELL

A.C. Galsworthy, Esq., C.M.G.,
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PRIME MINISTER

VISITS ABROAD

We had a word on Friday evening about your visits abroad in September.

You said that you would be willing to attend part of the IDU Conference in Berlin on 24/26 September. I understand that the best time would be the opening dinner on 24 September and the morning session on 25 September. Agree?

Yes

You considered the possibility of a visit to Switzerland. The Swiss Government repeatedly press you to go. We could propose a two day visit in mid September, possibly just before or after a week-end, so that you could stay privately with Lady Glover. For example, a visit on 17/18 September, followed by the week-end 19/20; or, if earlier, 10/11 September followed by the week-end 12/13. (You would presumably not have a Cabinet as early as 10 September.) Agree to propose a visit in September to the Swiss Government?

look! think it would be continued.

You also agreed to consider the idea of inviting one or two EC leaders, with whom we do not normally have full summits, to Chequers for a day to discuss the handling of Community finances at the Copenhagen European Council. The obvious candidates are Mr. Schluter and Mr. Lubbers. Agree to invite

- (a) one or
(b) both of them?

Schluter.

You did not reach any decision on possible visits in January. There is much to be said for a brief visit to black Africa then (Kenya and Cameroon). There is a major conference in Nairobi in January on British investment in Kenya. Agree that I should discuss with the FCO without at this stage approaching any of the Governments concerned?

Yes and

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CHARLES POWELL

6 July 1987

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PRIME MINISTER

VISITS ABROAD

We ought if possible to reach decisions soon on your plans for travel abroad, not least so that we can also settle the timing of your inner city visits.

To recapitulate, your existing engagements are:

17 July	<u>Washington</u>
18 July	<u>Jamaica</u>
29 July	<u>Paris</u> - Ratification of the Channel Tunnel
19-23 October	<u>Vancouver</u> - CHOGM
4-5 December	<u>Copenhagen</u> - European Council

The two periods for which we ought to plan are September and January.

If you are going to make a number of inner city visits here in September, you probably will not want to be abroad too long. You have commented that September this year is too early to go to Turkey. The options are therefore:

- Kenya and Cameroon
- the Gulf
- Nepal and Thailand
- Finland

There is a further point. Mr. Tebbit is likely to press you to attend briefly the IDU Conference in Berlin between 24-26 September. This could if necessary be combined with another visit elsewhere in Europe.

There is a further option:

- not to go abroad at all; but
- to invite individually some of the EC Heads of

Government, with whom we do not have regular Summits, to private talks at Chequers to try to get their support for our objectives at the Copenhagen European Council. I have in mind, for instance, Denmark, Netherlands, Luxembourg and Portugal.

What you do in January depends partly, of course, on your plans for September. You have said that you do not want to go to Africa in January. Unless you bring Africa forward to September, it probably means postponement until the middle of 1988 (given that you will have the Economic Summit in June).

Could we possibly have a word about this tomorrow evening?

Yes [—] not

C.D.P.

C. D. POWELL

2 July 1987

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From the Private Secretary

19 June 1987

SUMMITS WITH FRANCE AND GERMANY IN 1987

We have had another look at possible dates for bilateral summits this autumn and have identified 28 September and 26 October as possibilities. Subject to the Foreign Secretary's diary you might like to put these dates to the Germans and French respectively.

(Charles Powell)

Lyn Parker, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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MR BEARPARK ✓

C. D. Powell

Germany - Mon 28/9
French - Mon 26/10

BILATERAL SUMMITS

We are in trouble over dates for bilateral summits in the autumn. We proposed 25 September for the Germans, but this clashes with the week of the UN General Assembly when most European Foreign Ministers speak (20-26 September); and 23 November for the French, which turns out to clash with a Foreign Affairs Council in Brussels.

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Can we try again please? It is better if it can be a Monday or Friday (mid-week tends to be impossible because of the respective Cabinet meetings). Both summits are in London this year.

C.D.P.
C. D. POWELL
19 June 1987

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From the Private Secretary

19 March 1987

Dear Lyn.

SUMMITS WITH FRANCE AND GERMANY IN 1987

Thank you for your letter about bilateral Summits with France and Germany later this year.

As your letter recognises, any suggestions have to be tentative this year. But subject to that warning, we have identified Friday 25 September as a possible date for the Germans and Monday 23 November for the French. You may like to try these.

25 Sept : UNGA 20-26 *Yours sincerely,*
23 Nov : FAC + POCO *Charles Powell*
ministerial, Brussels.

(Charles Powell)

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13 March 1987

Dear Charles,

Summits with France and Germany in 1987

Since it is for the Prime Minister as host to take the initiative in proposing dates for the next Anglo-French and Anglo-German Summits, we see advantage in giving some thought to possible dates in case Mitterrand or Kohl raise the question during the Prime Minister's meetings with them on 23 March.

Leaving other considerations aside, the natural time for the next Anglo-German Summit would be September, one year after the last summit in Bonn. The Anglo-French Summit could be held after the Party Conference in late October, before the new session of Parliament in November. It might be preferable to avoid dates too close to the State Visit by President Cossiga of Italy (17-20 November). There is no need to consider the timing of the next summit with Italy at this stage.

If you can identify dates which would suit the Prime Minister, we could put them to the French and Germans in advance of the Prime Minister's meetings on 23 March. There would then be no need for the matter to be mentioned at the meetings (in view of the question whether or not Chirac would attend the summit, discussion at this stage with Mitterrand might in any case be best avoided). Otherwise, if the subject is raised by Mitterrand or Kohl, the Prime Minister could say simply that we were considering dates and would be in touch through official channels.

Yours ever,
L. Parker

(L Parker)
Private Secretary

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PRIME MINISTER

VISITS ABROAD

You had a first look at my note (attached) about visits abroad.

My understanding is that your inclination is to make one or two brief visits reasonably near at hand in September, and perhaps a more distant one in January.

** - let's soon.*
This would point to Turkey and Finland (or at least one of them) in mid-September. Agree that I should discuss this possibility with the FCO, and obtain formal advice?

It would also point to a plan to visit two or three African countries - Kenya, Cameroon and perhaps one other - in January. Although one could argue that it would be more useful to make this visit before CHOGM, I do not think that is necessarily decisive. Agree that I should discuss a possible visit to Africa in January with the FCO?

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C. D. POWELL
19 June 1987

*I would rather not
visit Africa in January*

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PRIME MINISTER

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VISITS ABROAD

We ought to reach decisions fairly rapidly on your overseas visits over the next twelve months.

Visits already planned

The following dates are already firmly in the diary:

<u>29/30 June</u>	European Council in Brussels
17/18 or 24/25 July	Visit to Washington
19/23 October	<u>CHOGM in Vancouver</u>
4/5 December	<u>European Council in Copenhagen</u>

We shall be due for bilateral summits with the French and Germans in the autumn, but both will be in London.

Possible Visits

You have traditionally paid visits overseas in mid-September or January (or sometimes both).

Countries which you considered for visits, when we last discussed this early in 1987, were:

Africa (in particular Kenya and Cameroon)
Turkey (but you thought not in 1987)
Brazil

All these remain possible priorities, although I think that in the current difficulties over debt, Brazil has to be pushed further into the future.

There are of course other possibilities. You ought at some stage go to Spain but in the present state of relations over Gibraltar, now is probably not the moment. I do not see

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much to be gained from a visit to Eastern Europe at present. You might consider a visit to Finland, which has just chosen its first Conservative Prime Minister since the War. You have not visited the North African countries - Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco - but I doubt that the scale of our interests warrants it. Two other countries with open invitations, though not of pressing importance, are Thailand and Nepal. You may feel that a further visit to the Gulf would be timely quite soon. It would help stiffen some of the Gulf rulers in the present tense situation between Iran and Iraq. Equally, it might give rise to speculation about a British mediation effort. Finally, I do not think you have yet paid an official visit to Switzerland.

In rather a separate category there is the possibility of a visit to South Africa, either separately or in conjunction with a visit to one or two black African countries. Obviously, there are considerable risks in this, although you are probably the only person who might extract some sort of movement from the South African Government. My own feeling remains that you should go only if we have been able to obtain some sort of understanding in advance that there will be specific and worthwhile results from a visit. We are sending a new and very active Ambassador in July. He is likely to need some time to have a chance of negotiating a sufficiently positive step to make a visit by you worthwhile.

The choices for September and January seem to me to come down to:

- (i) a visit to two or three black African countries. I think that this would convey a useful political signal at the beginning of your third term, that you have time for the developing countries' concerns, as well as for the great strategic and political issues. Kenya would have the highest priority. Cameroon would be a good choice. You might feel

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that you should visit one or two Southern African countries at the same time. The problem then becomes one of discriminating between them. I doubt that you would want to go to Zimbabwe or Tanzania. Zambia is in a difficult state at present. Botswana would be worth a visit, but it would be difficult to go there and not to some of the larger Southern African countries. The possibility of including South Africa in such a visit would be greater if you left it until January (although I would not exaggerate the chances of ever being able to extract anything very useful from such a visit);

- (ii) to pay some relatively unadventurous visits in September, e.g. to Finland, Switzerland or possibly Turkey. For climatic reasons, these are definitely better candidates for September than for January!
- (iii) to pay a more wide-ranging visit to, say, Thailand, Nepal and the Gulf. This might also include brief stops in India or Pakistan and Saudi Arabia. But I am not sure a single visit of this sort would have a sufficiently strong unifying theme. It would probably be better to break it down into separate visits, one to Thailand/Nepal/India/Pakistan and the other to the Gulf/Saudi Arabia.

You may like to discuss these alternative possibilities and dates when the visits could be made.

C.P.

CHARLES POWELL

15 June 1987

PRIME MINISTER

FOREIGN AFFAIRS ENGAGEMENTS

You may find it helpful to have a note of your foreign affairs engagements over the next few weeks.

- 19 June Former President Carter (at his request). Meeting with David Williamson and David Hannay to discuss the European Council.
- 22 June Mr. William Webster, new Director of the CIA.
- 23 June Mr. Shimon Peres, to bring you up to date on progress towards an international peace conference. Mr. Martens, as President of the European Community, to discuss the forthcoming European Council.
- 26 June Briefing for European Council.
- 29/30 June European Council in Brussels
- 3 July Dr. Habibie, Indonesian Minister of Technology
- 6 July Meeting with International Council for Soviet Jewry.
- 8 July Meeting with Turkish Foreign Minister Annual Meeting and Lunch with the Chiefs of Staff
- 10 July Working lunch for King Hussein
- 14-16 July Moroccan State Visit

?17/18 July Working visit to Washington

20 July Visit of Dr. Mahathir, Malaysian Prime Minister.

?24/25 July Alternative dates for visit to Washington.

The main decision required is the dates of your Washington visit. A Friday/Saturday is usually best, which points to 17/18 or 24/25 July. The earlier date might be better before too many people go on holiday. There would be difficulties for Antony Acland in going after 24 July (he leaves for his wedding on 25 July).

Content for me to explore dates in the period 17-24 July with Howard Baker?

Yes no

C.D.P?

CHARLES POWELL

10 June 1987

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PRIME MINISTER

FOREIGNERS AFTER THE ELECTION

Those inconvenient foreigners are already queuing up to see you after the Election. There are three in particular whom it would be helpful to have your agreement in principle to see:

- ✓ - William Webster, the new Director of the CIA. He is in London on 22 June. Agree to see him for half an hour? Yes mb
- ✓ - Shimon Peres, who has asked for an hour on 23 June. I think it is important to sustain him in his efforts for an International Conference. Agree? Yes mb
- ✓ - Wilfrid Martens, who is visiting all European capitals before the European Council, as current President of the European Community. It would be useful to let him get the measure of your firm views on the future financing of the Community ahead of the Council meeting. Agree to see him on 23 June? (We have steered clear of 24 June, which we are keeping for work on your speech).

CDP

Yes mb

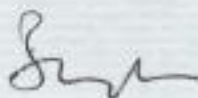
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2 June 1987

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MR POWELL

CDP 15/5

Reference any visit to Washington DC: the Centre for Strategic and International Studies at Georgetown University would very much like the Prime Minister to give a talk to them. They could arrange a prestigious occasion pretty quickly. Amos Jordan is the President. My contact has said that an invitation may well soon be forthcoming. He is Sterling Sleppey, who brings over US editors from time to time for, among other things, a Prime Ministerial briefing.



