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PM TOURS ABROAD

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Sea : £1,150.  
Air : £ 625.

FOR CONFERENCE SECTION  
FROM BARBER  
YOUR TELNO 499

1. OUR LOCAL SHIPPING AGENT HAS NOW QUOTED COSTS OF SHIPMENT BY SEA AND BY AIR. THESE ARE APPROXIMATELY POUNDS STERLING EQUIVALENT 1,150 AND 625 RESPECTIVELY, WITH AIRFREIGHT COSTS PAYABLE LOCALLY AND EIGHTY PERCENT OF SEAFREIGHT CHARGED PAYABLE IN HARD CURRENCY (STERLING) AT THE PORT OF DESTINATION.

2. IT WOULD MAKE SENSE THEREFORE TO CONSIGN THE TABLE BY AIR AS THIS IS BOTH CHEAPER AND QUICKER. PLEASE CONFIRM THAT THIS IS ACCEPTABLE.

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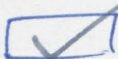
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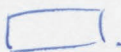
The pm was given a marble table & elephant tusks while in Nigeria. FCO protocol are trying to obtain an import licence etc.

Lagos ask whether shipment should be by air or sea. Sea would be cheaper but obviously much slower. which do you think?

sea



Air



Presumably the gift ~~to~~ should be consigned to the pm at this address,  
To The Pirbright Severn  
P.T.O.



→ costs should be covered by the pm's overseas budget rather than her personal budget?

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Originally BCAL offered to pay transport costs which we accepted, this does not now seem to be forthcoming but FCO protocols are making enquiries.

Thank you  
Sue  
14.7.88.

B.D. O.V.

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TO PRIORITY FCO  
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FOR MISS B D DAVIS, PROTOCOL DEPT  
FROM BARBER

MARBLE TABLE: GIFT TO THE PRIME MINISTER

1. OUR LOCAL FREIGHT AGENT, NIGERIAN MARITIME SERVICES LIMITED, ARE PRESENTLY REPACKING AND PREPARING FOR SHIPMENT THE MARBLE TABLE WHICH WAS PRESENTED TO THE PRIME MINISTER DURING HER VISIT HERE IN JANUARY.
2. PLEASE CONFIRM WHETHER SHIPMENT SHOULD BE BY AIR OR BY SEA, TO WHOM THE TABLE SHOULD BE CONSIGNED AND TO WHICH SUBHEAD WE SHOULD CHARGE ALL RELATED COSTS IN THE POST ACCOUNT.

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Tessa Gaisman  
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TO ROUTINE LAGOS  
TELNO 101  
OF 030915Z FEBRUARY 88

FROM CONFERENCE SECTION, PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT  
YOUR TELNO 100-45

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: ELEPHANT TUSKS

1. NO 10 HAVE ADVISED THAT BEFORE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT CAN ISSUE IMPORT LICENCE THEY REQUIRE A TUSK QUOTA NUMBER WHICH MUST BE ISSUED BY THE NIGERIANS AND DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE TO THIS EFFECT MUST BE SENT WITH TUSKS.
2. PLEASE LET US KNOW QUOTA NUMBER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND WE WILL ADVISE WHEN IMPORT LICENCE HAS BEEN GRANTED.
3. NO 10 ARE MOST GRATEFUL FOR AND ACCEPT BCAL'S OFFER OF TRANSPORTATION TO GATWICK.

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FOR MISS DAVIS, PCD

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: GIFTS

1. AS YOU KNOW THE MARBLE TABLE AND ELEPHANT TUSKS WHICH THE PRESIDENT GAVE THE PRIME MINISTER WERE TOO BULKY TO BE CARRIED ON THE VC10. SINCE THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTURE THEY HAVE BEEN CRATED AND DELIVERED TO THE HIGH COMMISSION. WE NOW NEED INSTRUCTIONS ON WHAT IS TO BE DONE WITH THEM.

2. THERE ARE THREE CRATES:-

CRATE 1: 6.75 X 3.5 X 10.5 FEET WEIGHS APPROX 500 KGS AND CONTAINS THE MARBLE TABLE TOP:

CRATE NO 2: 3.5 X 2.5 X 1.5 FEET WEIGHS APPROX 50 KGS AND CONTAINS TWO LEGS FOR MARBLE TABLE AND TWO ELEPHANT TUSKS:

CRATE NO 3: 3.75 X 3 X 1.75 WEIGHS APPROX 55 KGS AND CONTAINS TWO MARBLE BASES FOR ELEPHANT TUSKS.

3. BCAL'S LOCAL MANAGER HAS SAID BCAL WILL CARRY THE CRATES TO GATWICK FREE OF CHARGE. HOWEVER IMPORT DOCUMENTATION WILL BE REQUIRED ESPECIALLY FOR THE ELEPHANT TUSKS. WE WILL ALSO NEED DOCUMENTATION AT THIS END BUT WE ARE CONFIDENT OF OBTAINING THIS FROM DODAN BARRACKS.

4. GRATEFUL FOR INSTRUCTIONS.

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*From the Private Secretary*

5 May 1988

Thank you for your letter of 27 April. I know that the Prime Minister will be very pleased with the photograph, but equally I am sure that one will suffice and that she would want the High Commissioner to have the other. I am therefore returning it herewith.

P. A. BEARPARK

D. A. Warren, Esq.

*dg*





**BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION**  
PO Box 30465 Bruce House Standard Street Nairobi  
Telex Nairobi 22219 Telegraphic Address UKrep Nairobi  
Telephone Nairobi 335944

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P A Bearpark Esq  
No 10 Downing Street

Your reference

Our reference

Date 27 April 1988

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*Just Andy,*

/ I enclose a set of photographs taken at State House during the Prime Minister's official visit to Kenya, sent to us by the MFA.

If you do not want to keep both photographs, I am sure that the High Commissioner would very much like to have one to keep in this office. Please let me know.

*Yours ever,*

*D A Warren*

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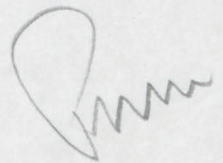
*From the Private Secretary*

18 April 1988

Thank you very much for your letter of 18 April in which you enclosed an album of pictures of the Prime Minister's visit to Kenya. I know that Mrs. Thatcher will be very pleased indeed with this.

(P.A. BEARPARK)

Her Excellency Dr. Sally J. Kosgei

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'P. Bearpark', written in a cursive style.



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18 April 1988

The Private Secretary to the Prime Minister  
10 Downing Street  
London SW1

Dear Private Secretary

I am pleased to forward to you an album containing pictures of the Prime Minister's visit to Kenya early this year. The collection was put together by the Private Secretary of President Moi, who asked me to send it to you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Sally J. Kosgei'.

SALLY J. KOSGEI  
HIGH COMMISSIONER





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Telex: Nairobi 22219

*Mr. Highman*

*To arrange x*

*[Signature]*

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Mr Tom N M Matianyi  
Project Manager  
Maasai Rural Training Centre  
Isinya  
PO Box 24, KAJIADO

1 February 1988

*Dear Mr Matianyi*

BRITISH PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO ISINYA

Thank you for your letter of 25 January expressing the gratitude of the Chairman and Board of Governors of the Maasai Rural Training Centre.

I am delighted to know that the cattle weighbridge will be so useful to your students and to the people of the area. I am sending your letter on to Mrs Thatcher so that she is aware how much her gift and her visit to the Centre are appreciated.

Since returning to London, Mrs Thatcher has written to say how much she enjoyed her visit to Kenya especially her visits to the rural areas including Isinya, where she was impressed by the devoted and wholehearted efforts of the people to improve opportunities for themselves and their children.

Having seen the work at Isinya I now intend to visit some of the newer centres which you have established in Kajiado District and I shall be in touch with the DC about this.

*Tom Murchison*

*[Signature]*

J R JOHNSON

x | bcc EAD, FCO (for onward transmission to No 10, Downing Street)





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*Sincerely yours?*  
*JR 4/2*

Charles Powell Esq  
10 Downing Street  
LONDON SW1

27 January 1988

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*Dear Mr Powell*

I enclose a letter from Mr and Mrs Samuel Gathecha Njoroge, whose tea shamba Mrs Thatcher visited on 5 January during her visit to Kenya, to the Prime Minister. I have acknowledged it.

*Yours Sincerely*

*Heatherraggan*

pp. J R Johnson



Mr. & Mrs Samuel Gathecha Njoroge,  
P. O. Box 7,  
GITHUNGURI  
Kiambu  
Kenya.

12.1.88

The RT. Hon. Margaret Thatcher,  
FRS MP  
10 Downing Street  
LONDON

Through : - Mr. John Johnson  
British High Commissioner  
NAIROBI - Kenya

Dear madam,

Please accept our gratitude and appreciation for honouring our Thakwa Farm during your RT. Honourable and your husband state visit to our beloved country Kenya on 5th January 1988.

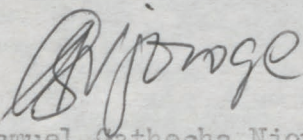
It was indeed very kind of you to spare some time from your busy schedule and visit our tea farm, it was indeed a historical occasion.

Also receive our sincere gratitude from my entire family and relatives for this memorable visit.

Lastly I give my personal thanks to you for accepting to sign my visitors book which will remain a true record for years to come of your visit to my farm.

Once again thankyou for your visit and we are ready to receive you again.

Yours faithfully,



Samuel Gathecha Njoroge



OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR NIGERIA

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Prime Minister  
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20 January 1988

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.  
Prime Minister  
10 Downing Street

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Dear Prime Minister

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I am grateful to you for your consideration in writing to me in the terms of your kind letter of 11 January which I saw on my return from Lagos last Monday. I view it as a rare honour to have been serving here at the time of your visit, and for me to have been associated with its arrangements.

The visit was unquestionably a success, and it is good that the heads of government of Nigeria and the United Kingdom should once more, after too long a spell, begin again to enjoy a close relationship which will facilitate co-operation between both countries. When I saw President Babangida after your departure, I know that he was most optimistic about future relations, and looking forward to a return visit to the United Kingdom, with Mrs Babangida.

Again, many thanks for your kind letter.

Yours sincerely,  
George Dove-Edwin

(G. DOVE-EDWIN)



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MAASAI RURAL TRAINING CENTRE  
ISINYA

CHURCH OF THE  
PROVINCE OF KENYA

P. O. Box 21  
KAJIADO

25th January, 1988

John Johnson Esq.  
British High Commissioner  
P O Box 30465  
NAIROBI

*Handwritten notes:*  
MTC 27/1  
Hole 7/27/1  
Miss Bell for reply  
Draft 6/25/1


Dear Mr. Johnson

On behalf of the Chairman and Board of Governors I wish to express our very grateful thanks for the Cattle Weighbridge presented to the Centre by the British High Commission on the occasion of the visit of the British Prime Minister, Mrs. Margaret Thatcher.

The Weighbridge will be a great asset not only to our Ranch, but also in the training of the Ranching Students who can benefit very much by being able to monitor the progress of the growth of animals. In addition the Weighbridge can help the ranchers in the area by weighing their animals for sale.

We would also be grateful if you would kindly convey to the Prime Minister our deep appreciation of the honour of her visit to the Centre and her interest in all the work and activities she was shown.

Yours sincerely

  
Tom N. M. Matianyi  
Project Manager

cc. Chairman  
Board of Governors

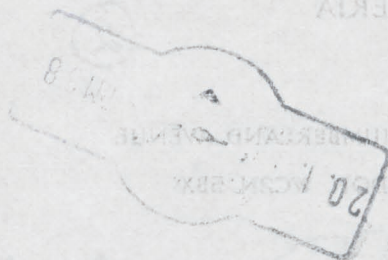


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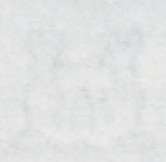
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*From the Private Secretary*

19 January 1988

I should be grateful if you could arrange for the onward transmission of the enclosed letter. Could you also telex Lagos as follows:-

"Prime Minister's visit. Your telex 66. Acknowledgement follows by bag."

P.A. Bearpark

Lyn Parker Esq  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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*With the Compliments of*



**NIGERIAN-BRITISH  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

16 KEFFI STREET.  
S.W. IKOYI  
P.O. BOX 109,  
LAGOS. NIGERIA.  
TELEPHONE: 683486





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*From the Private Secretary*

19 January, 1988.

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you very much indeed for the magnificent bronze mask which you presented to her at the Reception at the British High Commission on 7 January. Mrs. Thatcher is most grateful to you for this fine gift, and has asked me to send you her best wishes.

(P.A. Bearpark)

Chief Dotan Okubanjo



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*Have we written?*

*Do we know about the gift?*

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: GIFT FROM NIGERIAN BRITISH CHAMBER OF  
COMMERCE (NBCC)

*POJ  
19/1*

1. GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD CONFIRM WITH BEARPARK THAT AN  
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT IS ON ITS WAY FOR THE GIFT HANDED OVER  
BY CHIEF DOTUN OKUBANJO, DEPUTY PRESIDENT NBCC AT THE  
RECEPTION ON 7 JANUARY.

2. OKUBANJO IS CHAIRMAN OF THE NBCC PROGRAMME'S COMMITTEE WHICH  
IS MEETING TODAY. THE COMMERCIAL COUNSELLOR IS A MEMBER OF  
THIS COMMITTEE AND BARRATT WILL BE ATTENDING IN HIS PLACE.  
IF OKUBANJO HAPPENS TO RAISE THE POINT ABOUT THE NBCC GIFT TO  
THE PRIME MINISTER HE WILL SIMPLY SAY THAT HE UNDERSTANDS THAT  
AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT IS ON ITS WAY TO THE CHAMBER.

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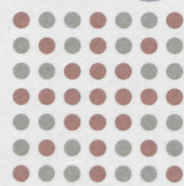
I received this telegram at 10.30 am on Tuesday, 19 January.  
Mr Bearpark today (19 Jan) asked that I simply send him this telegram  
and he will sort the matter out. He did not want me to reply to Lagos,  
preferring to do this himself. I sent him a copy of this telegram.

