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PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE

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10 DOWNING STREET
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THE PRIME MINISTER

2 July 1987

Dear Prime Minister,

Thank you for your kind hospitality during the recent European Council in Brussels. The issues which we discussed were unusually complex and difficult. While it is a pity that we were unable to reach full agreement on the guidelines for further work, there is a lot of common ground. There is also, I believe, a much better appreciation of the need to face up to some really difficult and testing decisions when we meet in Copenhagen in December. May I express my personal gratitude for the way in which the Belgian Presidency has grappled with these demanding issues during the past six months.

I should be grateful if you could pass on my thanks to all those responsible for the arrangements of the European Council and for their hard work, which was very much appreciated. May I also thank you for the very generous gifts which you so kindly presented to the Heads of Government. I very much appreciated these.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Monsieur Wilfried Martens

DAS



10 DOWNING STREET
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THE PRIME MINISTER

2 July 1987

Dear Mr. Petrie,

It was very good of you and your wife to make me so comfortable and welcome during my visit to Brussels for the European Council. The meetings of the European Council itself were trying even by the exacting standards of that institution, but the brief time I was able to spend at the Residence was a delight. Thank you both very much, and I should be grateful if you would also pass on my thanks to your household staff for looking after me so well.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

P.C. Petrie, Esq., C.M.G.

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10 DOWNING STREET
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THE PRIME MINISTER

2 July 1987

Sir,

May I thank you, Sir, for your kind hospitality to the European Heads of Government during the recent European Council in Brussels. Your lunch was a most congenial start to our difficult discussions. Although we were unable to reach full agreement, I believe that some useful progress was made. Among other things, we were able to confirm that the European Community's research and development programme will continue with its present funding until we are able to reach a conclusion about its longer term future, in the context of the decisions which we take in December about the future financing of the Community. I hope that this will reassure you, in the light of our conversation at lunch.

The honour to remain, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Margaret Thatcher

His Majesty King Baudouin, King of the Belgians.

DAS



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10 DOWNING STREET
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From the Private Secretary

1 July 1987

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister and the rest of her party to thank you and your crew for the very comfortable flights to and from Brussels. I am sorry that you were kept waiting so long for departure.

It was kind of you to allow our Duty Clerk on to the flight deck to land the plane!

* and rash! (CDE's manuscript!)

(Charles Powell)

Flt. Lt. T.P. Conlon, R.A.F.



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From the Private Secretary

19 June 1987

EUROPEAN COUNCIL, BRUSSELS
RAF VC 10 SEATING PLAN

Thank you for your letter of 18 June,
enclosing a seating plan for the RAF
VC10 on the journey to Brussels. This
is agreed, except that I should be switched
from 6 to 5.

C D POWELL

Lyn Parker, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

18 June 1987

Dear Charles,

European Council, Brussels: 29-30 JUNE:
RAF VC10 Seating Plan

I attach the proposed seating plan for the VC10. I should be grateful to know if you agree.

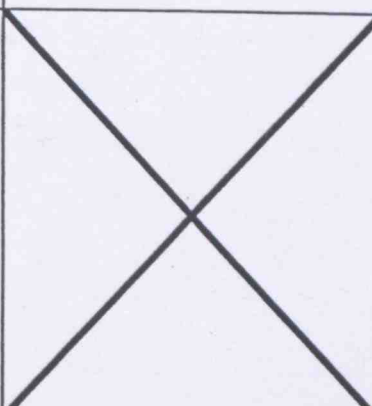
Yours ever,

L Parker

(L Parker)
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
10 Downing Street

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10 DOWNING STREET

Charles

European Council - Brussels:
(my first trip!)

Do you agree circulation
of bids as follows? :

1. PM ✓

2. C.D.P. ✓

3. B.I. ✓

4. P.C. ✓

5. Press ✓

6. D. Clerk (trip) ✓

7. D. Clerk (N°10) ✓

Yes

GM

Distribution centre hope to
have all the bids here
by wed 24.6.87 for the
bidding meeting on Friday 26.6.87.

Sue 16.6.87.



WINDSOR CASTLE

16th June, 1987.

Dear Charles.

CS 17/6

Thank you for your letter of 15th June to Robert Fellowes requesting The Queen's permission for the Prime Minister to be absent from this country on 29th and 30th June in order to visit Belgium for the Brussels European Council.

This has been laid before Her Majesty, who has been pleased to give her approval.

Yours ever.

Ken.

(KENNETH SCOTT)

Charles Powell, Esq.

PM TOURS: Pm's visit to Brussels
March 87.

WINDSOR CASTLE





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bc PC

10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON SW1A 2AA

From the Private Secretary

15 June 1987

The Prime Minister intends to visit Belgium from Monday 29 to Tuesday 30 June to attend the Brussels European Council.

I should be grateful if you would seek The Queen's permission for the Prime Minister to be absent from the country on these dates.

(Charles Powell)

Robert Fellowes, Esq., C.B., L.V.O.