BERNARD INGHAM

15 May 1987

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PRIME MINISTER

FOREIGN AFFAIRS: ELECTIONS

I have gone through the list of foreign affairs engagements in your diary which would be affected by an early election, if one were held. I attach a list. As you will see, it is quite short and none of them present real problems. The two main questions will be:

- whether to cancel Fanfani altogether (you are scheduled to be in the North-West on 22 May in the event of an early election) or bring him forward to 21 May when you are in London. I very much doubt that even then you will want to give up three hours of your day to Fanfani. My advice would be to cancel and let him have your views about the Summit in a message;
- the Economic Summit. The choice will be whether to go for the Monday evening and Tuesday morning (preferable) or just the Monday evening. There is no need to decide yet.

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CJP

Charles Powell

4 May 1987

FOREIGN AFFAIRS EVENTS:

11 MAY - 15 JUNE

- 14 May: Sir Antony Acland: see him next time he is over. ✓ *Rung 11/5*
- 18 May: President Arias of Costa Rica: Lord President to see on your behalf *Atwood Sean ✓ 18/5* *C&P dealing 11/5*
- 21 May: General Haig: cancel ✓
- 22 May: Meeting with Fanfani to prepare Venice Summit
Either cancel or reschedule on 21 May
- 5 June: Melissa Price wedding *- alas not able to go*
- ? : Briefing meeting for Economic Summit
Maintain if possible
- 8/9 June: Venice Economic Summit
- 12 June: General Bernard Rogers (farewell call)
Postpone *Atwood* ✓ *done* *done 9/5*

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YOUR TELNO 689

1. I MENTIONED THIS TO THE PRESIDENT AND ASKED HIM WHAT HIS SUMMER PLANS NORMALLY WERE. HE SAID THAT HE USUALLY WENT TO CALIFORNIA FOR THREE WEEKS HOLIDAY IN AUGUST.

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Its refers to the
possibility of a visit by
you in late
July to Washington
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CF TO BRING FORWARD ON 20 JUNE



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4 May 1987

From the Private Secretary

Many thanks for your letter. I don't see any difficulty in principle about a talk in late July/early August, although it would probably have to be the first week of August or the very end. But as you will gather, there are uncertainties here about the timing of various political events. We should have a clearer picture in a few weeks time and I will write to you again then.

Charles Powell

Mr John Newhouse.

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~~Bernard~~
wd. you object in
principle to John
Newhouse ~~being~~ having
a talk with her on
nuclear matters in

Charles Powell Esq.
Office of Prime Minister
Number 10 Downing St.
London SW1
England

late July / early
August?
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Dear Charles,

When I called you the other evening (you'd just been dining with Pakistanis, I recall), I said that I'd be in London in early June and would obviously like to see the Prime Minister regarding this book I'm doing on the nuclear age. My plans have changed; I hope to be in France for about two weeks, starting on July 11, after which I'll be free to travel West or East. (I plan a short stopover in Bonn and a longer visit to Moscow.) I could come to London either directly after this holiday with the family or en route home from Moscow. August would be a good time for me, and my impression is that she does tend to spend most of the month at Number 10.

About the book, the public broadcasting system here - specifically WGBH, the lead station in the system - is producing a series of thirteen one-hour programs on the nuclear age. The programs will deal with the fifty years or so of the nuclear era almost entirely in terms of relations between the West and the Soviet Union and within the West. I have been asked to write a book that will be published by Alfred Knopf as a companion volume to the series, and to provide the producers with some guidance. The broadcasts will begin in January, 1989. The book will be published at the same time, and The New Yorker magazine intends to serialize it. Britain's Central Television has contributed financially to the venture and the series will be broadcast in Britain and also in France, the FRG, and Japan.

Thanks so much for your help, and I shall be in touch soon. Love to Carla, and I was sorry to hear about the wretched burglary.

Yours,
Bob

P.S. As much as I hope to see her about all of this, I'm even keener to discuss it with you.

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From the Private Secretary

16 February 1987

VISITS OVERSEAS BY THE
PRIME MINISTER

Thank you for your letter of 13 February about visits overseas by the Prime Minister. I am glad you agree that Turkey rates a high priority. Whether a visit will be possible in 1987 remains to be seen: nothing should be said to the Turks.

Meanwhile, the Prime Minister will see the Turkish Foreign Minister at 1000 hours on Wednesday 8 July for half an hour.

C D POWELL

Lyn Parker, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Prime Minister CONFIDENTIAL

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You have already agreed that, when foreign visits resume, Turkey is a priority.
Foreign and Commonwealth Office
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13 February 1987

Agree to a brief meeting with the Turkish Foreign Minister, in July?
CDP/13/1.

Not in 1987
Will be F.S.

Visits Overseas by the Prime Minister in 1987

In your letter of 19 December 1986 about the Prime Minister's overseas visits programme, you left open the question of further bilateral visits and thought that when the time came to consider them, the Prime Minister's priorities would include a visit to Turkey.

When Timothy Daunt, our new Ambassador in Ankara, made his initial call on the Turkish Prime Minister on 31 January, the conversation touched on the success of Mr Ozal's visit to London last February and his hopes that the Prime Minister would make a return visit. Mr Ozal renewed his standing invitation: the Prime Minister was assured of a warm welcome at any time she wished to come. Mr Ozal doubtless sees a visit as helpful in the domestic political context in the run-up to the next elections, which are likely to be in mid-1988.

A much more important consideration, however, from the point of view of British interests, is that a visit would be extremely helpful in the commercial context. British companies are taking an increasing interest in the expanding Turkish market. Our exports to Turkey were worth £435m in 1986. But they have not been growing anything like as fast as those of our major competitors. When the Prime Minister is ready to consider her programme of overseas visits in 1987, the Foreign Secretary hopes that she will agree to include Turkey among them.

We have now reached agreement for the Turkish Foreign Minister's visit to London from 6-8 July. Mr Halefoglu's visit comes at a particularly sensitive time in Turkey's relations with western Europe. A Turkish application for EC membership looks likely to be lodged during the Belgian Presidency. While the Foreign Secretary understands the pressure to reduce the number of foreign visitors in the Prime Minister's diary, he hopes that, irrespective of her decision about a possible visit to Turkey, the Prime Minister will be able to spare Mr Halefoglu a little time on this occasion.

Yours ever,
L. Parker

(L. Parker)
Private Secretary

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PRIME MINISTER: International Comptroller

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✓/o
cc Sir PC
Mrs Ryder

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From the Private Secretary

26 January 1987

EXPO 88: PROPOSED VISIT TO AUSTRALIA BY
THE PRIME MINISTER

Thank you for your letter of 20 January suggesting that we should enter on the Prime Minister's forward planning chart a possible visit to Expo 88 in Brisbane in early August 1988.

We have noted this in the Prime Minister's diary. This implies no commitment whatever and we shall need to look at it again towards the end of this year. Its only status is a gleam in the eye.

CHARLES POWELL

Robert Culshaw, Esq., M.V.O.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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JB



Prime Minister

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

20 January 1987

Early August 1988

in a long way away.
 But you may like to
 see Charles, make this a gleam in
 your eye.

CDP 237i

Yes
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EXPO 88: Proposed visit to Australia
by the Prime Minister

Although Australia's Bicentenary Year is still 12 months away, our preparations for Britain's participation are well under way.

The Prime Minister's brief visit to Expo 86 in Vancouver was such a resounding success that the Foreign Secretary very much hopes that the Prime Minister will be able to visit Expo 88 in Brisbane. I am therefore writing to ask whether such a visit could now be entered on the Prime Minister's forward planning chart.

The UK was the first overseas country to confirm participation in Expo 88. The Expo's theme is "Leisure in the Age of Technology". Our aim is to demonstrate what Britain's leisure industries can offer. The Expo's theme will also allow us to promote tourism to the UK. Although Expos are meant to be educational events, commercial competition between the exhibiting nations will be intense. This will be an excellent opportunity for the Prime Minister to go out and "bat for Britain". Australia was eleventh in our 1985 export league table. For 1986 our visible and invisible exports will together amount to some £2 billion.

Expo 88 runs from 30 April to 30 October 1988. On present plans, a "British week" will be held from 1-7 August 1988 (most of the participating nations will have only a National Day). Our High Commissioner in Canberra, Sir John Leahy, considers that a visit by the Prime Minister during that week, half-way through Expo, would be well-timed to give a fillip to the exhibition as a whole. It would also bring increased

/publicity



publicity for British Week and increased attendance at our pavilion, and should increase sales at British store promotions and cultural events elsewhere. If, as at Vancouver, the Prime Minister could come by Concordia, the effect of a visit would be even greater. Sir John Leahy suggests Friday 5 August as the best day for the Prime Minister to visit Expo; the Prime Minister might spend Thursday 4 August in Canberra, to meet the Australian Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition and to speak at the National Press Club. An election is due in Australia before then, so we cannot yet be precise about the personalities involved.

These dates do not clash with those planned for visits to Australia by members of the Royal Family in 1988. As things stand, these are by The Queen in May, The Prince and Princess of Wales in January/February and perhaps the Duke and Duchess of York in October (none has yet been announced).

The Prime Minister last visited Australia in 1981 for CHOGM in Melbourne. The Foreign Secretary plans to make an official visit at the end of April this year. A visit by the Prime Minister in Bicentenary year should bring us substantial political and commercial benefits and disabuse the Australians of their assumption that we take them for granted.

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R N Culshaw

(R N Culshaw)
Private Secretary

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PRIME MINISTER

VISITORS FROM ABROAD

We have had a couple of requests for you to see visitors from abroad, both of which I would advise you to decline.

The Premier of Queensland, Sir Joh Bjelke-Peterson is coming the week after next to sign the agreement about British participation in EXPO 1988. He has asked for a meeting with you. You have seen him in the past. But the dates in question are already very full and there is nothing of particular substance to discuss. If you saw him, he would certainly press you very hard to give a commitment to attend EXPO '88 in Adelaide. Agree to convey regrets this time?

Sir John Hoskyns has asked whether you might be able to receive a number of South African members of the Institute of Directors who will be coming here for the annual conference in late February. You will of course be addressing the IOD's annual conference, so the South African members will hear your views at first hand. There is not a great deal we can do about South Africa at the moment as they prepare for elections. It would seem to me more appropriate for a Foreign Office Minister to see the group. Agree not to see them?

Charles Powell

9 January 1987

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N.S.
It now turns out that
Sir Joh Bjelke-Peterson
will not be coming.
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Will see
no

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MR POWELL

In Caroline's absence, I took a call this morning from a Mr Brown, Agent General for Queensland, who was ringing from Brisbane. He was ringing on behalf of his State Premier.

The Premier is planning to be in London soon for the signing of an agreement with the UK Government to a pavilion at Expo 1988, which is to be in Brisbane. The FCO are apparently organising the signing ceremony, and Lady Young will be representing the UK Government.

Sir Johannes Bjelke-Paterson is flying in on the afternoon of Wednesday 21st. The signing ceremony is at 6.00 pm on the 22nd and he leaves early on the Friday. He would very much like to have an opportunity for a short discussion with the Prime Minister, whom he has apparently met before.

I said that it was short notice, and that the days were full ones, but we would let Mr Brown's secretary have a firm reply early next week. Brown himself is in Brisbane until the 17th. His secretary is a Mrs Elizabeth Mills on 836-1333.

Thursday 22nd is a full day - Cabinet and Questions. There is a little time on the afternoon of Wednesday 21st, if you thought the Prime Minister would wish to see him. But I should have thought that the answer would be no.

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9 January 1987

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From the Private Secretary

19 December 1986

VISITS OVERSEAS BY THE PRIME MINISTER IN 1987

Thank you for your letter of 18 December making proposals for visits overseas by the Prime Minister in 1987. I think it would be helpful another time if we were to have an informal word about such proposals before you make them.

The Economic Summit, CHOGM, and the two European Councils are, of course, fixed events. The Prime Minister acknowledges the probable need to visit Paris briefly to make ratification of the Channel Fixed Link Treaty. We shall also need to bear in mind the possible need to pay a brief visit to Berlin in the context of the 750th Anniversary celebrations, although I should stress that the Prime Minister does not see any pressing need for this if The Queen is going.

As regards the bilateral visits, we are, of course, waiting for dates for the visit to Moscow and hope to have them very soon. The Prime Minister does not wish to pay a visit to Yugoslavia. She has already been there for President Tito's funeral. She does not think it makes sense to pay a further visit in a year in which she is already going to visit the Soviet Union. Given the Yugoslavs' economic difficulties, a visit seems bound to draw her into discussions about further Western assistance.

Nor does the Prime Minister think it necessary to go to Dublin for an Anglo/Irish Summit. Now that we have the Anglo/Irish Agreement, there is an established framework for regular Ministerial contacts and she of course has bilateral meetings with the Taoiseach in the margins of European Councils. She regards this as perfectly adequate. Moreover, there must be a likelihood that we shall find ourselves dealing with Mr. Haughey next year and the Prime Minister would certainly not wish to find herself committed to going to Dublin to meet him. This idea should not be pursued.