*CE.*

Carole Edwards  
19 January 1988

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From the Chairman  
Sir David Orr MC LLD

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15 January 1988

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

*Rie Smith*

*CDP  
10/1*

*Dear Prime Minister*

*16/11*

We have had enthusiastic reports about your visit to the Council in Lagos and your talk with the Council Representative in Kenya. Denis's visit to the Council in Nairobi was greatly appreciated. Thank you very much indeed for finding time in such an exacting programme to encourage our people. Your obvious interest has given great encouragement to Audrey Lambert in Nairobi and David Waterhouse in Nigeria as well as to their staff.

While writing, can I thank you also for your interest in the Henry Moore exhibition in India, for which you kindly agreed to head our Committee of Honour. It has been enormously successful. Press coverage in Delhi has been unprecedented in its volume and quality, and our office there has received many letters from members of the public in appreciation of the event.

We obtained substantial sponsorship for this event, both in cash and kind, and I have been particularly pleased that those who helped in this way have felt that it was well worth while.

The exhibition was inaugurated at a tea time ceremony under a shamiana in the gardens of the National Gallery of Modern Art by Prime Minister Gandhi, the first time that he had officiated at an opening there. As you know, Richard Luce attended and presented the National Gallery with a maquette by Henry Moore, a gift from Britain.

The smaller exhibition of working model bronzes and graphics is still enjoying a successful tour. In connection with this exhibition, we organised a series of workshops, master classes, seminars and lectures, with younger artists from Britain working alongside their Indian colleagues. The tour will finish in Jaipur in April 1988.

I am most grateful for your support in this venture. I know that your involvement was particularly appreciated by our Indian hosts.

*Yours sincerely  
David Orr*





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*From the Private Secretary*

12 January 1987

I am returning herewith the books you so kindly provided on Kenya. You will be most amused to know that "The Rough Guide to Kenya" was studied by all the senior members of the party on the aeroplane as we flew there!

But could I say a particular thank you for your briefing you provided on our aid programme there. This was immensely useful, and enabled us to see the visit in its proper perspective.

I know it must have been a pain to have to prepare it - it was certainly worthwhile.

Looking forward to an invitation to your retirement party.

P. A. BEARPARK

B. Cook, Esq.,  
Overseas Development Administration.





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THE PRIME MINISTER

12 January 1988

*Dear Squadron Leader Snell.*

Thank you and all the members of your crew very much indeed for seeing us safely through the visits to Kenya and Nigeria. You looked after us admirably and the landing at Kano was an outstanding achievement. It would have been sad to disappoint the anything up to one million Nigerians who were waiting for us. As it was, we had an excellent visit.

I know that sadly it was your last flight with us, also that of Flight Lieutenant Matthews. We shall miss both of you very much and thank you for all your kindness and help.

With warm good wishes for the future,

*Yours sincerely*

*Royal Air Force*

Squadron Leader J. D. Snell, R.A.F.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

Personal Minute

No. M1/88

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS

VISIT TO KENYA AND NIGERIA

I was very grateful for the excellent briefing prepared for my visit to Kenya and Nigeria and the meticulous preparations made. I realise what a great deal of work went into them, without the satisfaction for those concerned of actually taking part in the visit. Please tell the departments of my sincere gratitude.

I am sending copies of this minute to David Young, George Younger and Douglas Hurd whose departments were also involved in the briefing.

*Margaret Thatcher*

11 January 1988

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From the Private Secretary

11 January 1988

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISITS TO KENYA AND NIGERIA:  
THANK YOU LETTERS

I enclose the Prime Minister's thank you letters following her visits to Kenya and Nigeria.

In the case of Kenya, I suggest that you telegraph the text of the letter to President Moi, with the remainder (and the signed copy of the Moi letter) going by bag.

In the case of Nigeria, we have of course already telegraphed the text of the letter to President Babangida. I suggest that we also now telegraph those to Admiral Aikhomu, to the Military Governor of Kano State and to the Emir of Kano. The remainder can go by bag.

Finally you will want to note that the Prime Minister has also written to the Kenyan and Nigerian High Commissioners in London. We shall send these direct but I enclose copies for your records.

Yours sincerely,

(C. D. POWELL)

Lyn Parker, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.





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PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE  
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THE PRIME MINISTER

11 January 1988

Yean Sh. President;

I wanted to write straightaway upon my return home to say how very grateful indeed I was for the generous hospitality which you extended to me and my delegation during our all too brief visit to Nigeria. I was particularly touched by the warmth of the reception which I received from ordinary people and the very large numbers of them who turned out to greet me in Lagos and in Kano. Even though it was short, my stay enabled me to learn a great deal about Nigeria both ancient - the magnificent durbar - and modern. Yours is a great country with impressive achievements to show the visitor.

Most of all I was pleased that we were able to meet and have such a thorough talk. It was an opportunity for me both to express in person our strong support for your courageous efforts to strengthen Nigeria's economy, and for us to discuss the international political questions which are of particular concern to both our countries. I was encouraged by the extent to which our thinking on many of these was very similar. I shall be following up a number of points which you made to me concerning our bilateral relations. I very much agree that we should keep in direct contact and will make the necessary arrangements.

I am sorry that some sections of our press have concentrated on a very minor incident in Kano. We received an outstandingly warm reception there and the arrangements

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made both by the Military Governor and His Highness the Emir were excellent. We are grateful for all the kindness and attention we received.

Finally, may I thank you for the magnificent and generous gifts which you and your wife so kindly gave us. We were very touched that they were chosen with such obvious care and thoughtfulness and they will give us great pleasure.

My husband joins me in sending our warm good wishes and thanks to you and Mrs Babangida and our hope that you will both soon visit us in the United Kingdom.

Yours sincerely

Raymond D. D. D.

Major General Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida CFR





PRIME MINISTER'S  
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THE PRIME MINISTER

11 January 1988

*Dear Mr. President:*

May I thank you most warmly for the outstanding generosity of your welcome to me in Kenya. My visit to your country was a unique experience for me, and the kindness and friendliness which I encountered everywhere I went will be among my happiest memories. I do not recall ever visiting a country where courtesy was so natural or people were so cheerful. It was a rewarding visit for this alone, but made more so by the opportunity to see Kenya's remarkable achievements since independence. Your people are very fortunate to have such a strong and wise leader.

I was glad that we were able to have such a good talk. We see many of the world's problems in very much the same way.

I would be very grateful, Mr. President, if you could pass on my warm appreciation to all those associated with the excellent arrangements for my visit. They enabled me to see a very great deal in all too short a time. Your hospitality at State House was particularly gracious.

Finally, may I thank you sincerely for your very fine gift, which will give me enormous pleasure.

My husband joins me in sending you our warm regards and good wishes.

*Yours sincerely  
Rajawati Thakur*

His Excellency The Honourable Daniel T. Arap Moi, CGH, EBS, MP.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

11 January 1988

Dear Sir Ratan,

Now that we are safely home, can I thank you, your wife and all your staff for making my visit to Nigeria so successful. I well understand the frustrations of arranging a programme, but the outcome was wholly admirable and thoroughly enjoyable. I am most grateful for all the work which I know went into it.

I was very glad to meet President Babangida and found him a very shrewd and impressive person. We have agreed to remain in direct contact. The visit to Kano was marvellous. It is unfortunate that the British press chose to play up the small incident at the Palace. We have made clear that there is absolutely no complaint on our side. Rather it is the spectacular scale and enthusiasm of the people's welcome and of the durbar which has left an impression on us all.

Please thank your wife in particular for her kind hospitality at lunch and for the highly enjoyable evening reception, when we were able to meet so many Nigerians.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

Sir Martin Ewans, K.C.M.G.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

11 January 1988

Dear High Commissioner,

I should like you to know how very much I enjoyed my visit to Nigeria. Although it was short, the programme was very full and the memory of the popular welcome I received will always remain with me. The colour and pageantry of the durbar was a remarkable experience. I was particularly pleased to have established such a good working and personal relationship with the President. We have agreed to remain in close touch.

I know how much you contributed to the arrangements for the visit and to its success. I am most grateful to you.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely  
Rajiv Gandhi

His Excellency Mr. George Dove-Edwin

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THE PRIME MINISTER

11 January 1988

Your Highness.

May I express to Your Highness my most sincere gratitude and appreciation for receiving me during my visit to Kano and for the magnificent durbar which you so kindly arranged. It was a spectacle which I never dreamed to see. The colour and pageantry were breathtaking, a reminder both of the ancient traditions of Kano and the vigour of its people today. I am deeply grateful to Your Highness.

May I also thank you for your exceedingly generous gifts, which will give us very great pleasure. I am grateful to you for agreeing to continue to look after my horse: it will, I am sure, feel more at home in Kano!

I thank Your Highness once more for your great kindness, and hope that we shall have a chance to meet in future in London.

Yours sincerely  
Raymond Shalita

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His Highness Alhaji Ado Bayero

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THE PRIME MINISTER

11 January 1988

Your Excellency,

I write to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation for the excellent arrangements made for my visit to Kano. The welcome which we received was spectacular and I am most grateful to all those concerned for their part in it. I should like a special words of thanks to be conveyed to those responsible for security. They carried out their demanding tasks with the utmost efficiency and propriety.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Rajant Shauhin

Alhaji Habib

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THE PRIME MINISTER

11 January 1988

Your Excellency,

I write to express my warmest thanks for your hospitality during my visit to Kano. It was an experience which I shall never forget, both for the enthusiasm of the many thousands of people who flocked into the streets and for the magnificence of the durbar. We particularly appreciated the welcome which you gave us both at the airport and at State House.

I should particularly like my thanks expressed to those responsible for security. The arrangements which they made were excellent and - despite some unhelpful comment in the British press - there is absolutely no criticism from our side.

Finally may I thank you and your wife for the very generous and thoughtful gifts. They will give us both great pleasure.

My husband joins me in sending you and your wife warm good wishes.

Yours sincerely  
Nagana Habiba

Group Captain Mohammed Umaru

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THE PRIME MINISTER

11 January 1988

Your Excellency,

I should like to record my warm appreciation of the excellent arrangements made for my visit to Nigeria. We were made very welcome and very comfortable, particularly in the magnificent State House. We were also very gratified by the dignified welcoming ceremony in the State House garden.

I should be very grateful if you would pass on my thanks to all those associated with the arrangements, both in Lagos and Kano, including those responsible for security which was admirable.

With warm good wishes,

Yours sincerely

Rajawadeh

Alhaji Abubakar Udu

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THE PRIME MINISTER

11 January 1988

Dear High Commissioner

My visit to Kenya was a tremendous success and most enjoyable. I know what an enormous amount of work you and your staff put into it and am most grateful. The warmth of the welcome which I received was unexpected but all the more delightful for that, and I cannot remember ever having seen so many happy and cheerful faces. It was particularly good to see how very popular and respected you and your wife are with Kenyans of every sort. We are very lucky to have you both there.

Please particularly thank your wife for her very kind hospitality during our visit. It added greatly to the enjoyment.

Denis joins me in sending you both our warm good wishes.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

Mr. J.R. Johnson, C.M.G.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

11 January 1988

Dear Colonel Nwachukwu,

I wish to express my warm appreciation of your hospitality during my visit to Nigeria. I was delighted to be able to pay the visit and to have such a thorough talk with the President and with you. The time was too short, but we nonetheless managed to cover a great deal of ground. I hope that you will agree with me that we have as a result improved very significantly the understanding between our two countries.

I shall be very grateful if you could pass on my warm appreciation to all those concerned with the arrangements for my visit, both in Lagos and in Kano. They were exemplary and we could not have been made more comfortable or welcome. I am very grateful.

We are looking forward to your visit in March and the resumption of the regular high level talks between our two governments. In the meantime, my husband joins me in sending warm good wishes to you and Mrs Nwachukwu.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

Major General Ike Nwachukwu

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THE PRIME MINISTER

11 January 1988

Dear Dr. Onyonka,

I very greatly enjoyed my time in Kenya and would like to thank you in particular for so graciously accompanying me on my various visits outside Nairobi. It was kind of you to be so generous with your time and attention. I was greatly impressed by all that I saw and the tremendous success which Kenya is making of its agriculture and other aspects of the economy. I was also very glad to have such a good talk with His Excellency the President.

May I thank you again and send you warm good wishes.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Barber

His Excellency The Honourable Dr. Zacharia Onyonka

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THE PRIME MINISTER

11 January 1988

Dear Mr. Kiplagat.

I know what a very major role you played in making my visit to Kenya so thoroughly enjoyable and successful and I should like to thank you most warmly for this. I was very impressed by everything I saw, but above all by the natural warmth and friendliness of the people and their welcome. It was a most heartening experience.

With warm good wishes,

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

Mr. B. Kiplagat, EBS.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

11 January 1988

Dear Mr. Mahugu.

I am extremely grateful to you and your department for all the work which went into making my visit to Kenya so rewarding and successful. The programme was excellent and enabled me to see a very great deal, and all the detailed arrangements ran like clockwork. Please pass on my sincere thanks and appreciation to all those concerned.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Barber

Mr. N.M. Mahugu

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THE PRIME MINISTER

11 January 1988

*Dear Admiral Aikhomu.*

I wanted to let you know how very much I enjoyed my visit to Nigeria, and also to thank you most warmly for your great courtesy in coming to the airport both to meet me and to see me on my way to Kano. My visit there was an unforgettable experience, both because of the richness of the pageantry of the traditional durbar and the warm reception from so many thousands of ordinary people.

I was pleased that we were able to have a good talk over dinner. I found this most helpful.

I understand from our High Commissioner that very kindly and considerately you stayed at Lagos airport after my departure for Kano in case we had to turn back. It was really very good of you indeed, although I am horrified to think of the inconvenience to you. Luckily the RAF managed to get us in to Kano, although only just!

My husband joins me in sending warm good wishes to you and Mrs Aikhomu.

*Yours sincerely*

*Margaret Thatcher*

Vice-Admiral Augustus Aikhomu

*SW*





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THE PRIME MINISTER

11 January 1988

Dear General Mohamed.