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10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON SW1A 2AA

From the Private Secretary

15 June 1987

**EUROPEAN COUNCIL BRUSSELS:
TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS**

Thank you for your letter of 15 June about the travel arrangements for the European Council in Brussels. I am sure that the Prime Minister would be content with these.

(Charles Powell)

Lyn Parker, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

A handwritten signature in the bottom right corner of the page.



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

15 June 1987

Dear Charles,

European Council Brussels: 29-30 June: Travel Arrangements

An RAF VC10 has been booked to transport the Prime Minister, the Foreign Secretary and members of the party from London to Brussels on 29 June and return on 30 June.

The programme in Brussels starts with a luncheon at 1300 hours at the Palais de Bruxelles, hosted by the King of the Belgians. The luncheon will be preceded by the family photograph. The Palais de Bruxelles (next door to Mr Petrie's Residence where the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary will be staying) is 15 minutes by road from the airport (Abelag). The arrival of guests at the Palais will take place according to a strict timetable not yet issued by the Belgian authorities.

A suggested timetable, giving an arrival time at the Residence of 1230 hours is as follows (all times local, UK = GMT + 1; Belgium + GMT + 2):

ETD London Heathrow (Southside)	1010 hours
ETA Brussels (Abelag)	1215 hours
Flying time:	1 hour 5 minutes

Return on 30 June

On Tuesday 30 June there will be a lunch at 1300 hours hosted by the President of the European Council, followed by a resumption of the meeting and press conferences given by the President of the European Council and President of the Commission.

The RAF VC10 will be on standby to depart from 1500 hours local time. A take off of 1500 hours would give an arrival at London Heathrow (Southside) of 1510 hours (flying time: 1 hour 10 minutes).

I should be grateful to know if the above arrangements are acceptable to the Prime Minister.

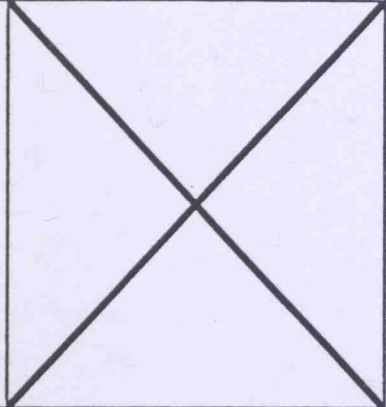
Yours ever,
L Parker

C D Powell Esq
10 Downing Street

(L Parker)
Private Secretary

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Miss J Greenwood, Security Department (4M 503)

EUROPEAN COUNCIL, BRUSSELS: 29-30 JUNE

1. Please arrange for 2 separate suites of safehand boxes, green and black, to be delivered to Room 1, Downing Street West by Thursday 25 June. The boxes should be marked "European Council, Brussels for RAF VC10 on 29 June".
2. I should be grateful if you would let me have 2 identical keys for each suite, to be sent to me by Friday 19 June.
3. In addition, 3 identical keys for the black suite should be sent to the Duty Clerk, No 10 Downing Street and 2 identical keys for the green suite to Miss C Williams, Private Office, W51.

M M Goldsmith (Miss)
Protocol Department
210 6377

19 May 1987

Copies to: Duty Clerk, No 10 Downing Street ←
Miss Williams, Private Office, W51
Mr M Harris, Security Department, Room 1, DSW



CABINET OFFICE

70 Whitehall London SW1A 2AS Telephone 01-230 0402

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12 May 1987

Miss M M Goldsmith
 Foreign and Commonwealth Office
 Protocol Department
 Old Admiralty Building
 Whitehall
 London
 SW1A 2AF

Dear Sir,

EUROPEAN COUNCIL BRUSSELS 29-30 JUNE 1987: COMMUNICATIONS

1. I wrote to you on 22 April about communications in the Residence and in the Charlemagne building. I attached a letter from the Senior Resident Engineer in Brussels, Phil Burrowes, which detailed the communications facilities available in the Residence. I told you also I was awaiting a note from the engineer in charge at UKREP, giving details of the telephones in the Charlemagne building. With this information now to hand I suggest that the communications already in place should, with one small change, meet the requirements of the UK delegation. *WILL REQUEST IF REQUIRED*

AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE

2. I have asked Mr Burrowes to divert the Embassy extension 228, to which he refers in paragraph 5 of his letter, to the room allocated as No 10 Private Office in the Residence. The arrangements will provide for 4 simultaneous external calls: 2 over PSTN and 2 via the Embassy (one of which can be a directly dialled call into the London GTN).

CHARLEMAGNE BUILDING

3. There are 4 offices for the delegation's use and each has 2 telephones. In each room 1 telephone is connected to the UKREP electronic PABX and these can dial directly into the London GTN (there are 5 lines between the EPABX and the GTN). The second telephone in each office is connected to the Council switchboard (one of these offers direct outside dialling).

4. I am copying this letter for information to the Duty Clerks, No 10 Downing Street with a copy of Mr Burrowes' letter of 10 April 1987 which describes the Residence telephone facilities.