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My conclusion is that we should leave the question of further bilateral visits overseas open for the time being. When we come to consider them, the Prime Minister's priorities would be to visit Turkey and either Brazil or one or two friendly African countries such as Kenya and Cameroon. You will wish to bear these possibilities in mind but should not take any action about them for the time being.

CHARLES POWELL

A. C. Galsworthy, Esq., C.M.G.,
Foreign and Commonwealth office.

PRIME MINISTER

VISITS OVERSEAS BY THE PRIME MINISTER IN 1987

The FCO have taken it into their heads to suggest where you might go next year. They didn't bother to ask us.

I imagine that you will not want to give any commitments. You already have:

Visit to Moscow:	late March/early April
Economic Summit:	8-10 June
European Council:	29/30 June
CHOGM:	19-23 October
European Council:	4-5 December

You will probably need to pay a quick visit to Paris in the summer for ratification of the Channel Fixed Link Treaty. You may have to visit Berlin.

The FCO have two proposals in addition:

- (i) an Anglo-Irish Summit in Dublin; and
- (ii) a visit to Yugoslavia.

I have doubts about both.

I am not convinced that we really need Anglo-Irish Summits now that the Agreement is in place and there are regular intergovernmental Conferences. It seems to me enough that you should have regular bilaterals in the margins of European Councils. I am particularly doubtful whether it is wise to have one in what may be an election year (since it will stir up grumblings among the Unionists) and with the likelihood that Mr. Haughey will be Taoiseach.

Neither. I have been to Yugoslavia + nothing would persuade me to go to Dublin.

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I don't doubt the importance of Yugoslavia. I wonder whether it makes sense to go there in the year when you are already due to visit the Soviet Union. And they are in such an economic mess that you will inevitably find yourself having to fend off requests for help.

My own view is that you should decline to commit yourself to these two visits or indeed, at this stage, to any bilateral visits apart from Moscow. But once the picture becomes clearer, you might consider visits to Turkey; and to either Brazil or a couple of friendly African countries (e.g., Kenya and Cameroon). But these would be very much a gleam in the eye, without any dates attached to them.

May I steer the FCO in this direction?

Yes and

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CDP

18 December, 1986.

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London SW1A 2AH

18 December 1986

*Sean Charles,*Visits Overseas By the Prime Minister in 1987

The Ministerial Visits Committee met recently to consider departmental proposals for visits overseas in 1987 by the Prime Minister, Foreign Secretary and other FCO Ministers.

These proposals have now been considered by the Foreign Secretary and Sir Patrick Wright. I set out below the recommendations for the Prime Minister's bilateral visits next year. These are:-

Soviet Union

The Prime Minister has already agreed to visit the Soviet Union. The dates are not yet finally decided, possibly at the end of March/early April.

Republic of Ireland

As there was no Anglo-Irish Summit meeting in 1986 a visit in 1987 would enable a review of the progress in implementing the Anglo-Irish Agreement. The last Summit to be held at Dublin was in 1981. Since then, Anglo-Irish Summits have taken place either at London or in Northern Ireland.

Paris

This visit would be for the Ratification of the Channel Fixed Link Treaty.

Yugoslavia

We understand the Prime Minister might wish to visit another country in the general area of Eastern Europe as a follow-up to her visit to Hungary in 1984. A visit to Yugoslavia would be a return for the visit of the Yugoslav Prime Minister (President of the Federal Executive Council) in 1983 (Mrs Planinc). It would maintain the momentum of contacts at this level and enable the Prime Minister to meet the new Yugoslav Federal Government of Branko Mikulic. It would be particularly useful in encouraging Mr Mikulic to persevere with market-oriented economic policies.

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It would also show that development of HMG's relations with the Soviet Union and other Warsaw Pact countries is in no way at the expense of relations with Yugoslavia, whose independence we continue to support strongly.

/ I enclose a calendar of possible visits overseas in 1987, combining these suggestions with the regular Summits and European Community commitments.

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'A C Galsworthy', written over a horizontal line.

(A C Galsworthy)
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
10 Downing Street



Prime Minister's Travel Overseas in 1987

Soviet Union	Late March/early April
Venice (Economic Summit)	8-10 June
Brussels (European Council)	29-30 June
Republic of Ireland	Not known
Paris (Ratification of Channel Fixed Link Treaty)	Summer
Vancouver (CHOGM)	19-23 October
Yugoslavia	Autumn
Copenhagen (European Council)	4-5 December



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2 July 1986

Noted!
CR

Mrs. Lynda

The answer is that
there are no dates yet
because you are
being difficult!

Dear Charles,

European Councils, 1987

You asked in your letter of 1 July if we yet had dates for 1987. The answer is that the Community has not yet, despite a number of efforts, been able to decide the date of the Belgian European Council. My letter to you of 1 May offered 1-2 June. Your letter of 12 May said they were impossible for the Prime Minister. The Belgians later proposed 11-12 June, which clashes (as they should have known) with a meeting of the North Atlantic Council. This has now been pointed out to the Belgians. They have not yet come up with a further proposal.

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Yours ever,

Colin Budd

(C R Budd)
Private Secretary

We shall keep pressing!

C D Powell Esq
PS/10 Downing Street

I did a X for this yesterday which hasn't been typed yet!

MR. SHERBOURNE

Just as he was leaving Chequers on Saturday, M. Chirac said that he was glad to hear that the Prime Minister would be attending the IDU Conference in Vienna in September. The Prime Minister said this was the first she had heard of it. M. Chirac seemed surprised and said that he had been assured that the Prime Minister was going. It was round about 15 September. The Prime Minister said that she had plans to make one or two foreign visits in September but could not recall the exact dates. She would look into it. She would of course attend the IDU Conference if she could but it might be difficult.

Could you enlighten us please?

Mr Powell C.D.P. 28/4.

C.D.P.

1. I have spoken to Scott Hamilton. There has never been any question of the PM attending, and therefore there has not even been the formality of an invitation for her to decline.

2. I told Scott that I wouldn't put it past Mork to let party leaders think there is a good turn-out in order to "encourager les autres".

I have asked Scott to talk to Mork and if necessary (Camp had and fast on my mind 'suggestion'.

Steve 28/4.

C.D. Powell
26 April 1986



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

1 April 1986

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Dear Mark,

Visit by the Polish Foreign Minister

In Charles Powell's letter of 17 December about the Prime Minister's involvement with foreign visitors, he said that she did not want to see the Polish Foreign Minister.

Earlier this year Orzechowski accepted an invitation to visit the UK on 28-30 April. The Poles have since then tried several times to insist that he call on the Prime Minister. We have explained that we were not willing to arrange this, partly because the Prime Minister did not see visiting Foreign Ministers unless there was special business to be done, and partly because, as we had made clear, improvements in our relations depended upon improvements in the internal situation in Poland. The Polish Government's recent record in this respect has been poor.

The Poles have now postponed the visit on the grounds that Orzechowski is not willing to come unless he can see the Prime Minister.

The visit had not been announced, but there may of course be publicity. If asked by the Press, we intend to take the line that it was cancelled by the Poles because of difficulties in agreeing a suitable programme. If asked what these difficulties were, we plan to tell the Press the facts, on an unattributable basis.

/By

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Rene Rivoli
You should be aware
of this. I am sure
it was right not to
see him CDP
etc



By reacting in this way, the Poles have damaged their own objective of "normalising" their relations with Western countries. It will of course be possible for us to continue the dialogue with them in other ways. There are provisional plans for Mr Renton to visit Poland in the autumn, and the Poles have just proposed a visit by their Trade Minister in October.

Yours Sincerely,
Colin Budd

(C R Budd)
Private Secretary

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*See Mrs
LOHASZ
copy to Phillips*

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From the Private Secretary

19 February 1986

PRIME MINISTER'S VISITS ABROAD

You may find it helpful to have a note of Mr. Thatcher's proposed participation in the Prime Minister's foreign visits this year.

Mr. Thatcher will accompany the Prime Minister to Israel, to Vancouver, to Norway (if 11/12 September), to British Forces Germany (but not the Anglo-German Summit). For the first three, Mr. Thatcher will want a separate programme.

Mr. Thatcher will not accompany the Prime Minister to the Anglo-Italian Summit, Korea, the Tokyo Economic Summit or the European Council in The Hague.

CHARLES POWELL

Robert Culshaw, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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MR. POWELL

I had a meeting with Mr. Thatcher this morning and we agreed the following:

1. He will come to Israel.
2. He will come to Vancouver.
3. He would like to come to Norway, but he has a Board meeting on Wednesday 10 September and therefore can only manage 11 or 12 September. I have told the Foreign Office but would it be wise to write? The Prime Minister is in fact not doing anything during the weekend of 13/14 September so it could overlap if desired. But please do not forget about Germany the following week.
4. Mr. Thatcher would like to do the Forces part of the Germany trip. I warned him he would probably have to fly down on a commercial flight to join the Prime Minister following her regular bilaterals.

CP.

CAROLINE RYDER
19 February 1986

CJ



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cc: Sir P. Cudworth

17 December 1985

From the Private Secretary

PRIME MINISTER'S FOREIGN TRAVEL IN 1986

I have had a talk with the Prime Minister about her plans for foreign travel in 1986 and you may find it helpful to have this note of where matters stand. I have set it out in chronological order:

- we have proposed 20 January for the Prime Minister's visit to Lille for the Channel Fixed Link announcement;
- we have proposed 12 March for the Anglo/Italian Summit;
- there may be a European Council on 20/21 March;
- the Prime Minister will not be going abroad during the Easter Recess (28 March to 6 April);
- the Prime Minister will visit Korea on 2/3 May going on to
- the Economic Summit in Tokyo on 4/6 May;
- the Prime Minister is considering a visit to Israel at the beginning of the Whitsun recess, possibly on 24/26 May;
- the Prime Minister is also considering the possibility of going to Vancouver for the British Day of Expo 86 provided this can be on Saturday 12 July, but no decision has yet been taken;
- the Prime Minister would like to pay a 48-hour visit to Norway some time in the period 10-18 September;
- in the same period - 10-18 September - we should like to hold the Anglo-German Summit and the subsequent visit to BAOR.

/The Prime Minister

AP.

The Prime Minister does not want to make any travel plans at this stage for the autumn, though recognises that she may have to pay visits to a number of European capitals as President of the European Community. She is now disinclined to pay a visit to Spain in the latter part of the year and has decided firmly against visits to anywhere in Africa or Latin America.

CHARLES POWELL

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From the Private Secretary

17 December 1985

PRIME MINISTER'S INVOLVEMENT WITH FOREIGN VISITORS

Thank you for your letter of 16 December with which you enclosed a list of foreign visitors in the first seven months of next year whose visits may call for the Prime Minister's involvement.

I confirm that the Prime Minister would not want to see or be involved with the visits of the Foreign Ministers of Syria, Algeria, Poland or Czechoslovakia. In addition, she would not, on reflection, wish to be involved with the visit of the Soviet Minister of Agriculture. Nor would she wish to see the Governing Mayor of Berlin. She has already seen the present Mayor on one occasion and it was a singularly fruitless meeting.

The Prime Minister remains reluctant to see us stimulate a visit by President Diouf of Senegal, though would see him if he were passing through London in any event. She sees no advantage in an early meeting with President Kyprianou and would not wish us to encourage him to pay a visit in the next few months (though again if he comes she will inevitably have to see him).

CHARLES POWELL

Len Appleyard, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

PRIME MINISTER

FOREIGN VISITORS

I attach a list of foreign visitors, agreed and prospective, for the first seven months of 1986. There will inevitably be more as time passes.

Agree that I can say no to the Foreign Ministers of Syria, Algeria, Poland and Cyprus?

There are three more to whom I am inclined to say no:

- (a) President Diouf of Senegal. Our interest in Francophone Africa is small and unlikely to increase. The only real reason for seeing him is that he is current Chairman of the OAU. The Foreign Office want you to see him: I doubt that he will be any real influence on OAU views on South Africa and think it does not warrant your time (it would involve a talk plus lunch or dinner).
- (b) President Kyprianou. You have devoted a great deal of time to him, but the results have been meagre. My inclination is to decline to see him - and to let him know this - until there has been some progress with the Secretary-General's initiative.
- (c) Soviet Minister of Agriculture. You will be seeing the Soviet Foreign Minister and I don't really see why you should receive the Agriculture Minister. Gorbachev wouldn't see Mr. Jopling.

Agree to say no to all three?