I have written to the President to express my gratitude for the most enjoyable and successful visit which I paid to Kenya last week. May I add a particular word of thanks to you for arranging for me and my delegation, together with all the accompanying press, to be flown by the Kenyan Air Force to Western Kenya. It was a very comfortable flight and of course added greatly to the range of projects which we were able to visit. I am most grateful.

With warm good wishes,

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

General M.H. Mohamed, EGH, CBS, DCO.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

11 January 1988

Dear Mr. Njiiru,

May I thank you most warmly for the highly efficient and effective security arrangements made for my visit to Kenya. They enabled me to enjoy my very full programme to the maximum. I should like in particular to thank Assistant Commissioner Gatui and Superintendent Maragwa for their excellent work. I am most grateful.

With warm good wishes,

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

Mr. B.K. Njiiru, MGH, CBS, DCO.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

11 January 1988

Dear Mr. Ndemo.

Thank you very much for the excellent arrangements made for me to visit the Isinya Maasai Rural Training Complex in Kajiado District. It was a most interesting and worthwhile experience and a credit to your District.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

Mr. P. Ndemo

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THE PRIME MINISTER

11 January 1988

Dear Mr. Kagecha,

I am most grateful to you for arranging my visit to the Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery in Nairobi. I always find such visits a most moving experience. The cemetery is most beautifully kept and truly a worthy resting place for heroes. Thank you for all your work.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

Mr. J. Kagecha

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THE PRIME MINISTER

11 January 1988

Dear Mr. Ole Sein,

I was most impressed by my visit to the Isinya Maasai Rural Training Complex and delighted by the warm welcome which I received. May I compliment you on the success of the project and add a particular word of appreciation for the work of Mr. Tom Matianyi.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Ronald Reagan

Mr. J. Ole Sein

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THE PRIME MINISTER

11 January 1988

Dear Mr. Koinange,

I was fascinated and most impressed by my visit to the Kenya Tea Development Authority's factory at Kiambu. It was very good of you to make the arrangements and to show me round. Thank you also for the kind gift of tea which is most welcome.

May I add a particular word of thanks for the help given by Mr. Simon Kamuyu and Mr. Enos Nyagah and also for the hospitality of Mr. Gatheca whose farm we visited.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

Mr. Charles Koinange

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THE PRIME MINISTER

11 January 1988

Dear Mr. Njoroge,

I am most grateful to you for arranging my visit to the Komothai Secondary School. I was greatly impressed by what I saw and delighted that Britain is making a contribution to the school's work. Thank you also for the very fine ebony carving and the basket. The visit crowned a most enjoyable and happy day.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

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Mr. D.G. Njoroge

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THE PRIME MINISTER

11 January 1988

Dear Mr. Mugai:

May I say how grateful I was to you for allowing me to visit Komothai Secondary School, and to your pupils for their very warm welcome. I was most impressed by what I saw, and send you and all the staff and pupils my warm good wishes for your future success.

Yours sincerely

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Mr. W. Mugai

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THE PRIME MINISTER

11 January 1988

Dear Dr. Koech,

I was most grateful to you for arranging for me to visit the Mumias Sugar Project. The scale of the project and its contribution to the livelihoods of so many thousands of people is most impressive.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

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Dr. Richard Koech

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THE PRIME MINISTER

11 January 1988

Dear Mr. Glasford,

I am most grateful to you for all the trouble which you took in showing me round the Mumias Sugar Project. I congratulate you on the impressive way in which the project is run and the contribution which it makes to the welfare of so many thousands of people. It is indeed a model of successful development and I know what a great personal contribution you have made to it. I was most grateful also for the splendid lunch.

May I also ask you to thank on my behalf Mr. Donny Eshitemi and Mr. Alfred Okech as well as Mr. Wambani whose farm we visited. And of course a special words of thanks to your wife for so kindly allowing me to change and rest in your house.

With warm good wishes to you both.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Richards

Mr. Michael Glasford

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THE PRIME MINISTER

11 January 1988

Dear Mr. Mudavadi,

I was absolutely delighted by my very brief visit to the Chekombero Women's Poultry Project and send you and your wife my warmest thanks. Among all the many kind welcomes which I received, none was more lively and colourful than that from the ladies of Chekombero. Even a drop of rain did not dampen it!

With warm good wishes,

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

The Honourable Moses Mudavadi, EGH, MP.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

11 January 1988

Dear Mr. N'geny,

Thank you very much for arranging for me to inaugurate the new Kapsabet Telephone Exchange. I was delighted to find Britain contributing in this way to the development of Kenya's telecommunications. I was also very touched by the warmth of the welcome from the people of Kapsabet.

Thank you also for the very special gifts which give us both great pleasure.

With warm good wishes,

Yours sincerely

Raymond Walter

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Mr. K. Arap N'geny

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THE PRIME MINISTER

11 January 1988

Dear Mr. Changole,

I am extremely grateful to you for the excellent arrangements made for me to visit your district for the opening of the new Kapsabet Telephone Exchange. I was very impressed by all that I saw, and the very warm and friendly welcome from your people.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Rajiv Gandhi

Mr. W.K. Changole

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THE PRIME MINISTER

11 January 1988

Dear Professor Odhiambo,

May I thank you most warmly for inviting me to visit Moi University and for the very kind welcome which I received. The University is a most impressive undertaking and I am delighted that Britain will be contributing substantially to it through the new library. I was very glad of the chance to meet faculty members.

Thank you very much for the plaque and the carved lion which will always remind me of my visit.

I send you and all the members of the University my best wishes for its success in the future. I shall take a close interest in its development.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Storer

Professor Douglas Odhiambo

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THE PRIME MINISTER

11 January 1988

Dear Mr. Kobia,

I am extremely grateful to you for the excellent arrangements made for me to visit your Province. I was very impressed by all that I saw, and the very warm and friendly welcome from your people.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Raymond Daulton

Mr. Julius Kobia

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THE PRIME MINISTER

11 January 1988

Dear Mr. Haji,

I am extremely grateful to you for the excellent arrangements made for me to visit your Province. I was very impressed by all that I saw, and the very warm and friendly welcome from your people.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

Mr. Mohamed Haji

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THE PRIME MINISTER

11 January 1988

Dear High Commissioner,

I should like to say how grateful I am to you for all you did to make my visit to Kenya so interesting and enjoyable. It was a most warming and impressive experience and I shall hope very much to return one day.

I have of course written to thank the President and others, but wanted you to know how much I appreciated your own contribution.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Raymond Kaltefleiter

Her Excellency Dr. Sally J. Kosgel

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From the Private Secretary

9 January 1987

Dear Resident Clerk

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO NIGERIA

I enclose the text of a thank you letter from the Prime Minister to President Babangida. I should be grateful if you would telegraph it flash to Lagos for delivery today. As you will see, it is intended to help dispel any misunderstanding about the minor incident in Kano yesterday which the British press has chosen to treat so luridly.

I have already sent Lagos, last night, the text of the statement put out by the No. 10 Press Office about the incident.

Yours sincerely,  
C.D. Powell

C.D. POWELL

The Resident Clerk  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office



PRIME MINISTER

VISIT TO KENYA AND NIGERIA

I attach thank you letters for your visits to Kenya and Nigeria. That to President Babangida has already been despatched by telegram.

C.D.P

Thank you very much  
32 letters - you must have  
worked all day and half the  
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CHARLES POWELL

9 January 1988



LIST OF THANK-YOU LETTERS

✓ - From Prime Minister: HE Hon Daniel T arap Moi CGH MP

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From Private Secretary:

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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- Mr B Kiplagat EBS, Permanent Secretary  
- Mr N M Mahugu, Chief of Protocol

State House

- Mr A Kiptanui, Comptroller and Private Secretary to the President  
- Mrs S Ondimu, Social Secretary

Armed Forces

- ✓ - General M H Mohamed EGH CBS DCO, Chief of General Staff  
(for Kenyan Air Force flight to Western Kenya)

Police/Security

- ✓ - Mr B K Njiinu MGH CBS DCO, Commissioner of Police  
(mentioning the work of Assistant Commissioner Gatui and Superintendent Maragwa)

Individual Visits

Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery

- ✓ - Mr J Kagecha, Representative, Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Isinya Maasai Rural Training Complex

- ✓ - Mr P Ndemo, District Commissioner, Kajiado District  
✓ - Mr J Ole Sein, Chairman, Isinya Board of Governors  
(mentioning the work of Mr Tom Matianyi, Project Manager)

Kenya Tea Development Authority

- Mr Charles Koinange, Chairman  
(mentioning the help given by Mr Simon Kamuyu, KTDA General Manager, Mr Enos Nyagah of KTDA, and Mr Gatheca, whose farm the Prime Minister will have visited)



Komothai Secondary School

- Mr D G Njoroge, Controller and Auditor-General and Chairman of the Board of Governors
- Mr W Mugai, Headmaster

Mumias Sugar Project

- Dr Richard Koech, Chairman, Mumias Sugar Company
- Mr Michael Glasford, General Manager (mentioning also the contributions of Mr Alfred Okech, Agricultural Manager, Mr Donny Eshitemi, Factory Manager, and Mr Wambani, whose farm the Prime Minister will have visited)

Chekomboro Women's Poultry Project

- Hon Moses Mudavadi EGH MP, Minister for Local Government (whose wife runs the project, and who will have made many of the preparations for the Prime Minister's visit)
- Mr Gavin Creyke, Action Aid
- Mr T Rohrsted, EC Delegate to Kenya (mentioning the contribution of M. Philippe Darmuzey)

Kapsabet Telephone Exchange

- Mr K Arap N'geny, Managing Director, Kenya Posts and Telecommunications Corporation
- Mr W K Changole, District Commissioner, Nandi District

Moi University

- Professor Douglas Odhiambo, Vice-Chancellor

Provincial Administration

- Mr Julius Kobia, Provincial Commissioner, Western Province
- Mr Mohamed Haji, Provincial Commissioner, Rift Valley Province

✓ Mr. Johnson

✓ Kenya High Commission - Lond.



*faxed in cheques*

**PRIME MINISTER**

**VISIT TO NIGERIA**

I think it would be a good idea to telegraph off to Lagos today the thank you letter to President Babangida which also deals with the incident in Kano. I attach a draft. If you agree, we can get it off by telegram straightaway.

I hope to let you have the other thank you letters by tomorrow night.

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**CHARLES POWELL**

9 January 1988



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Please Reply to: Lagos.

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The Rt. Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher MP  
10, Downing Street  
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London.

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*Dear Prime Minister,*

I take the liberty of this note to express thanks for the time taken out of your busy official schedule to host the reception given at the residence of the British High Commissioner in Lagos, last night.

I feel constrained to write because I guess that you will have little other indication of the boost to the morale of the hard pressed British expatriate community here, given by your personally meeting representatives of the business circle. It was widely appreciated.

I hope that your visit to Kenya and Nigeria has been a success and we look forward to further governmental visits in due course.

Yours Sincerely,

*Christopher M Willis*

Christopher M Willis  
General Manager.

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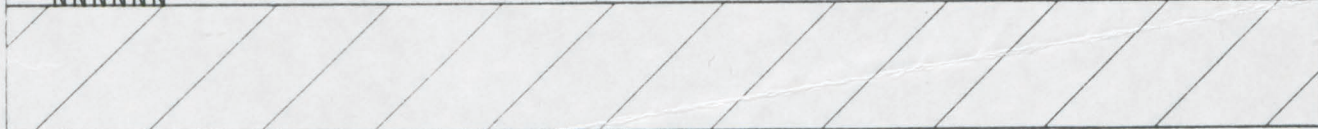
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16 WAS HURT. IT WAS A BRIEF MOMENT WHEN THE CROWD SURGED TOWARDS  
17 THE STEPS LEADING UP TO THE BALCONY FOR VIEWING THE DURBAR.  
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19 CORDON AND THE REST OF THE GROUP AND FOUND IT RATHER FRIGHTENING.  
20 BUT NO ONE HAS ANY COMPLAINT AND, SO FAR AS NO. 10 IS  
21 CONCERNED, THE INCIDENT DID NOT MAR A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL TOUR".  
22 YOU WILL WANT TO DRAW THIS TO THE ATTENTION OF THE NIGERIANS.

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Mr Powell

THANK YOU LETTERS

1. I suggest you send thank you letters to the following:

HE the President, General Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida CFR  
and Mrs Babangida

The Chief of General Staff, Vice Admiral Augustus Aikhomu

The Honourable Minister for External Affairs,  
Major General Ike Nwachukwu

The State Chief of Protocol, Alhaji Abubakar Udu

The Military Governor of Kano State,  
Group Captain Mohammed Umaru

The Emir of Kano, His Highness Alhaji Ado Bayero

The Director of Protocol, Kano State, Alhaji Habib

*JFR Martin*

7 January 1988

J F R Martin





*AD*

Mr Powell

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO KANO: EXCHANGE OF GIFTS

1. We have now received further details of the exchange of gifts with the Emir of Kano. The exchange will take place in the Throne Room and will be initiated by the Emir after the speeches. The Emir will be the first to present the gift. After this exchange the Emir and the Prime Minister will move to the small forecourt adjacent to the Throne Room where the horse will be presented. The horse will be tame so everybody may stand close to it. There will be an opportunity for photographs in front of the horse. The Emir and the Prime Minister will then walk to the review balcony from where the Emir will explain the proceedings at the mini Durbar. After about 10 minutes the Emir will leave Mrs Thatcher, descend, mount his horse and take the salute for a further 15 minutes. The Emir will then return to the Prime Minister, escort her to her car and take his leave.

*JFR Martin*

7 January 1988

J F R Martin

c.c:

- Mr Bearpark
- Mr Ingham
- Mr Bates
- Mrs Crawford
- Det Sup Butler
- Mr Fairweather
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- Mr Savage



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FOR HIGH COMMISSIONER FROM CHARLES POWELL  
YR TELNO 015: DRESS AT STATE DINNER

1. NONE OF US, MR THATCHER INCLUDED, HAVE DINNER JACKETS.  
ALL WILL ATTEND THE DINNER IN SUITS, AS SHOULD ALL YOUR STAFF  
AND ALL OTHERS WHO ARE SUSCEPTIBLE TO PERSUASION BY YOU.