5. Unless you have any comments I propose to let the facilities described stand and I do not propose to order any further lines.

Yours sincerely

Ken Davies

C K DAVIES
Telecommunications Secretariat

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Your reference

Our reference TEC190

Date 10 April 1987



Dear Ken,

EUROPEAN COUNCIL, BRUSSELS: 29-30 JUNE 1987

1. Following our recent telephone conversation I am writing to enlarge on the telephone facilities available at the Ambassador's Residence, 17 rue Ducale, and the Embassy. As you know, arrangements are being made to establish Private Office(s) in the Residence, probably in Rooms 57 and 60 on the first floor.

2. Ambassador's Residence.

2.1 The Residence PABX is a Siemens locally installed and maintained system without a switchboard. There are extensions in most rooms with transfer, consultation and three-party conference facilities which enable calls to be filtered and monitored (with a warning tone) by a third party.

2.2 Exchange Lines. There are two lines
02/511 78 81
02/511 78 99

2.3 Tie Lines. There is one tie line to the Embassy EPABX which has access to Embassy extensions and the Embassy-FCO Tie Line.

2.3 Inter PABX Extension. Embassy extension 228 gives access to the Residence PABX, calls being received at extension 42, Butler's Pantry. Calls can then be transferred to the required extension.

3. Embassy EPABX.

3.1 Exchange Lines. There are twenty exchange lines
02/217 90 00

3.2 Tie Lines. There are seven tie lines.
1 to Ambassador's Residence (paragraph 2.3 above)
1 to FCO
2 to UKDel NATO
3 to UKRep EC

4. UKRep EC

4.1 External extensions of the UKRep EPABX can be accessed from the Embassy EPABX to the following:

/Council



GTN 5 lines

Council (Charlemagne) switchboard
Council (Charlemagne) UKRep offices

4.2 Tie Lines exist from the UKRep EPABX to the Council (Charlemagne) and Commission (Berlaymont) PABXs which can only be accessed by UKRep.

5. I might have misled you when discussing the possible need for a Tie Line to No 10. Since the visit occurs during the week there could be congestion on the public network to the UK. The Embassy to FCO Tie Line (accessible from the Residence PABX) could also be busy. A Tie Line between the Residence and No 10 may therefore be desirable. An alternative or back up arrangement could be to divert the Embassy extension 228 (located in the Residence, paragraph 2.4 refers) to the Private Office. This would give ready access to the Embassy EPABX facilities and the Tie Lines to the FCO via UKDel (2 lines) and UKRep (7 lines). I have spoken this morning with Siemens representatives and they agree that provision of the Tie Line and other local changes can be accommodated.

6. An early decision on requirements would be appreciated to enable us to submit our requests to Siemens and the Belgian RTT as soon as possible.

Yours ever,

P A Burrowes

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From the Private Secretary

22 March 1987

EUROPEAN COUNCIL, BRUSSELS: 29/30 JUNE

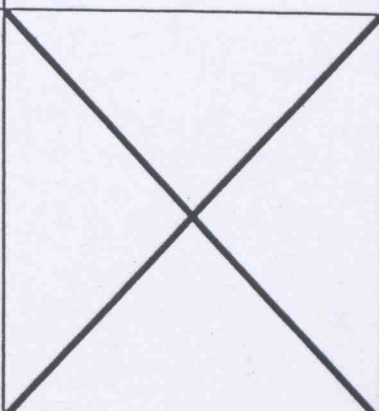
Thank you for your letter of 20 March about accommodation arrangements for the Brussels European Council. The Prime Minister would very much like to stay with the Ambassador if that is convenient to him.

(Charles Powell)

Lyn Parker, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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BRITISH EMBASSY,
BRUSSELS.

FROM THE AMBASSADOR

6 March 1987

C D Powell Esq
No. 10 Downing Street
London SW1

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Dear Charles,

EUROPEAN COUNCIL - BRUSSELS

1. Experience in other posts has shown me the un-wisdom of bilateral Ambassadors seeking to interpose themselves between the Prime Minister and a multilateral meeting in their capital. But as Manager of the luxury hotel maintained here by the British taxpayer I thought I should give you advance notice of the options set out in the enclosed letter to Protocol Department, who will no doubt submit to you in due course. Needless to say, Lydwine and I would be delighted if you do elect domicile chez nous - but in no way miffed if you don't.

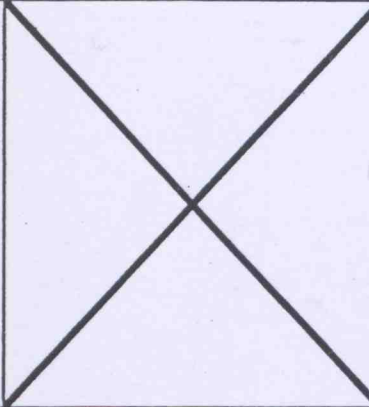
Yours ever

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