CJP

CHARLES POWELL

I must see him if he comes - he was helpful over the Falklands

They have to see not

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PRIME MINISTER: INVOLVEMENT WITH FOREIGN VISITORS

<u>Country</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Dates</u>
<u>Firm</u>			
Israel	PM	Peres	22-23 Jan
Turkey	PM	Ozal	17-19 Feb
Korea	Hd/State	Chun (GPG)*	8-10 Apr
Kiribati	Hd/State	Tabai	7-15 Apr
Spain	Hd/State	Juan Carlos (State)	22-25 Apr
FRG	Hd/State	von Weizsaecker (State)	1-4 Jul

Agreed in principle

Soviet Union	FM	Shevardnadze**	?
Soviet Union	Agriculture	Murakhovski**	?
Venezuela	Hd/State	Lusinch (GOG)	?

Pipeline

Nigeria	FM	Akinyemi	7-9 Jan
Japan	FM	Abe	21 Jan
Senegal	Hd/State	Diouf	5-6 Feb
NATO	Sec-Gen	Carrington	14 or 24 Feb
? Syria	FM	Shara'a	March
UN	Sec-Gen	Perez de Cuellar	May
China	Gen Sec	Hu Yaobang	June

Prospective

? Algeria	FM	Ibrahimi	?
Dominica	PM	Miss Charles	mid-summer
Malaysia	PM	Mahathir	?
Berlin	Mayor	Dieppen	?
Portugal	PM	Cavaco Silva	?
Cyprus	Hd/State	Kyprianou	?
? Poland	FM	Orzechowski	?
? Czechoslovakia	FM	Chnoupek	?

* Official Guest of Government visit

** Two senior Russians agreed by No 10, 5 June 1984

PRIME MINISTER

c Mr Ingham

VISITS ABROAD 1986

We have relatively few plans for you to travel abroad next year. The only fixed dates are:

- visit to Lille for Channel Fixed Link announcement on 20 January.
- Anglo/Italian bilaterals in Florence on 12 March (eighteen months since last one).
- European Council on 20/21 March. But this may fall away.
- visit to Korea 2/3 May.
- Tokyo Economic Summit 4/6 May.
- European Council on 26/28 June.

We shall have to find dates for Anglo/French and Anglo/German bilaterals towards the middle of the year (including a visit to BAOR in connection with the German one). You may also have to pay some brief visits to European capitals during our Presidency of the Community in the second half of the year.

I have noted that you do NOT want to travel during the Easter recess (28 March-6 April). ✓

Against this background you may wish to consider the following ideas:

(i) Visit to Israel

This is the balancing visit for your visits to Egypt and Jordan. It needs 48 hours, and will only proceed if Mr. Peres is Prime Minister. You may like to consider dates in the Whitsun recess (26 May-1 June).

Agree? *Not very keen. - Top soon after his visit here*

(ii) Visit to Norway

You have long expressed an interest in this. The problem over acid rain may cast a bit of a blight: equally you will be able to put up a more robust statement of our case than anyone else. September is a good time. And you could combine it with a visit to British (NATO) forces in north Norway. Agree?

Yes not

(iii) Expo 86 in Vancouver

This will be the occasion for a major export drive in a rich market. British day could be either Tuesday 8 July or Saturday 12 July (when the Royal Ballet will be staging a world premiere). July is of course very far from ideal for you. But it could be done by Concorde (extra costs borne by British Airways), going out on the Friday and back early on the Monday. Worth a thought: it'll be your principal opportunity next year for export promotion. Agree to consider?

Yes not

(iv) Visit to Spain

The Foreign Secretary has more than once suggested that you should visit Spain in the second half of next year. I am not sure whether this is a good idea in the light of the Spanish Government's recent behaviour over Gibraltar. And we already have the King's visit here in the early part of the year. My inclination would be to defer judgement on this. Agree to defer? ✓

These are the only specific proposals on the table. There are three more possibilities worth touching on:

(i) Soviet Union

You have more than once referred to the possibility of resuming your dialogue with Gorbachev. You agree (I think) that it would not be right to move ahead too fast on this, and that the first step is for Sherardnadze to come here (probably in April/May). A visit to the Soviet Union would be a pretty big step.

The only thought which occurs to me is to suggest that Gorbachev might stop over here on the way to or from the next Summit meeting with President Reagan. Agree to discuss with Foreign Secretary?

(ii) Africa

Apart from the CHOGM in Lusaka in 1979 you have not (I think) been to sub-Saharan Africa as Prime Minister. Given the prominence now assumed in the press and public debate of famine and third world problems generally, you may feel that a brief visit to selected African countries would be worthwhile. In that case Kenya, Malawi and Cameroon would be candidates as sensible, moderate governments which have tried to concentrate on feeding their own people. This could be done in a week in September. Any interest? Or drop from consideration? *Not*

(iii) Latin America

Personally I don't see much to be gained except perhaps by a visit to Brazil (and The Queen is going there). Agree not to pursue this?

C.D.P.

C.D. POWELL

16 September 1985

** It's just conceivable that you would wish to consider a visit to South Africa if the eminent persons made great progress. But this must be unlikely.*

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Master on Senegal: Relations rrcg.
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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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16 December 1985

Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's Involvement with Foreign Visitors

Thank you for your letter of 28 November. You ask for a list of visitors whom the FCO have advised or expect to advise the Prime Minister to receive during the first seven months of 1986, against which to consider the proposed visit by President Diouf of Senegal. I attach the list. When you have had time to consider it perhaps we could have a word. Our inclination would be to spare the Prime Minister all those on this list with a question mark against them.

Returning to President Diouf, the argument which we would advance for a call on the Prime Minister is not so much our interests in Senegal, which are indeed limited, as the potential significance of his role as Chairman of the OAU. At a time when the French are trying to curry favour with the anglophone Africans in the context of policy towards South Africa, there is a lot to be said for our doing what we can to lobby the key francophones - especially one who is both moderate on South Africa and (through his OAU role) influential. We should try both to enlist his support for the EPG initiative and to give him a greater understanding of UK policy.

Diouf plans to be in the UK from 5-6 February.

Yours we,

Le Appleyard

(L V Appleyard)
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
10 Downing Street

PRIME MINISTER: INVOLVEMENT WITH FOREIGN VISITORS

<u>Country</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Dates</u>
<u>Firm</u>			
Israel	PM	Peres	22-23 Jan
Turkey	PM	Ozal	17-19 Feb
Korea	Hd/State	Chun (GPG)*	8-10 Apr
Kiribati	Hd/State	Tabai	7-15 Apr
Spain	Hd/State	Juan Carlos (State)	22-25 Apr
FRG	Hd/State	von Weizsaecker (State)	1-4 Jul

Agreed in principle

Soviet Union	FM	Shevardnadze**	?
Soviet Union	Agriculture	Murakhovski**	?
Venezuela	Hd/State	Lusinchi (GOG)	?

Pipeline

Nigeria	FM	Akinyemi	7-9 Jan
Japan	FM	Abe	21 Jan
Senegal	Hd/State	Diouf	5-6 Feb
NATO	Sec-Gen	Carrington	14 or 24 Feb
? Syria	FM	Shara'a	March
UN	Sec-Gen	Perez de Cuellar	May
China	Gen Sec	Hu Yaobang	June

Prospective

? Algeria	FM	Ibrahimi	?
Dominica	PM	Miss Charles	mid-summer
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** Two senior Russians agreed by No 10, 5 June 1984

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From the Secretary of the Cabinet and Head of the Home Civil Service

Sir Robert Armstrong GCB CVO

Ref. A085/3110

2 December 1985

Dear Len,

As you know, the Prime Minister is opposed to further institutionalisation of the annual Economic Summit meetings, and views with some disfavour the tendency to set up meetings of Ministers of the "Summit 7" - now sometimes even called the "G7" - independently of the Summit meetings themselves. This makes it desirable to ensure that, before invitations to any such meetings, either at Ministerial or at official level, are accepted, there is an opportunity to consult the Prime Minister. As her Personal Representative for the purpose of Economic Summits, I should be grateful if such consultation with the Prime Minister could be routed through me. The aim will be to consider each invitation to attend such a meeting on its merits, and to accept it only when there are positive reasons in the British national interest for doing so. I should also like to ensure similar consultation if at any stage proposals emerge at such meetings which go beyond the mandate specifically proposed by Heads of Government.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Private Secretaries to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Home Secretary, the Secretary of State for Energy and the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry and to Charles Powell.

Yours ever
Robert

L V Appleyard Esq

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~~MR. POWELL~~

We spoke.
CR.

EURO BILATERALS

I would like to ascertain as soon as possible the dates for the European bilaterals as the Prime Minister's diary for 1986 is getting very booked up and we only have a few whole days free.

CR.

(Caroline Ryder)

27 November 1985

PRIME MINISTER'S VISITS ABROAD

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[This record shows days spent out of the country, including part-days and travelling time, but where the Prime Minister has returned to the in the early hours of the morning that day has been discounted.]

1979Date

France	5 June
France	21-22 June
Japan	26 June - 2 July
USSR (Stop-over Dinner)	
Australia	
Zambia	30 July - 8 August
Italy	4-5 October
Luxembourg	18-19 October
Germany	31 October
Republic of Ireland	29-30 November
USA	16-19 December
	TOTAL DAYS = 31

1980

Luxembourg	27-28 April
Yugoslavia	7-8 May
Italy	12-13 June
Italy	21-23 June
France	18-19 September
Greece	22-26 September
Yugoslavia	
Germany	16-17 November
Italy	23-24 November
Luxembourg	1-2 December
Republic of Ireland	8 December
	TOTAL DAYS = 23

PRIME MINISTER'S VISITS ABROAD (cont)

1981

Netherlands	6 February
USA	25 February - 1 March
Netherlands	23-24 March
India)	
Saudi Arabia)	
Abu Dhabi)	
Dubai)	14-25 April
Oman)	
Qatar)	
Luxembourg	29-30 June
Canada	19-22 July
Kuwait)	
Bahrain)	
Australia)	25 September - 9 October
Pakistan)	
Mexico	21-26 October
Germany	17-18 November
Strasbourg	16 December
	TOTAL DAYS = 50

1982

Belgium	29-30 March
France	4-6 June
Germany	9-10 June
USA	22-24 June
Belgium	28-29 June
Italy	7 July
Hong Kong)	
China)	16-29 September
Germany	28-29 October
France	4-5 November
Denmark	3-4 December
	TOTAL DAYS = 33

PRIME MINISTER'S VISITS ABROAD (cont)

1983

Falkland Islands		7-13 January
Belgium		22-23 March
USA		29-30 May
Germany		17-19 June
Germany)	19-21 September
Netherlands)	
Canada)	25-30 September
USA)	
Germany		9-10 November
India		21-30 November
Greece		4-6 December
		TOTAL DAYS = 38

1984

France		23 January
Italy		26-27 January
Hungary		2-4 February
USSR		13-14 February
Belgium		19-20 March
Portugal		17-19 April
France		4 May
France		25-26 June
India		2-4 November
France		29 November - 1 December
Republic of Ireland		3-4 December
China)	17-22 December
Hong Kong)	
USA)	
		TOTAL DAYS = 30

PRIME MINISTER'S VISITS ABROAD (cont)

1985

Germany		18 January
USA		19-21 February
USSR		13-14 March
Belgium		29-30 March
Malaysia)	
Brunei)	
Indonesia)	
Singapore)	4-14 April
Sri Lanka)	
India)	
Saudi Arabia)	
Germany		2-4 May
Italy (left late eve. on 27th)		27-29 June
USA		25-27 July



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From the Private Secretary

7 August 1985

Thank you for your letter of 5 August making proposals for bilateral meetings throughout the autumn before the December European Council.

The Prime Minister has agreed to the pattern of meetings proposed for the Foreign Secretary and Mr. Williamson envisaged in your letter. I am afraid however that, as I have already indicated, the Prime Minister will not be able to find time during November, which as you know is a particularly busy month this year with an incoming State Visit and two bilateral meetings already, to find time for working meals with the Prime Ministers of Luxembourg and The Netherlands. She has however agreed to hold talks with the Luxembourg Prime Minister on 21 November from 1700 to 1800, provided this will be convenient, on the assumption that the Foreign Secretary will be holding a meal for Mr. Santer either before or after the Prime Minister's meeting.

I am copying this letter to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

(Tim Flesher)

Peter Ricketts, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

PRIME MINISTER

NOVEMBER BILATERALS

You decided yesterday (minute attached) that you do not wish, given the weight of other business, to receive the Luxembourg Prime Minister or the Dutch Prime Minister during November. The Foreign Office accept that pressure of business rules out Lubbers but put in a special plea for the Luxembourg Prime Minister as a means of keeping him on side during what may be a difficult European Council meeting on 2/3 December. They ask if you will be prepared to see the Luxembourg Prime Minister for talks on Thursday 21 November when Geoffrey Howe could give him dinner afterwards. On that evening you are holding a reception to launch the Winter Ball.