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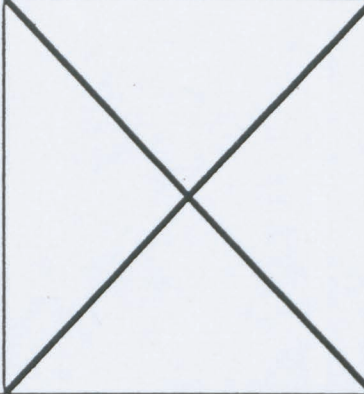
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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO NIGERIA: DEMONSTRATIONS

1. THIS MORNING'S PRESS (6 JANUARY) REPORTED PLANS FOR DEMONSTRATIONS DURING THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT BY THE NIGERIA LABOUR CONGRESS (NLC), THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIAN STUDENTS (NANS), THE NIGERIAN AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS FRIENDSHIP AND CULTURAL ASSOCIATION (NAFCA), AND THE NIGERIAN CUBAN FRIENDSHIP AND CULTURAL ASSOCIATION (NCFCA). THE DEMONSTRATIONS WILL APPARENTLY BE AIMED AT BRITISH POLICY TOWARDS SOUTH AFRICA. THE NLC ARE REPORTEDLY HIRING UP TO 200 BUSES (ALTHOUGH IT IS VERY UNLIKELY THAT THIS IS A REALISTIC FIGURE) TO TAKE THEIR MEMBERS AND OTHER DEMONSTRATORS OUT TO THE AIRPORT, WITH THE INTENTION OF STAGING A PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION AS THE PRIME MINISTER ARRIVES.

COMMENT

2. THE NIGERIAN AUTHORITIES ARE AWARE OF THESE PLANS. I AM CONFIDENT THAT THEY WILL TAKE THE NECESSARY MEASURES TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS NO DISRUPTION OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S ARRIVAL ARRANGEMENTS.

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: PROGRAMME

1. FOLLOWING FURTHER DISCUSSIONS YESTERDAY, 5 JANUARY, WITH THE STATE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, SOME OF THE TIMINGS IN THE PROGRAMME HAVE BEEN ALTERED (ESPECIALLY FOR THE KANO PART OF THE PROGRAMME). FULL PROGRAMME, ASSUMING THAT THE GOVERNOR'S LUNCH IN KANO DOES NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL 1430 ON 8 JANUARY, IS AS FOLLOWS:

7 JANUARY

1210 ARRIVE AT PRESIDENTIAL TERMINAL, MURTALA MOHAMMED AIRPORT

MET BY VICE ADMIRAL AUGUSTUS AIKHOMU, CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF, AND MAJOR GENERAL NWACHUKWU, MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

1220 DEPART MURTALA MOHAMMED AIRPORT

1250 ARRIVE STATE HOUSE, MARINA. WELCOMED BY H E THE PRESIDENT GENERAL IBRAHIM BADAMASI BABANGIDA AND MRS MARYAM BABANGIDA

1250-1320 ARRIVAL CEREMONIES

1320 PRESIDENT AND MRS BABANGIDA TAKE LEAVE

1320-1350 RETIRE

1330 MAJOR GENERAL IKE NWACHUKWU, MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS' LUNCH FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES, EKO HOTEL

1350 DEPART STATE HOUSE, MARINA FOR BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER'S RESIDENCE, 3 QUEENS DRIVE, IKOYI

1355 ARRIVE 3 QUEENS DRIVE, IKOYI

1400-1445 BRIEFING LUNCH

1450 DEPART 3 QUEENS DRIVE, IKOYI FOR STATE HOUSE, MARINA

1450 MR THATCHER DEPARTS FOR IKEJA (SEE SEPARATE PROGRAMME)



1455 ARRIVE STATE HOUSE, MARINA

1510 PRIME MINISTER RECEIVES PRESIDENT BABANGIDA AT THE ENTRANCE OF STATE HOUSE, MARINA.

TALKS WITH PRESIDENT BABANGIDA (SMALL SITTING ROOM GROUND FLOOR)

1630 END OF TALKS (TALKS CAN BE EXTENDED IF REQUIRED)

PRESS OPPORTUNITY

1700 HAIR APPOINTMENT

1815 DEPART FOR 3 QUEENS DRIVE, IKOYI

1820 ARRIVE 3 QUEENS DRIVE, IKOYI

1830 PRIME MINISTER'S COCKTAIL RECEPTION

1930 DEPART FOR STATE HOUSE, MARINA

1935 ARRIVE STATE HOUSE, MARINA

1930 INVITED GUESTS ARRIVE STATE HOUSE FOR OFFICIAL DINNER

1955 PRIME MINISTER AND MR THATCHER GREET THE PRESIDENT AND MRS BABANGIDA AT THE ENTRANCE TO STATE HOUSE, MARINA

2000 OFFICIAL DINNER, STATE HOUSE, MARINA

2130 END OF OFFICIAL DINNER, PRESIDENT AND MRS BABANGIDA TAKE LEAVE

8 JANUARY 1988

0715 HAIR APPOINTMENT

0730 NIGERIAN AIRCRAFT DEPARTS FOR KANO

0755 DEPART STATE HOUSE, MARINA

0800-0820 OPEN BRITISH COUNCIL OFFICES, 11 KINGSWAY, IKOYI ISLAND, LAGOS

0820 DEPART FOR STATE HOUSE, MARINA

0825 ARRIVE STATE HOUSE, MARINA

0835 PRESIDENT AND MRS BABANGIDA TAKE LEAVE

0850 DEPART FOR MURTALA MOHAMMED AIRPORT, LAGOS ACCOMPANIED BY VICE ADMIRAL AUGUST AIKHOMU, CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF

0920 ARRIVE MURTALA MOHAMMED AIRPORT, LAGOS. FAREWELL TO CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF

0925 RAF VC10 DEPARTS

1105 RAF VC10 ARRIVES MALLAM AMINO KANO AIRPORT, KANO

MET BY MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, MAJOR GENERAL IKE NWACHUKWU AND MILITARY GOVERNOR OF KANO STATE, GROUP CAPTAIN MOHAMMED UMARU



1105-1120 WELCOMING CEREMONIES AT MALLAM AMINO KANO AIRPORT.

1120 DEPART AIRPORT FOR KANO DYE PITS

1135-1155 VISIT DYE PITS. RECEIVED BY KANO STATE COMMISSIONER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ALHAJI A ABDULLAHI

1155 DEPART DYE PITS FOR EMIR'S PALACE

1200 ARRIVE EMIR'S PALACE

COURTESY CALL ON THE EMIR OF KANO, HIS HIGHNESS ALHAJI ADO BAYERO

1220 ATTEND MINI DURBAR IN FRONT OF EMIR'S PALACE

1250 DEPART EMIR'S PALACE FOR GOVERNMENT HOUSE

1300 ARRIVE GOVERNMENT HOUSE (AFRICA HOUSE BUILDING)

RECEIVED BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE MILITARY GOVERNOR

1305 RETIRE

1330-1430 RECEPTION FOR BRITISH COMMUNITY (TO BE CONFIRMED)

1430-1530 LUNCH HOSTED BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE MILITARY GOVERNOR OF KANO STATE

1530 SIGN VISITORS' BOOK

EXCHANGE OF GIFTS

1540 DEPART GOVERNMENT HOUSE FOR AIRPORT

1555 ARRIVE AIRPORT

1555-1605 DEPARTURE CEREMONIES

1610 RAF VC10 DEPARTS FOR LONDON

PROGRAMME FOR MR DENIS THATCHER MBE: 7 JANUARY 1988

1210-1450 AS FOR THE PRIME MINISTER

1445 LEAVE RESIDENCE ACCOMPANIED BY MINISTER, BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION, MR PETER HEAP, CMG, AND MR CHIKE ANIGBO, HEAD OF WELFARE PROTOCGL DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

1515 ARRIVE CADBURY NIGERIA LTD, ISHERI ROAD, IECCEJA. MET BY DICK CLARKE, EXECUTIVE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN AND CHRISTOPHER KOLADE, MANAGING DIRECTOR

INFORMAL BRIEFING AND A LOOK AT THE PRODUCTION LINES FOR BOURNVITA AND KNORR PRODUCTS

1545 DEPART CADBURY

1550 ARRIVE METAL BOX NIGERIA LTD, ACME ROAD, IKEJA. MET BY CHIEF SALOS DANILYON, CHAIRMAN AND MARTIN WOOD, MANAGING DIRECTOR



SHORT BRIEFING AND TOUR OF PRODUCTION LINES (PRODUCING METAL CANS  
AND CANISTERS FOR VARIOUS PRODUCTS INCLUDING BOURNVITA TINS  
FOR CADBURY)

1620 DEPART METAL BOX

1620 ARRIVE HARP BREWERY AT GUINNESS (IMMEDIATELY ACROSS  
THE ROAD FROM METAL BOX) FOR A BRIEF WALK PAST PART OF  
BREWING PROCESS ON THE WAY TO THE BOARDROOM, FOR AN INFORMAL  
MEETING WITH BRITISH AND NIGERIAN REPRESENTATIVES OF ABOUT  
A DOZEN OTHER BRITISH ASSOCIATED COMPANIES WITH FACTORIES  
IN THE IKEJA AREA

1655 DEPART GUINNESS FOR STATE HOUSE

1730 ARRIVE STATE HOUSE, MARINA

1830-ONWARDS AS FOR PRIME MINISTER

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YOUR TELNO 011 TO NAIROBI: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO NIGERIA:  
DEMONSTRATIONS

1. YOU WILL RECALL OUR TELNO 740 OF 3 NOVEMBER INSTRUCTED YOU TO OBTAIN AN ASSURANCE FROM BABANGIDA THAT ANY DEMONSTRATIONS WOULD BE DEALT WITH FIRMLY. IN YOUR TELNO 1199 REPORTING THE OUTCOME OF YOUR MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT ON 30 NOVEMBER BABANGIDA SAID THERE WAS NO NEED FOR US TO WORRY ABOUT DEMONSTRATIONS AND THAT THEY WOULD BE TAKEN CARE OF.
2. DESPITE CONFIDENCE EXPRESSED IN YOUR TUR, WE SHOULD LIKE YOU TO ENSURE BABANGIDA IS REMINDED OF HIS ASSURANCES ON THIS POINT, AND THAT NECESSARY STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN TO DEAL WITH ANY PROPOSED DEMONSTRATIONS, ON ARRIVAL OR LATER.

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FOLLOWING FOR HIGH COMMISSIONER FROM CHARLES POWELL

YOUR TELS NOS 054 AND 008 TO NAIROBI: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT

1. THESE FURTHER PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE PROGRAMME ARE VERY INCONVENIENT. WE HAVE MADE CLEAR TO THE NIGERIANS FROM THE BEGINNING WHEN THE PRIME MINISTER WILL NEED TO LEAVE FOR LONDON. YOU SHOULD MAKE A FURTHER EFFORT TO PERSUADE THEM TO STICK TO THE ORIGINAL PROGRAMME. BUT IF THIS CANNOT BE ACHIEVED, YOU CAN AGREE THAT THE PRIME MINISTER'S TAKE-OFF SHOULD BE POSTPONED UNTIL 1630 AT THE VERY LATEST.
2. THE PRIME MINISTER DOES NOT REPEAT NOT INTEND TO GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE IN NIGERIA. WE HAVE NO CONFIDENCE THAT THIS WOULD BE THE TAME AFFAIR THAT THE NIGERIANS SUGGEST. ALL THE EVIDENCE IS TO THE CONTRARY, AND IT COULD END THE VISIT ON A SOUR AND UNPRODUCTIVE NOTE. YOU SHOULD MAKE CLEAR TO THE NIGERIANS THEREFORE THAT THE PRESS CONFERENCE IS NOT ACCEPTED, POINTING OUT (IF IT HELPS) THAT THE PRIME MINISTER DID NOT GIVE ON IN KENYA EITHER. YOU CAN SAY, HOWEVER, THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD BE WILLING TO MAKE A SHORT DEPARTURE STATEMENT TO THE PRESS BEFORE LEAVING KANO.

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FOR PS TO PM

DRESS AT THE STATE DINNER

1. THE NIGERIANS HAVE ISSUED TODAY 6 JANUARY THEIR INVITATIONS TO THE STATE DINNER ON 7 JANUARY. THEY SHOW DRESS AS QUOTE FORMAL DRESS OR NATIONAL ATTIRE UNQUOTE. THEY HAD EARLIER ASSURED US THAT DRESS WOULD BE LOUNGE SUITS. WE CAN ASSUME THAT MORE OR LESS ALL THE NIGERIANS WILL WEAR NATIONAL DRESS. THE OCCASIONAL NIGERIAN OR THE FEW EXPATRIATES INVITED OTHER THAN THOSE FROM THE HIGH COMMISSION MAY NOW WEAR BLACK TIE. GRATEFUL TO KNOW WHETHER MR THATCHER HAS A DINNER JACKET WITH HIM. IF NOT I AND MY STAFF WILL WEAR LOUNGE SUITS AND WILL CONTACT SUCH OTHER GUESTS AS ARE KNOWN TO US TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO DO LIKEWISE.

