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BALFOUR DINNER

November 1987,



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10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON SW1A 2AA

From the Private Secretary

25 March, 1987.

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your letter of 16 March and for your kind invitation to her to be the guest of honour at the Annual Balfour Dinner to be held in the Knesset on 1 November this year.

I am afraid that I must send you a disappointing reply. At present the Prime Minister has no plans to be in Israel during the year, and she has longstanding commitments in London in November which make it impossible for her to accept your kind invitation. Please know that this is a most reluctant refusal, and Mrs. Thatcher has asked me to send you her best wishes.

(Mrs. Tessa Gaisman)

John Furman, Esq., OBE, MC.

BALFOURS DINNER
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Anglo/Israel Relations

I enclose a copy of the letter received by the Prime Minister from the Chairman of the Israel, Britain and Commonwealth Association together with a copy of the reply which I have sent to Mr. Seligman on the Prime Minister's behalf.

The second paragraph of Mr. Seligman's letter would appear to explain the reports two or three weeks ago that the Prime Minister planned to visit Israel this autumn.

MODBA

Paul Lever, Esq.
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

FILE

cc FCO

RH

21 July 1980

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your letter to her of 8 July.

The Prime Minister is grateful for your invitation to her to be Guest of Honour at the next Balfour Dinner in Israel in November. Unfortunately, the Prime Minister has no plans to visit Israel in November and her diary for that month is already extremely full. Mrs Thatcher will, of course, bear in mind your invitation to attend a dinner in her honour at some other date.

M. O'D. B. ALEXANDER

Mr Max Seligman, CBE

PLC



10 DOWNING STREET

PRIME MINISTER

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If you agree I will
send a reply to Mr Seligman
along the lines of the attached
draft.

Mr Dubsy appears to have
read more into your remarks
to him than was warranted.
There have been reports from
Israel that you intend to go
there this autumn.

Amved mt. Hunt

18 July, 1980

AIR MAIL

MAX SELIGMAN, C.B.E.

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8th July 1980

TEL-AVIV, ISRAEL

FILE NO.

R5717
The Prime Minister,
The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.,
10, Downing Street,
LONDON, S.W.

Dear Prime Minister,

I hesitate to flatter myself that you will remember that I had the privilege to entertain you at a cocktail party in your honour given by the Israel, Britain & Commonwealth Association on your visit to Israel. You may recollect that a considerable number of the members of the Association who attended were former members of your constituency.

Mr. Meshe Dubsky, who is a member of the Committee of the Association informs me that he recently had the opportunity to meet you in London when he suggested to you that you might see your way to pay a visit to Israel in the near future as a guest of the Association and that you kindly said that you would consider it.

As you may recollect, the aim of the Association is to develop the most friendly relations between the people of Israel and the peoples of Britain and the Commonwealth countries, and in that connection we have had the pleasure of visits from most of the distinguished British politicians, many of whom have been our guests of honour at the annual Balfour Dinners which are usually held in the month of November.

As Chairman of the Association I venture to express the hope that you may be so kind as to see your way to accept this invitation to be our guest of honour at the next Balfour Dinner in November 1980. If that is not possible for you, we should be most grateful if you would agree to attend a dinner in your honour on any other date which you may find convenient. I need hardly mention that your acceptance of this invitation would be a great encouragement to our Association.

By the way, I shall be in London from the 17th July for about two months and may be reached there at the office of Messrs. Hyams, 235 Regent Street (01-734-3147). I need hardly add that I look forward to a favourable reply from you at your convenience.

With all good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Max Seligman
MAX SELIGMAN, C.B.E.



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