Agree to hold talks with the Luxembourg Prime Minister on 21 November with a dinner, in which you would not be involved, given by the Foreign Secretary to follow?

Yes not

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TIM FLESHER
6 August 1985

PRIME MINISTER

EUROPEAN BILATERALS

Attached is a letter from the Foreign Office setting out the pattern of bilaterals with European Community leaders over the next six months. The Foreign Office also propose that you should have bilateral meetings with:

- (i) the Luxembourg Prime Minister in view of the Luxembourg Presidency;
- (ii) the Dutch Prime Minister.

The Foreign Office want both of these in November. I need hardly remind you that November is a truly awful month including as it does the Debate on the Address (6 November), the Lord Mayor's Banquet (11 November), the State Visit of the Amir of Qatar (12, 13 and 14 November), a regional tour (15 November), your Weekend World interview (17 November), French bilaterals (18 November), Plesseys (22 November), Germany bilaterals (27 November) and the European Council 2 and 3 December). With the usual pattern of Cabinet and Questions days this leaves very few days indeed for further meetings. Indeed, apart from weekends, you only have the following days free for lunches (taking into account speech preparation for the Debate on the Address and the Lord Mayor's Banquet):

Monday 4 November

Thursday 7 November

Wednesday 20 November

Friday 28 November.

→ Because no lunches?
I think we should
still keep free
because of big speeches
not

Every other lunch in November is taken up as well as nearly every dinner in November. In view of this do you wish to offer lunch and a meal to:

(the first priority).

(i) the Luxembourg Prime Minister, and

(ii) the Dutch Prime Minister?

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No

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TIM FLESHER
5 August 1985

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Prime Ministers:

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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*To note his pattern
of meetings. Do J*

5 August, 1985

Dear Tim,

European Community: Bilateral Meetings before the December

European Council

Discussions in the Inter-governmental conference, starting in September, will need to be backed up by bilateral contacts with other EC Member States. Sir Geoffrey Howe has already had talks with the German and Luxembourg Foreign Ministers. He will be seeing M. Dumas in late August and plans to arrange meetings with other Foreign Ministers during the autumn.

Sir Geoffrey Howe will be making a speech in Bonn on 3 October. If the Prime Minister agrees, that might be an occasion for the Foreign Secretary to ask to see Chancellor Kohl on her behalf as a means of ensuring that we keep in close touch with the Germans throughout the period of the Inter-governmental Conference. We shall also be having a series of meetings at official level. In the case of the Germans, this will need to include meetings with Teltschik. If the Prime Minister agreed, these might be conducted by David Williamson.

The Prime Minister already has a number of bilaterals with EC Heads of Government scheduled for the autumn: Signor Craxi (29/30 October); President Mitterrand (18 November) and Chancellor Kohl (27 November). The timing of these meetings (particularly the last two) is good from the Community standpoint, ie fairly close to the European Council and at a point where we should know the shape of the package on which decisions will need to be taken.

The Luxembourg Presidency have so far shown every sign of wanting to reach agreement in December. They will, however, come under considerable pressure as the Conference progresses and we shall need to keep in close contact with them. Sir Geoffrey Howe believes it will be very desirable for the Prime Minister to have a bilateral meeting with the Luxembourg Prime Minister towards the end of November, ie when we have a good idea of the



proposals which are likely to go to the European Council. He therefore very much hopes that the Prime Minister may be able to invite Mr Santer to London for a working meal and talks. If the Prime Minister agrees, we recommend that our Ambassador in Luxembourg should be asked to make a preliminary approach to Mr Santer's office now to launch the invitation and suggest possible dates.

The Prime Minister's last bilateral meeting with the Dutch Prime Minister was on 26 January, in London. The Dutch, who will succeed Luxembourg in the Presidency, are conscious of the consequences for them of a failure to reach agreement in the Inter-governmental Conference. Although they favour Treaty amendment, they are so far showing signs of wanting to work with us for a realistic outcome. If it was possible for the Prime Minister to find an additional slot - and he recognises this will be difficult - the Foreign Secretary very much hopes that the Prime Minister will also be able to offer to meet M. Lubbers in November. He too might be invited to London for a working meal/talks, as before.

I am copying this letter to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

Yours ever,
Peter Ricketts

(P F Ricketts)
Private Secretary

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From the Private Secretary

13 June 1985

PRIME MINISTER'S MEETINGS WITH VISITORS

Thank you for your letter of 4 June. I am glad to see that we agree on the need to reduce the number of the Prime Minister's meetings with foreign visitors; for the Foreign Office to be more selective in the proposals which it puts forward for such meetings; and for provisional appointments only to be made for visitors who are not Heads of State or Government. We shall maintain a forward log of foreign visitors which I shall review weekly and put to the Prime Minister as necessary for decisions.

I have considered your suggestion of shorter, courtesy calls with a natural termination point. I am afraid it won't work. The Prime Minister considers half-an-hour the minimum time which can sensibly be devoted to a foreign visitor: and if he is not worth half-an-hour, then he is probably not worth seeing.

I am copying this letter to Antony Acland.

(C. D. POWELL)

L. V. Appleyard, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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From the Private Secretary

11 June 1985

BILATERAL SUMMITS WITH FRANCE AND GERMANY

Thank you for your letter of 10 June. I am sorry to hear that the details of the proposed bilateral summits are not convenient for the Chancellor. But I detect from your letter that he will find the hardship of being unable to attend them bearable.

I am copying this letter to Len Appleyard in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

(C. D. POWELL)

Mrs. Rachel Lomax,
HM Treasury.



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Mr Powell
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10 June 1985

Dear Charles,

BILATERAL SUMMITS WITH GERMANY, FRANCE AND ITALY

We have seen a copy of FCO telegram No 202 ^{210? at head} to Bonn of 15 May proposing dates for the proposed summits with the Italians, French and Germans in the autumn.

Although it will presumably be decided nearer the time whether Finance Ministers are to participate, I should let you know now that the dates proposed are likely to be very difficult for the Chancellor.

First, as you know, he will be heavily pre-occupied with the usual preparation for the Autumn Statement at the end of October and during November.

Second, at present meetings of the ECOFIN Council are scheduled for 28 October and 18 November. The latter would preclude attendance of Finance Ministers at the Anglo-French Summit; and the former would probably make their attendance at the Anglo-Italian Summit unnecessary. These meetings in any case usually provide a more productive occasion for discussion of current Community and bilateral issues between Finance Ministers.

I am copying this letter to Len Appleyard at the FCO.

*Yours ever
Rachel.*

RACHEL LOMAX
Principal Private Secretary

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7 June 1985

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Dear Charles,

Bilateral Summits with the FRG, France and Italy: Autumn 1985

Thank you for your letter of 2 May. We duly put the dates which you offered to the French. We have now heard from the French that they accept our proposal for a one-day Summit meeting in London on 18 November.

The Germans have still not confirmed whether 27 November is acceptable for the bilateral summit in Bonn. The Queen's reception for the Diplomatic Corps, which was provisionally planned for 27 November, and which would have obliged the Prime Minister to return from Bonn by 1830, will now be held on 28 November. We do not yet know whether the Germans want the Summit to conclude before or after dinner. Pending their response on this I suggest that the evening of 27 November should be kept free in the Prime Minister's diary.

It is now agreed, subject to confirmation, that the summit with the Italians will take place in Florence on 29/30 October. But the possibility of a change of government in Italy which might cause this to be changed cannot be wholly excluded.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to Mr Lawson, Mr Walker, Mr Heseltine, Mr Jenkin, Mr Tebbit, Mr Jopling, Mr Ridley and Lord Gowrie, and to Richard Hatfield in the Cabinet Office.

Yours ever,

(P F Ricketts)
Private Secretary

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4 June 1985

PERSONAL

Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's Meetings with Visitors

Many thanks for your letter of 8 May about the Prime Minister's meetings with foreign visitors. I have now had a chance to discuss this with Antony Acland.

We very much agree with your approach that a systematic effort must be made to ration the Prime Minister's time with foreign visitors. One difficulty is of course that the Prime Minister is now an international superstar. All the Foreign Ministers want to call on her, and to be seen to have had a meeting with her. As a Commonwealth Prime Minister, by now among the most senior as well as the most widely respected, she is a particularly strong source of attraction there.

In the light of these various considerations, we agree with the two proposals which you make, ie only in exceptional circumstances should anyone other than a visiting Head of State or Head of Government be proposed for a call on the Prime Minister, and that we should have a rolling forward review for candidates who would only be given initially a provisional date in the Prime Minister's diary. At our end, we will try to exercise even greater discretion and selectivity in putting forward proposals for calls on the Prime Minister by people other than Heads of State or Government. Since we do not ourselves keep a log of proposed calls on the Prime Minister, could I leave it to you to initiate the rolling review whenever appropriate?

We are nevertheless still attracted to the idea of trying to make greater use of short courtesy calls on the Prime Minister, billed as such in advance with the countries concerned. This would enable some Foreign Ministers to achieve their principal aim of having met the Prime Minister and having been seen with her. I realise that from your standpoint there are genuine practical difficulties with this idea. But it may be possible to make more of this device by the use of diary slots which have a natural termination point. If you thought there was any chance of doing this, we would tell any visitors who qualified for this treatment that this was an exceptional gesture reserved for a few

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specially favoured Ministers, in view of the Prime Minister's very heavy programme. Perhaps you would let me know in due course whether you think on reflection that we might try this?

I am copying this letter to Antony Acland.

Yours ever,

Len Appleyard

(L. V. Appleyard)
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YOUR TEL NO 41

EUROPEAN COUNCIL DATES IN THE NETHERLANDS PRESIDENCY

1. THERE HAVE BEEN VARIOUS TEL/CONS BETWEEN THIS EMBASSY AND THE DEPARTMENT SINCE MY TEL NO 119 REPORTING MY APPROACH TO THE DUTCH ABOUT DATES OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL DURING THEIR PRESIDENCY. I SHOULD, HOWEVER, REPORT FOR THE RECORD WHAT YOU MAY WELL HAVE HEARD LONG SINCE FROM UKREP BRUSSELS. THE DUTCH HAVE INFORMED ME OFFICIALLY THAT THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING IN JUNE 1986 WILL NOT START UNTIL 1800 HOURS ON THURSDAY, 26 JUNE. THE FIRST ENGAGEMENT WILL BE A RECEPTION BEFORE THE QUEEN'S DINNER. THE COUNCIL WILL CONTINUE THROUGH FRIDAY. IF THERE IS A HEAVY AGENDA, IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO RESERVE THE MORNING OF SATURDAY, 28 JUNE FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION. IN TELLING ME THIS, MR POSTHUMUS MEYJES SAID THAT THESE ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE ESPECIALLY TO ACCOMMODATE THE PRIME MINISTER'S PROBLEM OVER A THURSDAY MEETING. I DULY THANKED HIM.

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bc: Sir P. Cradock

23 May 1985

NETHERLANDS PRESIDENCY:
EUROPEAN COUNCIL DATES

Thank you for your letter of 23 May about the dates of the second European Council in 1986. I confirm that 26 and 27 June are acceptable to the Prime Minister.

Charles Powell

Colin Budd, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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London SW1A 2AH

23 May 1985

Dear Charles,

Netherlands Presidency: European Council Dates

You will recall that the Dutch proposed 26/27 June for their second European Council in 1986. 26 June is a Thursday and therefore inconvenient for the Prime Minister (your letter of 23 April).

As a result of our representations, the Dutch have moved in our direction and now propose to start the June European Council with a dinner in the evening of Thursday 26 June, the Council continuing all day on Friday. The Dutch say the Council could continue on the morning of Saturday, 28 June, if necessary.

I should be grateful if you could let me know whether 26 and 27 June are acceptable to the Prime Minister on the basis now proposed. If so, we would make clear to the Dutch that we accept on the understanding that the Council will end on the evening of 27 June.

I am copying this letter to David Williamson in the Cabinet Office.

Yours ever,



Colin Budd

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From the High Commissioner
Sir Derek Day KCMG

Prime Minister
You may like to bear
in mind this possibility

Charles Powell Esq
Prime Minister's Office
No 10 Downing Street
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3 May 1985
when you come to
consider next year's
programme. CDP

Dear Charles,

I mentioned to you my hope that the Prime Minister might be able to visit Canada in 1986. Here are my reasons.