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FOR PS/PRIME MINISTER FROM HIGH COMMISSIONER

YOUR TELNO 7: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT

1. WE HAVE TRIED ONCE AGAIN TO PERSUADE UDU, STATE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, TO STICK TO THE ORIGINAL PROGRAMME IN KANO. HOWEVER PROTOCOL ARE NOW SAYING THAT BECAUSE OF THE PRAYERS IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR MOST OF THE NIGERIAN GUESTS, THE MAJORITY OF WHOM ARE MUSLIM, TO ATTEND THE LUNCH BETWEEN 1300 AND 1430. I WILL BE MAKING FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS LATER THIS MORNING BUT FEAR THAT THERE IS LITTLE HOPE OF GETTING THE NIGERIANS TO BUDGE.
2. UDU ACCEPTED WITH EQUANIMITY THE NEWS THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WILL NOT GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE IN NIGERIA.
3. I RECOMMEND THAT THE PERIOD BETWEEN 1330 AND 1430 IS NOW USED FOR A SMALL RECEPTION FOR THE PRIME MINISTER TO MEET THE BRITISH COMMUNITY IN KANO. THE COMMUNITY, NUMBERING LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED HAS BEEN PRESSING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET MRS THATCHER AND THERE HAS BEEN SOME CRITICISM OF THE ABSENCE OF ANY OPPORTUNITY FOR THIS. THE BUILDING (AERICA HOUSE) WHICH WILL BE USED BY THE PRIME MINISTER AT THE GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE LENDS ITSELF WELL TO A RECEPTION. TWO SUITES OF ROOMS HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED TO THE PRIME MINISTER ON THE FIRST FLOOR TO WHICH IT IS PROPOSED SHE SHOULD RETIRE ON HER ARRIVAL THERE AT 1300. I PROPOSE THAT THE DHC KADUNA SHOULD INVITE GUESTS FOR 1330 AND THAT WHEN SHE IS READY THE PRIME MINISTER SHOULD GO DOWN TO MEET THEM, RETIRING AGAIN A FEW MINUTES BEFORE 1430 TO PREPARE FOR THE GOVERNOR'S LUNCH.
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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO LAGOS, TELE PHONE COMMUNICATIONS

1. THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED AT STATE HOUSE:
  - A) 636753 ) PRIVATE OFFICE  
636802 )
  - B) 636141 ) MR POWELL (PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE PM)
2. FOR THE PRESS, THE FOLLOWING IDD LINES HAVE BEEN PROVIDED AT THE EKO HOTEL:--
  - A) 617846 ) SUITE 916 (BATES)
  - B) 618847 )  
618586 ) ROOM 909 (PRESS ROOM)  
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619618 )
2. DIALLING CODE FROM THE UK IS 234 1.
3. WE HOPE TO OBTAIN KANO NUMBERS ON 6 JANUARY.

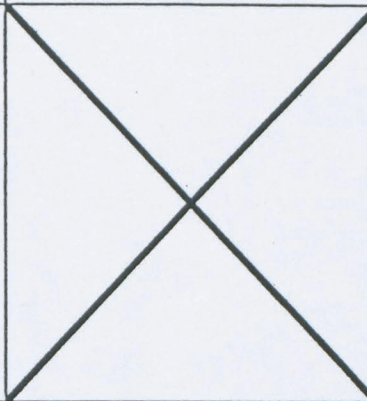
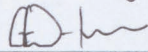
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24	RAF CREW	MERCEDES BUS (25 SEATER)
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3. VEHICLES 01, 02 AND 03 ARE EXPECTED TO DEPART A FEW MINUTES AHEAD OF THE MAIN MOTORCADE. VEHICLES 13, 14 AND 15 WILL ONLY TRAVEL WITH THE MAIN MOTORCADE IF LOADED IN TIME, OTHERWISE THEY WILL FOLLOW 30 MINUTES LATER WITH VEHICLES 20, 21 AND 22 WHICH WILL HAVE A POLICE ESCORT. ADDITIONALLY THE NIGERIANS HAVE PLACED TWO UN-NUMBERED CARS AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE FOUR PROTECTION OFFICERS FOR THEIR USE WHEN NOD TRAVELLING WITH THE MAIN MOTORCADE. ALL VEHICLES WILL BE AT THE DELEGATIONS DISPOSAL 24 HOURS A DAY THROUGHOUT THE VISIT TO LAGOS.

4. DETAILS OF THE ARRIVAL CEREMONIES AT STATE HOUSE, MARINA WILL BE GIVEN FINAL APPROVAL THIS MORNING BY PRESIDENT BABANGIDA AND WILL TELEGRAPHED SEPARATELY.

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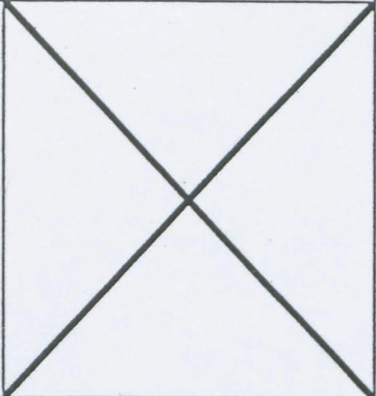
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06	NIGERIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER IN LONDON	-
07	MR POWELL MR BEARPARK	PEUGEOT 505
08	MR INGHAM	MERCEDES 200
09	MR FAIRWEATHER MR HEAP MRS HEAP	505
10	MR BATES O (TO TRAVEL EMPTY IF BATES WISHES TO TRAVEL IN PRESS BUS 01)	505
11	MISS DAVIS MR SAVAGE (AO)	504
12	MRS DIBBLIN MRS GREEN MRS AULD	505
13	MR PIM MR BOWE MR BEST	505
14	MRS MCDOWELL MISS MORRIS RMP BOXES	HC LAND ROVER
15	HIGH COMMISSION STAFF BOXES, GIFTS, COMMS EQUIPMENT	HC LAND ROVER
16	MEA PROTOCOL	-
17	MEA PROTOCOL	-
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MY TELNO 12: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: ARRIVAL CEREMONIES AT  
STATE HOUSE, MARINA

1. ON ARRIVAL AT STATE HOUSE THE PRIME MINISTER AND MR THATCHER WILL BE GREETED BY THE PRESIDENT AND MRS BABANGIDA. THE PRIME MINISTER WILL BE PRESENTED WITH A BOUQUET. THE PRESIDENT AND MRS BABANGIDA WILL ESCORT THE PRIME MINISTER AND MR THATCHER THROUGH A GATE IN THE WALL GIVING ONTO THE SOUTH LAWN. THEY WILL WALK VIA THE SOUTH TERRACE TO THE DAIS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE STEPS. THE PRESIDENT AND THE PRIME MINISTER WILL ASCEND THE DAIS (SHADED BY A CANOPY). MR THATCHER AND MRS BABANGIDA WILL STAND BEHIND THE DAIS (THE SUN WILL BE STRONG AND IT WILL BE VERY HOT BUT WE CAN PROVIDE A GOLF UMBRELLA FOR MR THATCHER IF THIS IS REQUIRED).

2. THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, LADY EWANS AND SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION AFTER ENTERING THROUGH THE GATE GIVING ON TO THE SOUTH LAWN SHOULD FOLLOW THE FOOTPATH ROUND TO THE RIGHT OF THE DAIS AND LINE UP IN ORDER OF SENIORITY. NIGERIAN DIGNITARIES (SERVICE CHIEFS, MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES RULING COUNCIL, FEDERAL MINISTERS AND THE SECRETARY TO THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT) WILL BE LINED UP TO THE LEFT OF THE DAIS. THERE WILL BE PRESS STANDS IN FRONT OF THE DAIS TO BOTH THE LEFT AND RIGHT. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PARTY WISHING TO OBSERVE THE ARRIVAL CEREMONIES SHOULD DO SO FROM THAT PART OF THE LAWN CLOSEST TO THE MARINA.



3. A HALF GUARD OF HONOUR WILL BE DRAWN UP IN FRONT OF THE DAIS. A 19 GUN SALUTE WILL BE FIRED ON THE ARRIVAL OF THE PRIME MINISTER. THE GUARD WILL PRESENT ARMS FOLLOWED BY THE NATIONAL ANTHEMS OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NIGERIA. THE GUARD COMMANDER WILL MARCH FORWARD AND REPORT HIS GUARD AND INVITE THE PRIME MINISTER TO INSPECT THE GUARD. THE PRESIDENT WILL REMAIN ON THE DAIS. ACCOMPANIED BY THE GUARD COMMANDER AND THE COMMANDER BRIGADE OF GUARDS, LT COL JOSHUA MADAKI, THE PRIME MINISTER WILL INSPECT THE FRONT RANK ONLY. SHE SHOULD RECOGNISE THE COLOUR IN THE MIDDLE. SHE SHOULD STOP JUST SHORT OF THE END OF THE FRONT RANK TO ALLOW THE GUARD COMMANDER TO SALUTE AND ASK IF HE CAN CARRY ON. THIS HE DOES BY MARCHING FORWARD IN QUICK TIME TURNING ABOUT AND SALUTING WITH HIS SWORD. THE CUE TO STOP IS WHEN THE FRONT ESCORT BREAKS INTO A QUICK MARCH. THE PRIME MINISTER RETURNS TO THE DAIS. THE PRESIDENT WILL MAKE A SPEECH FOLLOWED BY THE PRIME MINISTER. AFTER THE SPEECHES THE GUARD WILL PRESENT ARMS AND THE NATIONAL ANTHEMS WILL BE PLAYED. THE GUARD COMMANDER WILL MARCH FORWARD AND ASK PERMISSION TO MARCH OFF THE COLOUR AND MARCH OFF THE GUARD. AFTER THIS THE PRIME MINISTER AND PRESIDENT LEAVE THE DAIS BEFORE THE GUARD MARCH OFF. THE PRESIDENT THEN INTRODUCES NIGERIAN DIGNITARIES TO THE PRIME MINISTER AFTER WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER INTRODUCES THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, LADY EWANS AND MEMEBERS OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY.

4. THE PRESIDENT AND MRS BABANGIDA THEN ESCORT THE PRIME MINISTER AND MR THATCHER UP THE STEPS ON TO THE SOUTH TERRACE AND THROUGH A DOORWAY WHICH LEAD VIA A LARGE DRAINING ROOM TO THE SMALL SITTING ROOM ON THE LEFT. LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED BEFORE THE PRESIDENT AND MRS BABANGIDA TAKE THEIR LEAVE. THE PRIME MINISTER AND MR THATCHER WILL THEN BE TAKEN TO THEIR SUITE BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER AND LADY EWANS.

5. REPLIES TO THE GUARD COMMANDER BY THE PRIME MINISTER ARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH NORMAL PROCEDURE: REPORTING (NO REPLY OR YES, PLEASE) SEMICOLON END OF INSPECTION (THANK YOU) SEMICOLON END OF GUARD (YES, PLEASE).

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Exchange of Gifts at State House Banquet

1. As noted in the programme, the exchange of gifts between the Prime Minister and President Moi will take place immediately before the banquet at State House on the evening of 5 January, in an adjacent room.
2. President Moi will give the Prime Minister an ornamental figure in Kisii stone (soap stone from Western Kenya: Dr Onyonka, the Foreign Minister, is from Kisii District) and a decorated wooden box from the island of Lamu.

Komothai Secondary School

3. The book presentation will be made to the Chairman of the Board of Governors after the Prime Minister has toured the science laboratory and classroom.

Moi University

4. The presentation of one microscope will be made to the Vice-Chancellor after the Prime Minister has taken tea with the members of the faculty. The press will be invited into the room at that point.

Locally-Purchased Gifts

5. As you know, we have pre-positioned a cattle weighbridge for the Prime Minister to present at the Isinya Maasai Rural Centre Youth Polytechnic. At the Chekombero Women's Poultry Project the Prime Minister will present two hand grain grinders (pre-positioned by Action Aid). These gifts have been locally purchased out of Heads of Mission Schemes.

D A Warren

4 January 1988



Wednesday 6 January

0815 Leave State House for Airport  
0830 Take-off for Kakamega, West Kenya,  
accompanied by President Moi  
0930 Arrive Kakamega airstrip  
Formal welcome by Provincial Commissioner,  
District Commissioner, etc.  
0935 Leave Kakamega for Mumias Sugar Project  
(funded by UK aid)  
1000 Arrive Mumias  
Visit smallholder sugar producers and brief  
tour of factory site (an integrated sugar  
producing plant in the midst of cane fields)  
1215 Lunch at Mumias  
1315 Leave Mumias  
1405 Arrive Chekombero Women's Poultry Project  
(jointly funded by EDF and Action Aid UK)  
A typical rural microproject  
1430 Leave Chekombero  
1500 Arrive Kapsabet for commissioning of telephone  
exchange  
1515 Leave Kapsabet  
1555 Arrive Moi University (Lessos, just outside  
Eldoret). Newest Kenyan University.  
Specialises in agricultural/forestry  
sciences  
1635 Leave for Eldoret  
1700 Depart Eldoret Airstrip for Nairobi  
1800 Arrive Jomo Kenyatta International Airport  
1815 Arrive State House  
1930-2100 Reception at High Commissioner's Residence  
(PM to arrive at reception between  
1945 and 2000)  
Reception attended by Kenyan politicians  
and businessmen, leading members of British  
community and members of diplomatic corps  
Departure at Prime Minister's pleasure  
(perhaps after a light supper after receipt.)



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DRAFT PROGRAMME FOR PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO KENYA & NIGERIA

Monday 4 January

0450 Depart No. 10  
0525 Depart LHR (Southside) by RAF VC10  
1730 Arrive at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport  
Formal welcome by President Moi of Kenya  
1800 Ceremonial drive to State House  
Evening free

Tuesday 5 January

0830 Talks with President Moi, followed by photo-  
session (not Mr. Thatcher)  
0945 Leave State House for Kenyatta Mausoleum  
0950 Laying of wreath at Kenyatta Mausoleum  
0955 Leave for Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery  
British Commonwealth (including Kenyan) war  
dead from Second World War and after  
1005 Lay wreath at CWGC  
1020 Leave for Isinya Maasai Rural Training Centre  
(a Maasai village settlement and craft  
workshop/polytechnic in Rift Valley Prov.)  
1100 Arrive Isinya  
1205 Leave Isinya for return journey to Nairobi  
1250-1410 Lunch  
1410 Leave for Kiambu (Central Province)  
accompanied by President Moi  
1445-1500 Visit smallholder tea farm (visited in March  
by Prince of Wales)  
1505-1535 Visit tea factory (run by Kenyan Tea  
Development Authority)  
1600-1630 Visit Komothai Secondary School (typical local  
school with UK-funded science laboratory)  
1715 Arrive back at State House  
1930 for 2000 State Banquet (likely to finish around 2200)



Thursday 7 January

0750 Depart State House for Jomo Kenyatta Airport  
0800 Departure ceremonies at airport  
0830 RAF VC10 departs for Lagos  
1210 Arrive at Presidential Terminal, Murtala  
Mohammed Airport, Lagos  
Met by Admiral Augustus Aikomu, Chief of  
General Staff  
1220 Depart Murtala Mohammed Airport  
1250 Arrive State House, Marina (Nitel entrance)  
1250-1320 Arrival ceremonies  
attended by President Babangida  
short speeches  
1320-1330 In accommodation at State House  
1330 Depart State House  
1335 Arrive High Commissioner's Residence,  
3 Queen's Drive  
1345-1445 Briefing Lunch  
1450 Depart 3 Queen's Drive for State House,  
Marina  
1450 Mr. Thatcher leaves for visit to factories  
in Ikeja (and returns at approx 1740)  
1500 Talks with H.E. The President, General  
Babangida  
After talks Depart for 3 Queen's Drive, Ikoyi  
1830 Prime Minister's Reception at 3 Queen's Drive  
2000 Official Banquet, State House, Marina

Friday 8 January

0800-0820 Open British Council Offices in Lagos  
Possible return to State House for departure  
ceremonies, attended by President  
0840 Depart for Murtala Mohammed Airport, Lagos  
0910 Arrive Murtala Mohammed Airport, Lagos  
0915 RAF VC10 departs  
1055 Arrive Mallam Aminu Kano Airport, Kano



1055-1110 Welcoming Ceremonies at Mallam Amino Kano  
Airport

1110 Depart Airport for Dye Pits

1125-1145 Visit Dye Pits

1145 Depart Dye Pits for Emir's Palace

1155 Arrive Emir's Palace  
Courtesy Call on His Highness The Emir of Kano

1215 Attend Durbar in front of Emir's Palace

1245 Depart Emir's Palace for Government House

1255 Arrive Government House  
Received by H.E. The Military Governor

1300 Retire

1330-1430 Lunch hosted by H.E. The Military Governor

1430 Sign Visitors' Book  
Exchange of Gifts

1440 Depart Government House for Airport

1455 Arrive Airport

1455-1505 Departure ceremonies

1510 RAF VC10 departs for London

c2015 Arrive LHR (Southside)



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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: PROGRAMME

1. THE LIST OF KENYAN DIGNITARIES WHOM THE PRIME MINISTER WILL MEET DURING HER VISIT IS STILL INCOMPLETE. WE SHALL INCLUDE AS DEFINITIVE A LIST AS IS AVAILABLE IN THE PROGRAMME TO BE HANDED TO THE PARTY ON ARRIVAL, BUT AT PRESENT THE LINE-UP LOOKS AS FOLLOWS:

MONDAY 4 JANUARY

ARRIVAL: PRESIDENT MOI: VICE-PRESIDENT KIBAKI: DR ONYONKA,  
MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS: MR ARAP LETING, PERMANENT SECRETARY/  
SECRETARY TO THE CABINET: GEN MOHAMED, CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF:  
MR FRED WAIGANJO, PC NAIROBI.

TUESDAY 5 JANUARY

KENYATTA MAUSOLEUM: HON FRED MATI, SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL  
ASSEMBLY.

ISINYA MAASAI RURAL TRAINING CENTRE: HON PETER OLOO ARINGO,  
MINISTER FOR EDUCATION: HON HENRY KOSGEY, MINISTER FOR CULTURE  
AND SOCIAL SERVICES: HON PROF GEORGE SAITOTI, MINISTER FOR  
FINANCE: MR MOHAMED HAJI, PC RIFT VALLEY.

KIAMBU AND KAMBAA TEA: HON ELIJAH MWANGALE, MINISTER FOR  
AGRICULTURE: HON ARTHUR MAGUGU, MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS.

KOMOTHAI SECONDARY SCHOOL: HON PETER OLOO ARINGO, MINISTER FOR  
EDUCATION.

WEDNESDAY 6 JANUARY

ARRIVAL AT KAKAMEGA: MR JULIUS KOBIA, PC WESTERN PROVINCE.

MUMIAS SUGAR PROJECT: HON ELIJAH MWANGALE, MINISTER FOR  
AGRICULTURE: (HON MOSES MUDAVADI, MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT,  
WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY TURN UP FOR LUNCH AT MUMIAS).

CHEKOMBERO WOMEN'S POULTRY PROJECT: HON HENRY KOSGEY, MINISTER

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FOR CULTURE AND SOCIAL SERVICES: (AND AGAIN ALMOST CERTAINLY HON MOSES MUDAVADI, WHOSE WIFE RUNS THE PROJECT).

KAPSABET TELEPHONE EXCHANGE: HON ARTHUR MAGUGU, MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS.

MOI UNIVERSITY: HON PETER OLOO ARINGO, MINISTER FOR EDUCATION.

THURSDAY 7 JANUARY

DEPARTURE: AS FOR ARRIVAL ON 4 JANUARY.

2. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THE PRIME MINISTER'S ESCORT OF HONOUR ON 5 JANUARY WILL BE DR ONYONKA, AND THAT MR THATCHER'S ESCORT WILL BE MR BIWOTT, MINISTER FOR ENERGY. ON 6 JANUARY, THE PRESIDENT WILL ESCORT THE PRIME MINISTER, AND DR OUKO, MINISTER FOR INDUSTRY, MR THATCHER.

3. THIS SKELETAL LIST WILL CERTAINLY BE SUPPLEMENTED BY ADDITIONAL MINISTERS WHO ATTACH THEMSELVES TO THE PARTY. WE ARE INCLUDING FULL PERSONALITY NOTES IN THE BRIEFING FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S PARTY ON ARRIVAL.

4. FCO PLEASE ADVANCE TO EAD, CONFERENCE SECTION AND PS/N010 DOWNING STREET.

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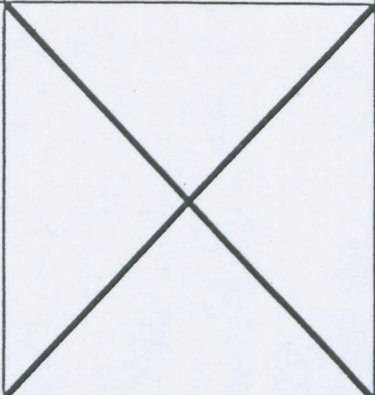
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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: PASSES

1. KENYAN SECURITY AUTHORITIES NOW WISH TO ISSUE PASSES TO MEMBERS OF THE PARTY (NOT THE PRIME MINISTER AND MR THATCHER) ON THEIR ARRIVAL. THEY HAVE SAID THAT THE PHOTOGRAPHS ADVANCED FROM LONDON ARE UNSUITABLE AND PROPOSE TO TAKE APPROPRIATELY SIZED PHOTOGRAPHS AT STATE HOUSE. THIS WILL NOT TAKE MORE THAN A FEW MINUTES FOR EACH PERSON. KENYANS REGRET INCONVENIENCE. THE PRESS WILL HAVE THEIR PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN IN THE HOTEL INTER-CONTINENTAL DURING ACCREDITATION.

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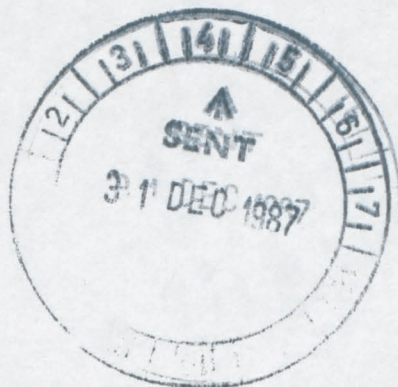
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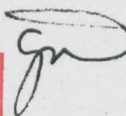
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the Prime Minister's Private Secretary, will act as COMSO. Three Garden Room girls will also accompany the party, Mrs J Dibblin, Mrs D Green and Miss J Auld. All are cleared for access to Category III material.

BRAHMS secure speech equipment will be available during the visit.

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31 December 1987

VISIT BY THE PRIME MINISTER TO KENYA AND NIGERIA

I am writing to confirm that the Prime Minister will be visiting Kenya and Nigeria from 4 to 8 January 1988.

The party will arrive in Nairobi on the evening of 4 January and be accommodated at State House, where the Private Office will be located. All signal traffic for this leg of the visit will be passed to the Private Office via the British High Commission. A safehand run will operate between the High Commission and State House.

The party will depart Nairobi for Lagos on the morning of 7 January arriving in Lagos later that day. Whilst in Lagos, the party will be accommodated at the State House or, failing this in the High Commissioner's residence. A Private Office will be set up in either case, with a safehand run available. As for Nairobi, any signal traffic will be passed via the British High Commission and, again, a safehand run will be available as and when required.

From the morning of 8 January until the departure for London later that afternoon, the Prime Minister will be in Kano in northern Nigeria. A Private Office will be set up in the Deputy High Commission there and attempts will be made to use the aircraft secure telegraph radio to communicate with London either operating from the Prime Minister's aircraft on the ground or a temporary installation in the Deputy High Commission. It is unlikely that BRAHMS could be used since local telephone communications are very poor.

Material which requires consideration by the Prime Minister should, as usual, be sent to us for passing to 10 Downing Street, who will decide whether it should be forwarded. Any material which may be sent will be securely locked overnight in the Private Office which will be manned during silent hours by the Royal Military Police.

The two Duty Clerks accompanying the party, Mrs A McDowell and Miss S Morris, will act as COMSOs at all times until the Private Office is closed at the end of the day. During silent hours, Charles Powell,



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PRIME MINISTER'S VISITS.

1. THE PRIME MINISTER IS SETTING OUT ON HER VISITS TO KENYA AND NIGERIA WITH ENTHUSIASM. SHE WILL BE APPRECIATIVE OF WHAT BOTH COUNTRIES ARE TRYING TO DO AND UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR PROBLEMS. I HOPE THIS COMES THROUGH IN THE DRAFTS OF THE SPEECHES WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN SENT. I KNOW THAT SHE IS GRATEFUL FOR THE WORK WHICH HAS BEEN DONE TO ARRANGE INTERESTING AND WORTHWHILE PROGRAMMES.

2. ON A MORE PERSONAL NOTE - AND NOT TO BE QUOTED BACK - I AM WORRIED THAT SHE IS STARTING OUT MUCH MORE TIRED THAN I LIKE TO SEE. AS MATTERS HAVE WORKED OUT, SHE HAS NOT HAD A PROPER BREAK OVER CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR. THERE IS A VERY STRENUOUS PROGRAMME AS SOON AS SHE GETS BACK. THIS MAKES IT ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT TO AVOID UNNECESSARY STRAINS OR AGGRAVATIONS DURING HER VISIT. I THINK THE PROGRAMMES ON THE WHOLE CATER WELL FOR THIS. BUT I HAVE THE FOLLOWING SMALL SUGGESTIONS:

- WE SHALL HAVE BETWEEN US TO WORK HARD TO KEEP TO TIME SO THAT SHE DOES NOT SPEND TOO LONG IN THE SUN AND BECOME OVER-TIRED AS A RESULT:

- WE SHOULD AVOID UNNECESSARY STANDING:

- WE SHOULD MAKE AS MANY OPPORTUNITIES AS POSSIBLE FOR HER TO CHANGE CLOTHES:

- WE SHOULD TRY TO KEEP BRIEFING SESSIONS AS SHORT AS POSSIBLE, WITH THE BRIEFING ITSELF CONCISE AND TO THE POINT. SO FAR AS POSSIBLE I SUGGEST IT SHOULD BE IN THE FORM OF ANSWERING THE PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS RATHER THAN PREPARED STATEMENTS:

- WE SHOULD ALLOW HER PLENTY OF TIME TO SETTLE IN TO HER SUITE AT STATE HOUSE ON ARRIVAL IN BOTH NAIROBI AND LOGOS BEFORE SETTING OUT FOR FURTHER ENGAGEMENTS. SHE FEELS MORE COMFORTABLE IF ABLE TO GET HERSELF ORGANISED AND HER CLOTHES IN ORDER BEFORE EMBARKING ON ANYTHING ELSE.

3. THERE IS LIKELY TO BE VERY WIDE COVERAGE OF THE VISITS IN THE MEDIA HERE (PARTICULARLY IN THE ABSENCE OF OTHER HARD NEWS). I THINK THAT SUCCESS WILL BE MEASURED BY THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER IS SEEN TO BE ENJOYING AND SHOWING OBVIOUS INTEREST IN WHAT HER HOSTS SHOW HER.

BEGIN UNDERLINING PER CONTRA END UNDERLINING IT IS IMPORTANT THAT SHE SHOULD NOT APPEAR TIRED, STRAINED OR QUERULOUS. THE MORE WE CAN GET THE SMALL THINGS RIGHT, THE BETTER WE SHALL SUCCEED.

4. THIS IS JUST A PERSONAL THOUGHT BASED ON FOUR YEARS OF EXPERIENCE OF THESE TRIPS. I HOPE IT IS HELPFUL. I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD DESTROY THE TELEGRAM AFTER READING IT.

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*From the Private Secretary*

30 December 1987

Prime Minister's Visit to Nigeria

I have seen Lagos telegram number 1380 with details of the Prime Minister's programme in Nigeria as it at present stands. I have one comment of detail. The programme provides for the Prime Minister to spend only 10 minutes in State House after the arrival ceremonies before setting off to the High Commissioner's Residence for the briefing lunch. I know that the Prime Minister would want rather longer than that to get unpacked and organise her clothes for the evening. It would be prudent to allow at least half-an-hour for this, starting the briefing lunch at 2 o'clock and limiting it to 45 minutes. That will encourage everyone to be concise!

(CHARLES POWELL)

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From the Private Secretary

30 December 1987

Dear Tony,

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO NIGERIA

I have seen Lagos telegram no. 1378 about various programme and administrative arrangements for the Prime Minister's visit to Nigeria. I sympathise very much with the difficulties of dealing with Nigerian officialdom, but I hope that our people will continue to press very hard for early access to State House so that they can survey the accommodation and decide room allocation. I propose to mention this to the Nigerian High Commissioner who is coming to see me this morning.