- i. We could and should do more trade with Canada. Our sales in 1984 totalled Cdn \$2.3 billion (equivalent to £1.37 billion at current exchange rates). This is an increase of 28% over 1983. But some of our competitors have done even better: France up 45%, Germany up 38%, Japan up 29.4%. There are commercial opportunities in Canada, big and small, for the energetic and enterprising British exporter. A visit by the Prime Minister would give encouragement to those already active in the field and an impetus to others.
- ii. Canada has come back into the Alliance fold after the lean-ish Trudeau years. Mulroney deserves credit for this. It is not a risk-free policy for him. He will be sniped at from both left and right, the latter fearful of a diminution of Canadian sovereignty and independence. We need to encourage him to remain on course. A visit of the Prime Minister would greatly help to reinforce the current favourable trends in Canada's international policy.
- iii. EXPO 86 is being held in Vancouver next year. This is the major international exhibition of the year. All our political and commercial rivals will be there in strength (eg the Soviet Union and Eastern European countries, the US, France, Germany, Japan). We will have a substantial UK Pavilion. The theme of EXPO 86 is Communication and Transport. This will be

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an important opportunity to display our high technological achievements in this sector. A visit by the Prime Minister to coincide with, if possible, the British Day on 8 July would make an enormous impact. An arrival by Concorde (which could then put on a show over the city and EXPO site) would provide icing on the cake. And the whole thing is happening in British Columbia.

I realise only too well the competing claims on the Prime Minister's time. I hope nevertheless that it might be possible to fit in a visit which, at a pinch, need be no more than one full day in Vancouver and one day in Ottawa.

Yours ever.

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P.S. It was good to see you
 earlier this week. Thanks for all
 your help over the visit.



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

2 May 1985

Bilateral Summit, with the FRG,
France and Italy: Autumn 1985

Thank you for your letter of 2 May about the dates for this autumn's bilateral summits.

It is good news that the dates for the Italians and Germans seem likely to be acceptable. I could offer as alternative dates for the Anglo-French summit either Monday 18 November or Friday 13 December. The former would be better since it is before the European Council.

(Charles Powell)

Colin Budd, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Mandy
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2 May 1985

Dear Charles,

Bilateral Summits with the FRG, France and Italy:
Autumn 1985

Thank you for your letter of 16 April proposing possible dates for the three summits this autumn. We asked our Ambassadors for advice on:

- (i) Tues-Wed 29-30 October in Rome;
- (ii) Tues-Wed 19-20 November (for the annual French Summit) in London;
- (iii) Wed 27 November in Bonn.

Italy

Lord Bridges' soundings suggest that 29-30 October could suit the Italians.

FRG

Cabinet meetings are held traditionally in Bonn on Wednesdays, but since Kohl took office the Cabinet has met only spasmodically. Sir Julian Bullard therefore sees no objection to proposing 27 November to the Germans. The 1981 and 1983 autumn summits took place in Bonn on Wednesdays.

France

The French Cabinet also meets on Wednesdays. Mitterrand has held Cabinet meetings on other days but only when paying a major overseas visit lasting several days. Sir John Fretwell thinks that we should have to offer some explanation of why, several months before the event, the only date we proposed was one which was known to conflict with long established French practice. It would be most helpful therefore if you could suggest an alternative date this autumn for Mitterrand to come here.

/Switching



Switching Dates?

We have considered whether it would be possible to juggle with the three sets of dates. But 27 November and 30 October would be open to the same objection as 20 November for France; and 20 November is a public holiday (Repentance Day) in Germany. Kohl may in any event be in Zambia. We also considered whether to suggest bringing the Summit with France forward and confining it to 19 November. This does not seem desirable either. The Prime Minister would have questions in the House on that day (Tuesday) while the Foreign Secretary has a European Community meeting of Foreign Ministers (political cooperation).

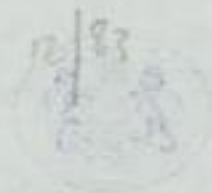
Yours ever,

Colin Budd

(C R Budd)
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
10 Downing Street

PM : PM's international commitment



52 MAY 1985



PM
MRS RYDER

SIGNATURE OF ACCESSION TREATY WITH SPAIN AND PORTUGAL

The Prime Minister wants to keep open the option of attending this in Lisbon and Madrid in June.

They are trying to agree dates in Brussels. I have said 10 June is first choice (but no-one else supports it). I have said that 12 and 13 June are impossible. I have proposed 19 or 18 June in that order as second choices (difficult for PM but might be possible).

Is this all right?

OK CR.

C.D.P.

C D POWELL

1 May 1985



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

23 April 1985

EUROPEAN COUNCIL DATES IN THE NETHERLANDS PRESIDENCY

The Prime Minister has seen The Hague telegram No. 119, reporting the latest exchanges on the dates for the European Council in the Netherlands Presidency.

If the Netherlands remain firm in their intention to start the March Council with lunch on Thursday 20 March, the Prime Minister proposes to hold Cabinet at 9 a.m. that morning and leave immediately afterwards, in order to attend the lunch. You should, however, please keep up pressure on the Netherlands to change the June dates.

I am copying this letter to David Williamson in the Cabinet Office.

(C. D. POWELL)

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



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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

16 April 1985

Forthcoming Bilateral Summits with the FRG, France and Italy

Thank you for your letter of 3 April about arrangements for bilateral summits this autumn with the FRG, France and Italy.

The Prime Minister's diary is filling rapidly in the autumn. But I have identified three dates which could be reserved for bilateral summits. They are: 29/30 October, 19/20 November and 27 November. My inclination is to suggest 29/30 October to the Italians. The Prime Minister might fly to Rome in time for dinner on 29 October and return after lunch on 30 October: or fly over early on 30 October for a full day of meetings returning that evening. 19/20 November might be offered to the Germans. The Prime Minister's preference would be to compress the summit into a single day as with the last summit in January, going over early on 20 November and returning in the afternoon. 27 November would then be free to have the French here.

I suggest that you take soundings on this basis. But we will be very pressed to find alternatives, and you have discretion to shuffle the pack as necessary if one or other Government has difficulty with the dates offered (i.e. if the Italians cannot manage 29/30 October they can be offered one of the other dates).

I shall write separately about the Prime Minister's dinner in May for Chancellor Kohl.

(C.D. Powell)

Colin Budd, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

16 April 1985

Netherlands Presidency: European Council Dates

You wrote on 4 April to Mark Addison about dates for the European Councils during the Netherlands Presidency.

The Prime Minister confirms that she had a brief word with Mr. Lubbers about the proposed date of 20/21 March 1986 in the margins of the last European Council. She told him that if the Netherlands insisted on beginning the Council on 20 March it might well prove impossible for her to attend the lunch.

You should therefore ask our Ambassador in The Hague to repeat to the Netherlands Government that 20/21 March is not convenient for the Prime Minister, being a date on which she has both Cabinet and Prime Minister's Questions. If they nonetheless decide to go ahead it is likely that she will not be able to attend the lunch or possibly the opening session in the afternoon.

26/27 June are equally inconvenient for the later Council. I should be grateful if further efforts could be made to change these dates.

(C.D. Powell)

Colin Budd, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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PRIME MINISTER

European Councils under the Netherlands Presidency

We are in difficulty over the dates of the European Councils in the first half of next year.

We had been resisting 20/21 March which is a Thursday/Friday because it would mean missing Cabinet and Questions. However, the Dutch claim that you and Mr. Lubbers agreed in the margins of the last European Council that these dates were all right. They have consequently gone ahead and fixed for Queen Beatrix to give a lunch that day, and say that it cannot now be changed.

Did you in fact discuss this with Lubbers?

Agree that we may confirm 20/21 March (it might be possible to fit in a very early Cabinet before setting out)?

Yes.

C.D.P.

I indicated I might find
the week difficult

ms

15 April, 1985.

Bilaterals with European Colleagues

You are due to hold further bilaterals with France, Germany and Italy in the second half of this year. It is our turn to have the French here, but Italy and Germany are away matches. (Although you went to Bonn in January, Chancellor Kohl will be coming here in May.)

We need to propose dates before your diary fills up. Caroline and I have identified the following:

29/30 October. We might offer this to the Italians, going to Rome on the evening of 29 October, returning after lunch on the 30th.

19/20 November. This could be offered to the Germans, going over either late on 19 November or early on 20 November.

27 November. This would be a day to have the French here. It is conveniently close to the December European Council.

Agree that I may propose these dates?

C.D.P.

Yes

15 April, 1985.

MR POWELL

BILATERALS

Spoken
CD 16/4

File on Tuesday

I am afraid I am in great difficulties with Autumn dates which is entirely my fault as I should have thought of it earlier. I can offer you the following but please discuss before submitting to FCO.

Monday 28 October (PM has to attend a reception at the Imperial War Museum).

27 Oct
Have met

27/30 Aug
with

Wednesday 30 October (free all day).

Friday 8 November (but I was keeping this day free for the Lord Mayor's Banquet which is on Monday, 11th).

11 Nov
with

Monday 18 November (but PM is giving a Reception here for the Fellows of the Royal Society).

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Wednesday 20 November (but PM has half-committed herself to looking in at a late reception in the Speaker's House for the St Margaret's, Westminster Appeal).

Monday 25 November (but this is the date for the next General Reception).

Wednesday 27

Wednesday 5 December (free all day but the European Council will have taken place in Luxembourg on 2/3 December).

Friday 13 December (free all day if she does not go to Sellafield).

Monday 16 December (free all day).

Wednesday 18 December (free all day).

CR

CAROLINE

10 April 1985

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London SW1A 2AH

4 April 1985

CDP

I spoke to FCO & they know we shall not be replying until next week. The 20 March date, - day 2 it will hit Cabinet & Ministers, may be part praying for. But it would probably be worth pushing for a change as to June Council. MCA 12/4

Dear Mark,

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Netherlands Presidency: European Council Dates

Thank you for your letter of 1 April 1985 about the dates for the European Councils during the Netherlands Presidency.

There appears unfortunately to be some confusion. According to our Embassy in The Hague, the MFA have a note from Mr Lubbers' Office saying that the Prime Minister and Mr Lubbers agreed in the margins of the European Council that the dates for the European Councils should be 20-21 March (starting with a lunch hosted by Queen Beatrix) and 26-27 June. 20 March and 26 June are Thursdays. The MFA have told the Embassy that there is no chance of changing the starting time on 20 March, because Queen Beatrix has already consented to host a lunch on that day to open the proceedings.

Even though these dates are a long way off we need to clear the matter up as quickly as possible. I therefore attach a draft telegram which you may wish to send to the Prime Minister's party.

Yours Sincerely,
Colin Budd

(C R Budd)
Private Secretary

Mark Addison Esq
10 Downing Street

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	11	NETHERLAND'S PRESIDENCY: EUROPEAN COUNCIL DATES	
	12	1. In response to our representations about 1986 European	
	13	Councils on dates which include Thursdays the Dutch MFA have	
	14	told us that they have a note from Lubbers claiming that he	
	15	and the Prime Minister agreed in the margins of the European	
	16	Council that the two European Councils in the Dutch Presidency	
	17	should be on 20/21 March and 26/27 June. 20 March and 26 June	
	18	are Thursdays. Queen Beatrix has agreed to host a lunch for heads	
	19	of governments on 20 March which the Dutch claim cannot now be	
	20	changed.	
	21	2. Grateful to know whether we should now agree to these dates	
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From the Private Secretary

1 April 1985

NETHERLANDS PRESIDENCY:
EUROPEAN COUNCIL DATES

Thank you for your letter of 29 March about dates for the European Councils during the Netherlands Presidency.

The dates now proposed suit the Prime Minister provided that the meeting on 20 March does not begin before 1900 local time.

(Charles Powell)

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



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

29 March 1985

Dear Charles,

Netherlands Presidency: European Council Dates

Please refer to your letter of 1 March about European Council dates. Since then there has been a change (for the worse) in the June dates also. The Dutch switched to 26/27 June - also covering a Thursday.

We have made a whole series of representations to the Dutch at every level about both these proposed dates. The Foreign Secretary himself took the matter up with van Ekelen in the margins of the Foreign Affairs Council. We have since pursued the question through the Embassy in The Hague and UKRep Brussels.

The Dutch have now told us, at official level, that if it would help, they would be willing to propose that the March 1986 European Council should begin with a dinner on the Thursday 20 March and continue throughout Friday 21 March. This would enable the Prime Minister to leave after Cabinet and Question Time. The Dutch are also willing to explore the possibility of deferring the June 1986 European Council to Friday/Saturday 27/28 June.

Could you let me know whether these revised dates would be possible for the Prime Minister?

I am copying this letter to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

Yours ever,
Colin Budd

(C R Budd)
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
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now - MBA

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From the Private Secretary

1 March 1985

Netherlands Presidency

Thank you for your letter of 28 February about dates for the European Council under the Netherlands Presidency.