I see no difficulty with any other points. I am sure the Prime Minister will be more than happy to greet the President on his arrival at State House for the official dinner and then retire to a separate room with him, Mr. Thatcher and Mrs. Babangida. Equally, I am sure she would be content for the President to bid farewell to her the next morning before her departure, although we must try to avoid imposing too early a start to the day on the Prime Minister.

As our people are rightly insisting, there is no question of the Prime Minister using the Presidential aircraft to travel to Kano. We have been co-operative over staying in State House rather than at the High Commission and we must look to the Nigerians to respect our wishes on the aircraft. The question who on the Nigerian side will accompany the Prime Minister to Kano is a matter for them.

I am perfectly ready to deal with any further points needing decision from Lagos over the weekend. Failing that, we shall have communications on the aircraft during the journey to Nairobi on Monday and can be consulted then.

*Yours sincerely,*  
  
(C. D. POWELL)

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YOUR TELNO 928: PRIME MINISTER'S PROGRAMME

1. FOLLOWING ARE DETAILS OF THE PROGRAMME AS IT STANDS AT PRESENT. ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGES, YOU WILL BE AWARE THAT THIS IS NOT YET AGREED IN ALL RESPECTS WITH THE NIGERIAN AUTHORITIES, AND, SO FAR AS WE KNOW, HAS NOT BEEN DISCUSSED IN DETAIL WITH THE PRESIDENT. IT SHOULD THEREFORE BE REGARDED AS A DRAFT PROGRAMME ONLY.

7 JANUARY

1210 ARRIVE AT PRESIDENTIAL TERMINAL, MURTALA MOHAMMED AIRPORT  
MET BY ADMIRAL AGUSTUS AIKOMU, CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF

1220 DEPART MURTALA MOHAMMED AIRPORT

1250 ARRIVE STATE HOUSE, MARINA (NITEL ENTRANCE)

1250-1320 ARRIVAL CEREMONIES ATTENDED BY PRESIDENT, SHORT SPEECHES

1320-1330 IN ACCOMMODATION AT STATE HOUSE

1330 DEPART STATE HOUSE

1335 ARRIVE 3 QUEEN'S DRIVE

1345-1445 BRIEFING LUNCH

1450 DEPART 3 QUEEN'S DRIVE FOR STATE HOUSE, MARINA

1450 MR THATCHER LEAVES FOR VISIT TO FACTORIES IN IKEJA (AND RETURNS AT APPROX 1740)

1500 TALKS WITH HE THE PRESIDENT, GENERAL BABANGIDA  
END OF TALKS  
DEPART FOR 3 QUEEN'S DRIVE, IKOYI

1830 PRIME MINISTER'S RECEPTION AT 3 QUEEN'S DRIVE

2000 OFFICIAL DINNER, STATE HOUSE, MARINA

8 JANUARY



0800-0820 OPEN BRITISH COUNCIL OFFICES IN LAGOS  
 POSSIBLE RETURN TO STATE HOUSE FOR DEPARTURE CEREMONIES  
 ATTENDED BY PRESIDENT

0840 DEPART FOR MURTALA MOHAMMED AIRPORT, LAGOS

0910 ARRIVE MURTALA MOHAMMED AIRPORT, LAGOS

0915 RAF VC10 DEPARTS

1055 RAF VC10 ARRIVES MALLAM AMINO KANO AIRPORT, KANO

1055-1110 WELCOMING CEREMONIES AT MALLAM AMINO KANO AIRPORT

1110 DEPART AIRPORT FOR DYE PITS

1125-1145 VISIT DYE PITS

1145 DEPART DYE PITS FOR EMIR'S PALACE

1155 ARRIVE EMIR'S PALACE  
 COURTESY CALL ON HIS HIGHNESS THE EMIR OF KANO

1215 ATTEND DURBAR IN FRONT OF EMIR'S PALACE

1245 DEPART EMIR'S PALACE FOR GOVERNMENT HOUSE

1255 ARRIVE GOVERNMENT HOUSE  
 RECEIVED BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE MILITARY GOVERNOR

1300 RETIRE

1330-1430 LUNCH HOSTED BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE MILITARY GOVERNOR

1430 SIGN VISITORS' BOOK  
 EXCHANGE OF GIFTS

1440 DEPART GOVERNMENT HOUSE FOR AIRPORT

1455 ARRIVE AIRPORT

1455-1505 DEPARTURE CEREMONIES

1510 RAF VC10 DEPARTS FOR LONDON.

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3. COMMENT. ALTHOUGH IT IS IRRITATING THAT THE NIGERIANS SHOULD BE LEAVING ALL THIS TO THE LAST MINUTE, THIS IS PAR FOR THE COURSE. IT IS LIKELY TO BE SOME DAYS YET BEFORE MUCH MORE CAN BE RESOLVED. THE PRESIDENT IS CURRENTLY OUT OF LAGOS AND WITH THE INTERVENING NEW YEAR HOLIDAY IT MAY BE DIFFICULT TO GET FINAL DECISIONS UNTIL EARLY NEXT WEEK. NEVERTHELESS BY THEIR STANDARDS THE NIGERIANS ARE PULLING OUT ALL THE STOPS AND ARE CLEARLY ANXIOUS TO ENSURE THAT THE VISIT IS A MAJOR SUCCESS.

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(D) EXCHANGE OF GIFTS: THERE WILL BE NO FORMAL EXCHANGE OF GIFTS WITH THE PRESIDENT. NORMAL PRACTICE IS FOR THESE TO BE HANDED TO PROTOCOL OFFICIALS.

(E) OFFICIAL DINNER: PROTOCOL SUGGEST THAT THE PRIME MINISTER SHOULD GREET THE PRESIDENT ON HIS ARRIVAL AT STATE HOUSE, MARINA FOR THE OFFICIAL DINNER, IN ACCORDANCE WITH USUAL PRACTICE HERE. THE PRIME MINISTER AND MR THATCHER AND GENERAL AND MRS BABANGIDA WOULD THEN RETIRE TO A SMALL SITTING ROOM WHILST THE OTHER GUESTS ASSEMBLED. NO OFFICIALS WOULD NORMALLY BE PRESENT. WHEN THE GUESTS ARE READY PROTOCOL WOULD THEN ESCORT THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE PRESIDENT INTO THE DINNER.

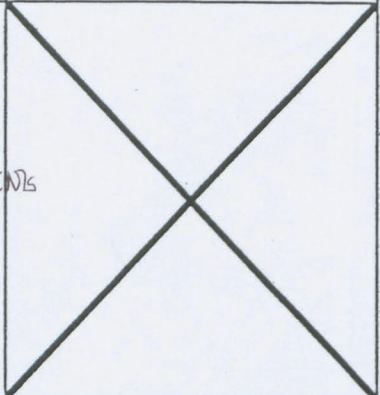
(F) DEPARTURE FROM LAGOS: FOR THE FIRST TIME PROTOCOL HAVE RAISED THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE PRESIDENT WOULD WISH TO BID FAREWELL FORMALLY TO THE PRIME MINISTER AT STATE HOUSE. THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE AFTER THE OPENING OF THE BRITISH COUNCIL AND WOULD PROBABLY ADD A FURTHER 20-30 MINUTES TO THE PROGRAMME IN LAGOS AM ON 8 JANUARY. PROTOCOL WILL CONFIRM WHETHER SUCH A CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE. IF IT DOES WE WILL TRY TO ARRANGE IT SO THAT THE 0915 DEPARTURE TO KANO IS NOT CHANGED.

(G) USE OF THE RAF AIRCRAFT LAGOS/KANO: PROTOCOL ARE STILL INSISTING THAT THE PRIME MINISTER SHOULD TRAVEL ON THE PRESIDENTIAL AIRCRAFT. WE HAVE MADE IT VERY CLEAR THAT THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY OF THIS. PROTOCOL CLAIM THAT THEY STILL DO NOT KNOW THE PRESIDENT'S VIEWS. BRIGADIER MOHAMMED WHO TOLD US EARLIER TODAY THAT THE NIGERIANS DO NOT (NOT) OBJECT TO THE USE OF THE VC10 BY THE PRIME MINISTER HAS UNDERTAKEN TO PURSUE THE MATTER WITH BOTH THE PRESIDENT AND PROTOCOL.

(H) VISIT TO KANO: WE HAVE HEARD FROM TWO SOURCES AT DODAN BARRACKS THAT THE NEW FOREIGN MINISTER MAJOR GENERAL NWACHUKWU IS LIKELY TO ACCOMPANY THE PRIME MINISTER TO KANO. PROTOCOL COULD NOT CONFIRM THIS. HOWEVER ACCORDING TO THE CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF'S PRESS SECRETARY, WHO SPOKE TO KYDD OVER THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY, VICE ADMIRAL AIKHOMU MIGHT ACCOMPANY MRS THATCHER IF SOMETHING 'TANGIBLE' FOR NIGERIA CAME OUT OF THE TALKS WITH THE PRESIDENT. THIS WOULD BE AN INDICATION THAT THE NIGERIANS WERE PLEASED WITH THE DISCUSSIONS. THE LATEST WORD FROM BRIGADIER MOHAMMED IS THAT THE CGS WILL DEFINITELY GO TO KANO. WE ARE SEEKING CONFIRMATION.

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YOUR TELNO 925: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: PROGRAMME AND  
ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

SUMMARY

1. NIGERIANS HAVE STILL NOT FOCUSED ON SEVERAL DETAILED ASPECTS OF THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE VISIT. ACCOMMODATION AND USE OF THE RAF VC10 BETWEEN LAGOS AND KANO STILL POSING SOME DIFFICULTIES.

DETAIL

2. HIGH COMMISSION TEAM AND MISS DAVIS, FCO CONFERENCE OFFICER, MET STATE PROTOCOL OFFICIALS THIS MORNING (29 DECEMBER) TO DISCUSS DETAILS OF THE PROGRAMME AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS. THE FOLLOWING POINTS WERE COVERED:

(A) WE SAID THAT WE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE PROGRAMME FOR THE VISIT HAD NOW BEEN AGREED. PROTOCOL REPLIED THAT THEY HAD NOT THEMSELVES BEEN OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED OF THIS.

(B) ARRIVAL: ALTHOUGH PROTOCOL COULD NOT CONFIRM WHO WOULD MEET THE PRIME MINISTER AT MURTALA MUHAMMED AIRPORT THEY TOLD US THAT CURRENTLY THE PLAN WAS FOR IT TO BE THE CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF, VICE ADMIRAL AIKHOMU.

(C) ACCOMMODATION: WE UNDERSTAND THERE ARE 17 BEDS AT STATE HOUSE, MARINA AND 7 BEDS AT THE ADJOINING SPECIAL GUEST HOUSE AT 11 MARINA. BUILDING WORK IS APPARENTLY IN PROGRESS AT STATE HOUSE AND IN SPITE OF REPEATED REQUESTS PROTOCOL REFUSE TO ALLOW US ACCESS UNTIL THIS HAS BEEN COMPLETED. THEY ESTIMATE THAT THIS WILL BE IN FOUR DAYS TIME, WHICH WOULD MAKE IT UNLIKELY THAT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO GET INTO STATE HOUSE UNTIL THE BEGINNING OF NEXT WEEK. UNTIL WE SEE THE ROOMS WE WILL BE UNABLE TO RECOMMEND THEIR ALLOCATION OR DECIDE WHICH MEMBERS OF THE PARTY WILL NEED TO BE ACCOMMODATED ELSEWHERE. WE HAVE TAKEN THE PROBLEM UP WITH BRIGADIER MOHAMMED, HEAD OF FEDERAL SECURITY, WHO IS TRYING TO ARRANGE EARLY ACCESS.



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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: PHOTOGRAPHS AND GIFTS

1. WE PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING LIST OF RECIPIENTS FOR PHOTOGRAPHS (PARAGRAPH 18 OF MISS DAVIS' LETTER OF 16 NOVEMBER TO WARREN):  
LARGE LEATHER-FRAMED PHOTOGRAPHS: VICE-PRESIDENT KIBAKI, FOREIGN MINISTER ONYONKA, AND KIPLAGAT (PERMANENT SECRETARY, MFA).

MEDIUM-SIZED PHOTOGRAPHS: KIPTANUI (CONTROLLER, STATE HOUSE), MAHUGU (CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, MFA), SUPERINTENDENT MARAGWA (I/C SECURITY).

SMALL PHOTOGRAPHS: OYAYA (DEPUTY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL), MISS ODERA (DESK OFFICER, MFA) KOINANGE (KENYAN PRESS OFFICER), HINDLEY (HAIRDRESSER). FROM THE HIGH COMMISSION: WARREN (HEAD OF CHANCERY), SCADDAN (PRESS OFFICER), ANDERSON (ADMINISTRATION OFFICER), CUNLIFFE (SENIOR SECURITY OFFICER).

2. THE PRIME MINISTER WILL PRESENT THREE GIFTS DURING HER VISIT: A CATTLE WEIGHBRIDGE AT ISINYA MAASAI RURAL TRAINING CENTRE (PRE-POSITIONED), SCIENCE BOOKS AT KOMOTHAI SECONDARY SCHOOL, AND SOME MICROSCOPES AT MOI UNIVERSITY. WE SUGGEST THAT THE PRIME MINISTER PRESENT ONE MICROSCOPE TO THE VICE-CHANCELLOR AT THE CONCLUSION OF HER TEA WITH THE FACULTY, AND THE REMAINDER OF THE CONSIGNMENT BE DELIVERED SUBSEQUENTLY BY THE HIGH COMMISSION. WE ASSUME THAT THERE WILL BE NO DRAFT SPEECHES REQUIRED FOR ANY OF THESE PRESENTATIONS. BUT THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WILL SIMPLY SAY A FEW WORDS WHEN HANDING THE GIFT OVER. IF MORE THAN THIS IS REQUIRED, WE CAN PREPARE DRAFTS FOR SUBMISSION (WITH THE REST OF THE LOCAL BRIEFING) ON ARRIVAL.