20/21 March are not convenient for the Prime Minister since they cover a Thursday and would mean missing Cabinet and Questions. The original dates of 24/25 March are much better.

There is no problem with the June dates.

(Charles Powell)

Colin Budd, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

MR POWELL

Netherlands Presidency of the EC

The two dates suggested - 20/21 March (in the Hague) and 16/17 June (in Luxembourg) - are convenient.

But I am a little concerned about 20/21 March as they are a Thursday and Friday, which means missing Cabinet as well as Questions. It really would be much better if these dates were the original, i.e. 24/25 March.

CR

1 March, 1985



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28 February 1985

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Are these
acceptable for
the PM?
CRB

Dear Charles,

Netherlands Presidency of the EC (First Half of 1986)

In my letter of 15 January 1985 (to which you replied on 16 January) I gave you some dates proposed by the Dutch for the two European Councils due to take place in the first half of 1986. They have now changed those dates to 20/21 March (in The Hague) and 16/17 June (in Luxembourg).

The Germans have reservations about 17 June which may, as a result, be subject to change. Nevertheless I would be grateful if you could let me know if these dates pose any particular problems for the Prime Minister.

Yours ever,
Colin Budd

(C R Budd)
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
10 Downing Street

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From the Private Secretary

31 January, 1985

Luxembourg Presidency of the Community:
European Council

Thank you for your letter of 30 January about Luxembourg's intention to hold the European Council during their presidency on 2-3 December.

These dates are acceptable to the Prime Minister.

I am copying this letter to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

C. D. POWELL

Colin Budd, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office
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London SW1A 2AH

30 January, 1985

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second half
of 1985.
0.15-12 December?
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Dear Charles,

Luxembourg Presidency of the Community: European Council

We have just received from the Luxembourgers the schedule of Council dates for their Presidency (July to December this year). We are pursuing with them those Council dates which, despite our earlier representations, have still been scheduled for a Thursday.

The Luxembourgers have scheduled the one European Council of their Presidency for Monday/Tuesday, 2-3 December I should be grateful if you could let me know as soon as possible whether this is acceptable to the Prime Minister.

I am copying this letter to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

Yours ever,

Colin Budd

(C R Budd)
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
10 Downing Street



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16 January, 1985


*From the Private Secretary*Netherlands Presidency of the EC

Thank you for your letter of 15 January about the dates proposed by the Netherlands for the European Council in the first half of 1986.

As far as we can tell at this stage, these dates pose no particular problems for the Prime Minister.

C. D. POWELL

Colin Budd, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office





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15 January 1985

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CP: Fine
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All right, so far
as you can see?
CP 1571

Dear Charles,

Netherlands Presidency of the EC

The Dutch have put forward dates for the two European Councils due to take place in the first half of 1986. They propose 24/25 March in The Hague, and 23/24 June in Luxembourg. Perhaps you could let me know if these dates pose any particular problem for the Prime Minister.

Yours ever,

Colin Budd

(C R Budd)
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
10 Downing Street



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From the Private Secretary

20 December 1984

Thank you for your letter received on 18 December about dates of the March European Council.

We have adjusted the Prime Minister's diary to accommodate a Council meeting on 29 and 30 March.

David Barclay

Colin Budd Esq
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Continue

This will mean cancelling constitutional engagements - please speak.

Dear David,

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18/12*

European Council Dates during Italian Presidency

As we forewarned you by telephone, the Italians have now told us that the only dates for the March European Council which look like being possible for all Heads of Government are Friday, 29 and Saturday, 30 March. I should be grateful to know if these dates will be possible for the Prime Minister.

I am copying this letter to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

*Yours Sincerely,
Colin Budd*

(C R Budd)
Private Secretary

David Barclay Esq
10 Downing Street

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Th y f y letter received on 18 Dec about dates of the March European Council.

~~Confirm~~ that we have adjusted the PM's diary to accommodate a Council meeting on 29 and 30 March

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20/12*



bc: Sir P Craddock

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From the Private Secretary

20 November 1984

EUROPEAN COUNCIL DATES DURING ITALIAN PRESIDENCY

Thank you for your letter of 16 November about the dates for the European Council during the Italian Presidency.

The Prime Minister agrees to 30 and 31 March for the first European Council.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

Charles Powell

Colin Budd, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office,

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Prime Minister

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

cc AC
cc BX

London SW1A 2AH

Agreed to a
Saturday & Sunday for
the North European
Council.

16 November, 1984

Dear Charles,

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Yes

European Council Dates During the Italian Presidency

Please refer to your letter of 17 October. We have now received the latest list of proposed Council dates during the Italian Presidency. This confirms the dates of 28/29 June for the second European Council of the year. However, the Italians are now proposing Saturday, 30 and Sunday, 31 March for the first European Council. The Italians say that they have had to go for these dates because of the Dutch State visit to Italy and other constraints.

We have already made very clear to the Italians the Prime Minister's strong preference for 25/26 March. This is the first time that the dates of 30/31 March have been proposed. They have tried to be helpful by avoiding the 21/22 March dates originally proposed and which the Prime Minister could not accept. I should be grateful to know if the new dates would be possible for the Prime Minister.

I am copying this letter to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

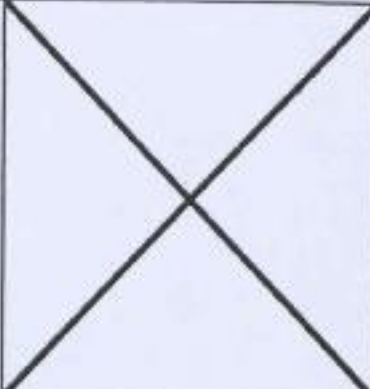
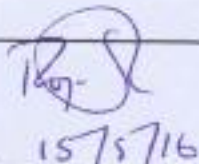
Yours ever,

Colin Budd

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Dear Stephen,

COUNCIL DATES: ITALIAN PRESIDENCY

1. We talked to the Italians again at Antici yesterday on the subject of Council dates.

2. Lo Iacono confirmed that 25/26 March looked the most probable date for the March European Council, but said no decision had been taken. He said that our general point about the Councils scheduled for Thursdays had been relayed to Rome, but that other people had difficulties with alternative dates. We told him that the 7 March Environment Council and 13 June Social Affairs Council do not in fact pose us problems.

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John

J A Shepherd

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From the Private Secretary

17 October 1984

EUROPEAN COUNCIL: DATES IN THE FIRST HALF
OF 1985

Thank you for your letter of 16 October about dates for the European Council during the Italian Presidency.

For the March Council, we have a strong preference for 25/26 March. For the June Council, 28/29 June would suit well.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

Charles Powell

C R Budd Esq
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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How do these
dates hit you?

CDP

CDP

① we would
prefer 25/26/27 each,

② But - 28/29 June
are fine.

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16 October 1984

Dear Charles,

European Council: Dates in the First Half of 1985

Thank you for your letter of 9th October. As a result of our approaches in Brussels the Italians have indicated a willingness to change the proposed dates of the March and June European Councils.

The Italians are now thinking of holding the March meeting on Sunday 24/Monday 25 or Monday 25/Tuesday 26 March. From their point of view, the final choice may depend on the exact dates of a state visit to Italy by Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands which is due to begin on 26 March.

For the June European Council, the Italians are proposing Friday 28/Saturday 29 June.

The Italians have asked for comments on these revised proposals by the time the Antici Group of officials responsible for the organisation of business next meets on 24 October. It would be helpful if you could let me know before then whether any of the dates proposed would be difficult from the Prime Minister's point of view.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Private Secretary to Sir Robert Armstrong.

Yours ever,

Colin Budd

(C R Budd)
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
10 Downing Street

MRS. RYDER

EUROPEAN COUNCILS IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1985

We were asked for a snap view today on dates for European Councils in the first half of next year. The Italians were proposing 23/24 March and 21/22 or 22/23 June. As you will see, both these dates are weekends.

I have said that I do not think the Prime Minister will have any objection in principle to a European Council at a weekend: indeed, she might even welcome it. But the March dates are not possible because she already has an important commitment on 23 March. We should therefore press strongly for the March Council to be either 24/25 or 25/26 March. The dates for June looked acceptable however.

I have not yet heard the outcome of the discussion in Brussels but you might like to pencil these dates into the diary anyway.

CDD

CDP.

① 22/23 June ok. if
PM Larry with a W/E

10 October 1984

② 25/26 March not
but better than
24/25 (I believe).
Pl. put it to
A.M. & tell her
about Central
Council speech
on 23rd March.

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

9 October 1984

EUROPEAN COUNCIL: DATES IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1985

Thank you for your letter of 9 October about dates of European Council meetings in the Italian Presidency.

I am unable to consult the Prime Minister within the deadline you set. I do not think she would have any objection in principle to holding the European Council on a Friday/Saturday or a Saturday/Sunday. There are nonetheless great difficulties with the March dates you suggest as the Prime Minister already has a very important engagement on 23 March. A Thursday would also be difficult for her because of Cabinet, as you point out.

At least in the case of the March Council the Prime Minister would be likely to have a very strong preference for a Sunday/Monday 24/25 or Monday/Tuesday 25/26 date. The dates for June appear more flexible and a 21/22 June or a 22/23 June look equally possible from the Prime Minister's diary.

This should give you at least some guidance.

Charles Powell

Colin Budd, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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9 October 1984

Dear Charles,

European Council: Dates in the first half of 1985

The Italians are proposing to hold meetings of the European Council during their Presidency on 21/22 March and 20/21 June. These dates fall on a Thursday and Friday in both instances.

At our request, UKREP Brussels have already pointed out to the Italians that the Thursday dates for the European Council are very awkward for us given the Prime Minister's commitments at Cabinet and in the House of Commons. The Italians have undertaken to look again at the dates and have suggested an informal discussion in Brussels tomorrow, 10 October, between officials responsible for the organisation of business (Antici Group).

The Italians are likely to suggest, as alternatives, holding the European Council on the Friday/Saturday or Saturday/Sunday following the dates currently proposed. This would mean either 22/23 or 23/24 March and 21/22 or 22/23 June.

It would be helpful if you could let me know by first thing tomorrow whether the Prime Minister has any objection to Friday/Saturday or Saturday/Sunday meetings of the European Council.

It would also be helpful if you would let me know if there are any other dates near those under discussion which should from the Prime Minister's point of view be avoided.

Yours ever,

Colin Budd

(C R Budd)
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
10 Downing Street

PRIME MINISTER

FOREIGN AFFAIRS ENGAGEMENTS

You may find it useful to have a note of your main foreign affairs engagements this autumn:

30 September	Prime Minister of New Zealand
1 October	Foreign Affairs Seminar
18/19 October	Anglo/Italian Summit (home)
23/25 October	State Visit by President Mitterrand
2 November	Anglo/German Summit (away)
13 November	Dinner for President of Finland
19 November	Anglo/Irish Summit (?home)
29/30 November	Anglo/French Summit(away)
30 November/1 December	Franco-British Council (away)
3/4 December	European Council in Dublin (away)
Late December/New Year	Visit to Peking and S.E. Asia

CJD

30 August, 1984

JKRAEL



bc P.C.

10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

6 August 1984

PUBLIC HANDLING OF MEETINGS BETWEEN THE
PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN VISITORS

Thank you for your letter of 6 August enclosing a draft circular on the inclusion of a press line in the briefing for the Prime Minister's meetings with foreign visitors.

This seems to me very much on the right lines and I have no comment to make. Once the system is in operation, I shall draw it to the attention of other interested Departments.

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6 August 1984

Dear Charles,

Public Handling of Meetings Between the Prime Minister
and Foreign Visitors

Thank you for your letter of 2 July suggesting that we include a press line in the briefing for the Prime Minister's meetings with foreign visitors. We agree that we should aim to do this in future. Indeed, your letter has prompted the idea that we should do this systematically for calls by important visiting foreigners on FCO Ministers as well.

I enclose a draft circular asking FCO departments to adopt a system on these lines for the future. The press line suggested in advance will not always be the right one: the conversation may, for example, take an unexpected turn. But a system such as this should provide you with a useful basis on which to construct an appropriate line. I should be grateful for any comment which you or Bernard Ingham might have. You may also wish to draw this idea to the attention of other Departments - such as the MOD, Treasury and DTI - who also brief for foreign visitors' meetings with the Prime Minister.

Yours ever,

Peter Ricketts

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.....In Confidence

CAVEAT.....

1. The Prime Minister and FCO Ministers see a large number of foreign visitors in London, usually at the request of FCO departments. If the visit is worth setting up, it is worth getting the public presentation right. There is usually some specific British interest which can be promoted in the context of these visits.
2. From now on, the main steering brief for discussions between any important foreign visitor and the Prime Minister or FCO Ministers should include a short separate note on what might be said to the press after the meeting. This should include:
 - any points which might help advance our interests in the country concerned;
 - points on which we should be able to claim the visitor's support for our policies;
 - a defensive line on points which the press may raise and on which we may be vulnerable;
 - wherever appropriate, specific consideration should be given to ways of underlining our commitment to the European Community.

Enclosures—flag(s).....

The advance press line should be drafted by the briefing department in consultation with News Department. It would then be fine-tuned and cleared after the call by the Private Office concerned before being issued by the No 10 Press Office or News Department. The line should distinguish between points which should be publicised after the call on the FCO and those which can better be made in the context of the call on the Prime Minister. It should note any points on which Ministers should agree the line with the visitor.

3. Any questions to News Department.

VISIT BY RURITANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER: ADVANCE PRESS LINE
ON THE RECORD

A. CALL ON SECRETARY OF STATE

1. Secretary of State noted with satisfaction that problems over bilateral claims have been satisfactorily resolved and welcomed FM's assurance that British firms are now well placed to fulfil several of Ruritania's major civil and defence projects. [Unattributably: in particular, university hospital complex and helicopters. Value of possible orders £ x million and £ y million respectively.]

2. They noted the success of the first Anglo-Ruritanian Round Table Conference (held April; Mr Rifkind led for UK) and agreed to hold another in London next year.

[Unattributably: HMG would like to give these a more commercial and less cultural flavour.]

3. They agreed on need for a businesslike dialogue between East and West and in particular for the earliest possible resumption without preconditions of negotiations on nuclear arms control.

4. They discussed ME on which there was a substantial measure of agreement. S of S stressed HMG's support for the involvement in the peace process of the Palestinians and the association of the PLO.

5. Also discussed Afghanistan (broad agreement) and Central America (each side set out its respective views).

Defensive

6. FM did raise question of UK migration policy. S of S strongly rebutted any question of discrimination against Ruritaniens and explained that UK migration procedures were currently being streamlined in a way which would greatly ease current problems faced by Ruritaniens.

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7. Difficulties over CAA's insistence that Ruritanian Airways move to Gatwick were raised by FM. S of S undertook to pass on FM's representations to S of S for Transport.

B. CALL ON PM

1. PM said she hoped PM of Ruritania would be able to pay a working visit to the UK next year. [Unattributably: autumn visit linked to lecture at IISS]

2. PM gave an account of discussion of aid and debt problems at Summit of industrialised nations and of work being taken forward by Finance Ministers. She explained HMG's view that debt problems should be handled on a case by case basis; and stressed the UK's readiness to contribute to a supplementary fund to IDA's seventh replenishment. [Unattributably: PM said that HMG do not rule out a new Cancun-type conference but feel that the time is not yet ripe to begin the necessary careful preparations.]



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

2 July 1984

Public Handling of Meetings between the Prime Minister
and Foreign Visitors

The Prime Minister sees a large number of foreign visitors, mostly at the request of the FCO. I am not convinced that we make the best use of the meetings, particularly when it comes to public presentation of the results. The form seems to be that I dream up a press line of a rather general nature in a couple of minutes after a particular meeting. It tends to be bland and uninformative. The press have come to expect little more.

Clearly one has to be cautious. We do not want accounts of the Prime Minister's confidential discussions with other Heads of Government splashed indiscriminately around the press. But presumably when you recommend that the Prime Minister should see a particular visitor, there is generally some specific purpose and British interest in mind. It is not just a question of being nice to important foreigners who happen to be on a visit to London. There will be occasions when that specific interest can be advanced by careful briefing of the press after the meeting.

What I suggest is that, in future, briefs for the Prime Minister's meetings with foreign visitors should include a short note of what we would hope to be able to say to the press after the meeting - points which might help advance our interests in the country concerned or help gain support for our policies on a specific issue raised in discussion with them. It would then be up to me to check that the proposed line could be reconciled with what actually happened and to modify it if necessary. There may be occasions when the Prime Minister herself would want to agree the line with the visitor.

What do you think?

Len Appleyard
agreed - spoke to
CDP.

C.D. Powell

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

PRIME MINISTER

VISITORS

This summarises various letters beneath about foreign visitors who want to see you.

- a. Guinean Prime Minister, Foreign Minister and Minister of Co-Operation

✓ You have already agreed in principle to see them. They represent a new look in Guinea, non-aligned and looking to the West for help. Only a courtesy call. Half an hour on 4 July is possible. Confirm agreement? *Yes*

- b. Three Republican US Senators

✓ Senators Lugar, Roth and Chafee are here on 6 July and have asked to see you. All are important and Lugar was particularly helpful in attending the Senate Resolution of reducing US troops in Europe. Agree? *Yes*

- c. Shaikh Khalifa, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi

✓ You agreed talks and lunch on 18 July. He cannot now come but can manage any day 1-9 July. Suggest half an hour of talks followed by lunch on 4 July. Agree? *Yes*

- d. Ecuadorean President-elect

✓ Was coming on 29 June but cannot now leave home. Sends his admiration.

e. Chairman U Ne Win of Burma

May suddenly pop-up in UK during current visit to Europe. Some signs that Burma is opening up and could offer trade opportunities. FCS asks that you agree in principle to see Ne Win if he shows up.

Yes

f. Prime Minister of Finland

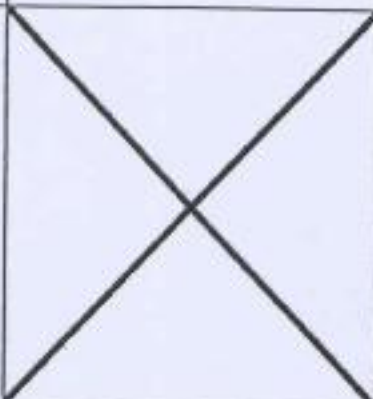
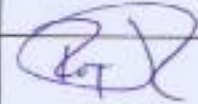
FCS proposes to invite him on an official visit next May including talks and ~~lunch~~ with you. 22 years since last substantive meeting of Prime Ministers. Agree 21 May 1985?

dinner

Yes

C.D.P.

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PRIME MINISTER

Reducing time spent on International Commitments

You will remember that I put to you over the Christmas holidays certain ideas for reducing time unnecessarily spent on international commitments. You agreed that I should follow up the ideas with the FCO. I have now had their views.

They produced valid objections to some of our ideas and we are left with four. Do you agree that:-

a) We should now work to ensure that future CHOGMS last for no more than five days, of which the second and third would form the retreat? *Yes*

b) When we finally get a solution to the Community's current problems, we should suggest that in future there should be two European Councils a year instead of three? *Yes*

c) We should seek German, French and Italian agreement that future bilateral summits will take place within one day? *Yes*

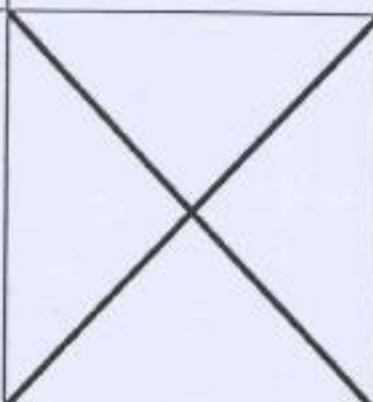

d) In the case of foreign visitors who need to call on you for largely protocol reasons, we should arrange for them to call, accompanied by their host (eg the Foreign Secretary or the Trade Secretary) fifteen minutes before the start of their discussions with their hosts? *Yes*

If so I will now pursue these matters.

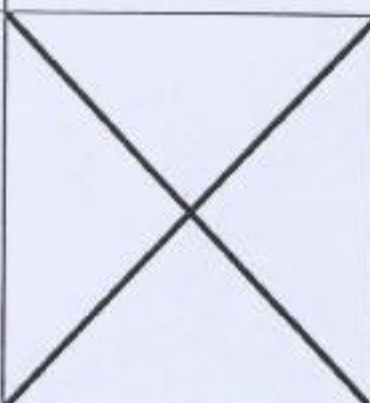
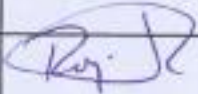
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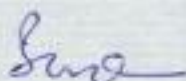
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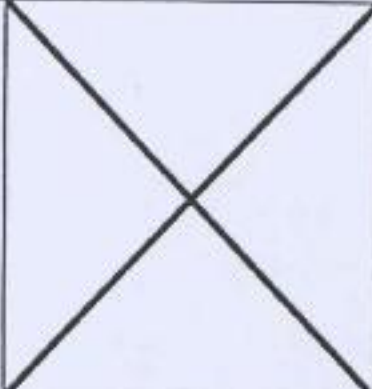
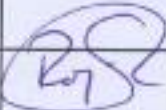
- won't need to improve bilateral contacts
with USA and East/Westery add to load,
desirably? and
- we should fit media into overseas visits
according to objectives, with more time
for local media.



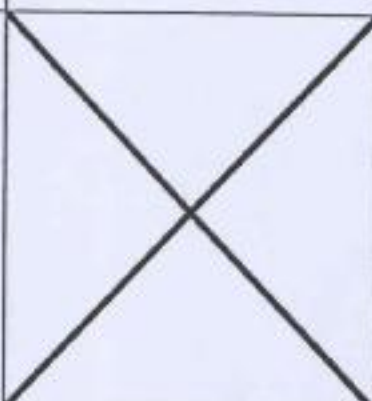

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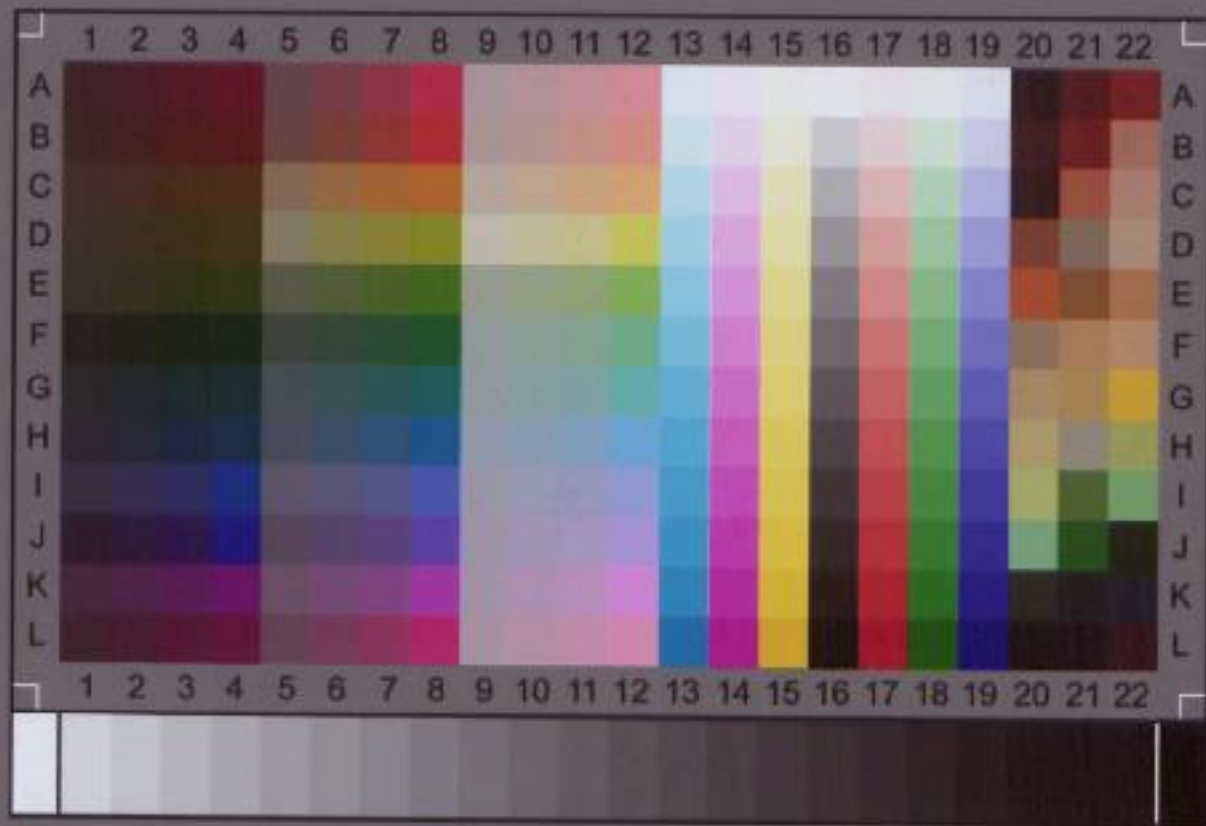
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