3. THE KENYANS HAVE CONFIRMED THAT THE EXCHANGE OF GIFTS WITH THE PRESIDENT WILL TAKE PLACE IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE BANQUET.

4. WE AWAIT THE ADVICE OF ACTION AID KENYA ON A SMALL GIFT TO BE PURCHASED LOCALLY THAT THE PRIME MINISTER MIGHT PRESENT ON HER VISIT TO CHEKOMBERO WOMEN'S POULTRY PROJECT.



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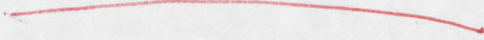
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*From the Private Secretary*

29 December 1987

**PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO KENYA**

I have seen a copy of Nairobi tel no 710 about arrangements for the Prime Minister's visit to Kenya.

The answers to the two questions are:

- the Prime Minister will be accompanied to the briefing supper by Mr. Thatcher, Mr. Powell, Mr. Ingham, Mr. Bearpark and Mr. Fairweather;
- on no account should the High Commission or any member of its staff offer any briefing, background or otherwise, to the British press party. All briefing of the press will be done exclusively by Mr. Ingham. I should be grateful if this point could be underlined to the High Commission.

(C. D. POWELL)

Lyn Parker, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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OUR TELNOS 692 AND 693: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: PROGRAMME

1. THE KENYANS HAVE CONFIRMED THAT CHEKOMBERO WILL REMAIN IN THE PROGRAMME.
2. THE IDD CALL FROM THE KAPSABET EXCHANGE WILL BE WITH THE ACTING KENYAN HIGH COMMISSIONER IN LONDON: THE MFA AND KPTC WILL ARRANGE.
3. I SHOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL FOR AN INDICATION OF WHO WILL BE ACCOMPANYING THE PRIME MINISTER TO THE BRIEFING SUPPER AT MY HOUSE ON THE EVENING OF 4 JANUARY. FROM THE HIGH COMMISSION, I PROPOSE: DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER, COUNSELLOR, DEFENCE ADVISER, HEAD OF CHANCERY AND THE HEAD OF THE BRITISH DEVELOPMENT DIVISION IN EAST AFRICA.
4. IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO ARRANGE AN UNATTRIBUTABLE BACKGROUND BRIEFING ON THE KENYAN POLITICAL SCENE AND UK/KENYAN RELATIONS FOR THE BRITISH PRESS ACCOMPANYING THE PRIME MINISTER. MY HEAD OF CHANCERY COULD UNDERTAKE THIS (IN THE PRESS SUITE AT THE INTERCONTINENTAL) FOLLOWING THE SUPPER ON 4 JANUARY. BUT I SHOULD NOT WANT TO CUT ACROSS ANY OTHER PLANS THAT THE PRESS SECRETARY MAY HAVE IN MIND. GRATEFUL FOR ADVICE.
5. FCO PSE PASS TO EAD, CONFERENCE SECTION AND BATES, ASSISTANT PRESS SECRETARY, 10 DOWNING STREET.

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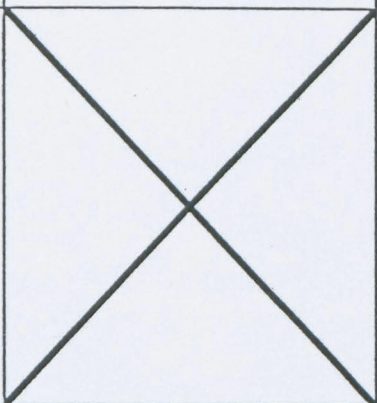
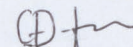
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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: ACCOMMODATION AND THE SHAPE OF THE  
OFFICIAL TALKS

SUMMARY

1. NIGERIANS STRONGLY PREFER THAT THE PRIME MINISTER SHOULD  
STAY AT STATE HOUSE RATHER THAN AT THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S  
RESIDENCE. WE RESPOND THAT WE EXPECT THIS TO BE ACCEPTABLE.  
INDICATIONS THAT THE NIGERIANS HOPE THE TALKS WILL CONCENTRATE  
ON ECONOMIC ISSUES.

DETAIL

2. SHONEKAN, CHAIRMAN OF UAC, AND A LONG STANDING FRIEND OF  
THIS OFFICE WHO IS CLOSE TO PRESIDENT BABANGIDA, ASKED TO SEE  
ME AT SHORT NOTICE ON THE EVENING OF 23 DECEMBER HE SAID HE  
HAD JUST COME FROM THE PRESIDENT WHO WAS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT  
OUR PREFERENCE FOR THE PRIME MINISTER TO STAY AT THE HIGH  
COMMISSIONER'S RESIDENCE RATHER THAN AT STATE HOUSE. SHONEKAN  
REPORTED BABANGIDA AS SAYING THAT A NUMBER OF HEADS OF STATE  
AND OF GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN ACCOMMODATED AT STATE HOUSE, WHERE  
SATISFACTORY SECURITY, COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER FACILITIES HAD  
BEEN PROVIDED, AND THAT HE CONSIDERED THAT IT WOULD BE A SLIGHT  
TO NIGERIAN HOSPITALITY AND COMPETENCE IF THE PRIME MINISTER  
WERE TO STAY ANYWHERE ELSE. SHONEKAN SAID THAT THIS HAD BECOME  
A REAL PROBLEM IN THE PRESIDENT'S MIND, AND HE WONDERED HOW  
FLEXIBLE WAS OUR POSITION.

3. I REPLIED THAT I WAS SORRY TO HEAR THAT THIS WAS REGARDED  
AS A MAJOR ISSUE. WE HAD NEVER MADE IT SO. WHILE WE HAD SAID IN  
THE VARIOUS WORKING LEVEL MEETINGS THAT WE HAD A PREFERENCE FOR  
THE RESIDENCE, FOR A VARIETY OF ADMINISTRATIVE REASONS, WE HAD  
NEVER RULED OUT STATE HOUSE, AND THAT IF THE PRESIDENT FELT THAT  
STRONGLY ABOUT IT THEN I THOUGHT IT VERY LIKELY THAT WE  
WOULD BE ABLE TO ACCEPT THEIR CHOICE. SHONEKAN SAID HE WAS VERY  
PLEASED TO HEAR THAT, AND THAT HE WOULD GO STRAIGHT BACK TO THE  
PRESIDENT, WHO HE KNEW WOULD BE RELIEVED. HE ADDED THAT THE  
PRESIDENT HAD SAID THAT WE COULD HAVE FULL ACCESS TO AND EXCLUSIVE  
USE OF STATE HOUSE FOR AS MANY DAYS BEFORE THE VISIT AS WE NEEDED



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IT, AND WOULD HAVE THEIR TOTAL COOPERATION OVER SECURITY, COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES AND RELATED MATTERS. AND THAT OF COURSE DURING THE VISIT WE WOULD HAVE FULL ACCESS TO STATE HOUSE FOR WHOEVER WE WISHED.

4. GRATEFUL FOR CONFIRMATION THAT THE USE OF STATE HOUSE ON THESE TERMS IS ACCEPTABLE TO US. I ASSUME FROM EARLIER TELEGRAMS THAT WE WOULD NOT WISH TO MAKE THIS A STICKING POINT: IF WE WERE TO INSIST ON THE RESIDENCE THEN IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT WE WOULD RISK GETTING THE VISIT OFF ON A WRONG FOOT. WE WILL TRY TO ARRANGE A VERY EARLY RECONNAISSANCE VISIT TO STATE HOUSE, PERHAPS ON MONDAY 27 DECEMBER. AND THEN WILL REPORT FURTHER ON THE ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE, LAYOUT, ETC.

5. SHONEKAN ALSO SAID THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS FEELING VERY POSITIVE AND CONFIDENT ABOUT THE VISIT, THAT HE WAS HOPING THAT HE WOULD BE ABLE TO HAVE A PRIVATE TETE A TETE MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, THAT HE WANTED ECONOMIC ISSUES, AND PARTICULARLY NIGERIA'S CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION, TO FEATURE PROMINENTLY IN THE TALKS, THAT HE DID NOT WISH TO GET INTO CONTENTIOUS ISSUES AND THAT WHILE THERE MUST BE SOME DISCUSSION OF SOUTH AFRICA HE DID NOT WISH THAT TO DOMINATE THE DISCUSSIONS. I SAID THAT THESE POINTS FITTED IN VERY WELL WITH OUR OWN CONCEPTS, AND THAT THESE INDICATIONS OF HOW THE PRESIDENT SAW THE TALKS WOULD BE HELPFUL TO US.

COMMENT

6. WE KNOW FROM NUMEROUS PUBLIC OCCASIONS THAT SHONEKAN IS INDEED CLOSE TO THE PRESIDENT, AND I DO NOT DOUBT THAT HE WAS GENUINELY REPRESENTING THE PRESIDENT'S VIEWS'S.

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2. WE ASSUME CARS NOS. 11 - 13 ARE IN FACT VANS SINCE THERE  
WILL BE A GREAT DEAL OF LUGGAGE.

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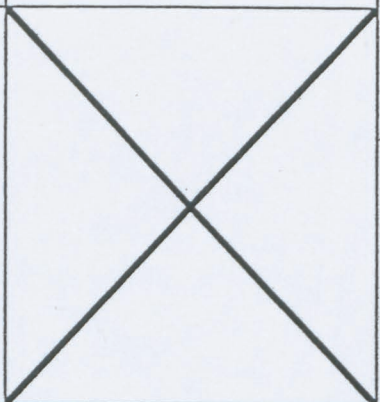
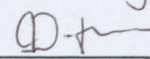
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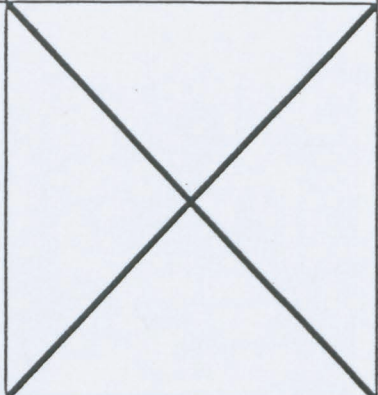
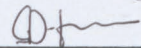
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MR. INGHAM

RADIO INTERVIEWS FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S  
AFRICAN VISIT

The Prime Minister is evidently reluctant to take on an interview with the BBC overseas service next week because she feels that she will not have had time to do much by way of briefing. Her preference would be to do it on return.

What do you think?

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO AFRICA 4-8 JANUARY 1988:  
COMMUNICATIONS

## IN FLIGHT COMMUNICATIONS

1. Secure radio telegraph on the VC10 will provide facilities for the transmission and reception of telegrams whilst the aircraft is airborne. Special arrangements are being made to use this equipment on the ground at Kano, this is discussed below.

## TELEGRAMS

2. At Nairobi and Lagos these will be passed via secure links using the FCO networks. Permanent communications watches will be maintained from 4-7 January in Nairobi and from 7-8 January in Lagos.

3. Communications facilities at Kano are very limited and it is planned to operate the secure radio telegraph whilst the aircraft is on the ground. If radio conditions are poor and the arrangement does not work, then there are alternative plans to transfer some of the equipment to the Liaison Office in the Deputy High Commission (DHC) where it may be possible to install a more effective aerial system which should result in improved reception. Plans are flexible and the technical operators will make the best arrangements they can.

## NAIROBI SPEECH

4. The following telephones have been requested:

- a. Direct speech private wire between the switchboard in No 10 Downing Street and the No 10 Private Office at Nairobi;
- b. Telephones with International Direct Dialling (IDD) in No 10 Private Office and the flat which will be occupied by the PS to the Prime Minister.



c. Brahms can be used on the IDD lines to provide secure speech facilities. Brahms will be connected, as required by the FCO engineer resident in Nairobi;

d. The High Commission switchboard will be manned on a 24 hours basis during the visit. Telephone numbers will be notified in due course by FCO Protocol Department.

#### LAGOS SPEECH

5. Communications both within and with Nigeria are very unreliable: British Telecom International (BTI) quoted a successful call connect figure of only 2 per cent, the High Commission say one can dial as many as 40 or 50 times.

6. The following telephone communications have been requested:

a. Direct speech private wire between the switchboard in No 10 Downing Street and the No 10 Private Office at Nairobi;

b. Telephones with International Direct Dialling (IDD) in the No 10 Private Office and the bedroom of the PS to the Prime Minister.

c. If good connections can be established Brahms can be used on the IDD lines to provide secure speech facilities. Brahms will be connected, as required by the FCO engineer resident in Lagos;

d. The High Commission switchboard will be manned on a 24 hours basis during the visit. Telephone numbers will be notified in due course by FCO Protocol Department.

#### KANO SPEECH

7. The following telephone lines have been requested:

a. Either: A direct speech private wire between the switchboard in No 10 Downing Street and the No 10 Private Office in the DHC;

b. OR: In the event the Nigerian PTT are unable to provide a direct circuit to Kano; a second direct speech private wire between the switchboard in No 10 Downing Street and the British High Commission in Lagos. This will be used in conjunction with an existing radio speech link between the BHC Kano and the BHC Lagos to relay unclassified telephone messages. If radio conditions adversely affect the radio speech link it might be necessary to relay Kano - Kaduna - Lagos - London. Such a link is unlikely to be very reliable and would only be set up if absolutely necessary.

c. It will not be possible to use Brahms at Kano.

d. The High Commission switchboard in Lagos will be manned during the visit to Kano.



FACSIMILE

8. We propose to carry out a trial of secure facsimile on an IDD line between the High Commission in Nairobi and No 10 Downing Street. The trial is intended to test the performance of new equipments over international circuits. If the arrangement works satisfactorily it can be used for secure communications (to any level) if required. However, it must be stressed that this equipment will be a bonus and not a substitute for the communications facilities provided over FCO channels.

9. Trials may also be carried out at Lagos if it is considered there is any change of establishing contact with London.

*C. K. Davies*

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Charles,

① Banquet in Nairobi: Are you content for the following 3 people ~~then~~ joining the U.K party:

1. Head of British Devt. division
2. plus his wife
3. Audrey Lambert - Head of British Council office.

Content? Yes - but have ~~not~~ we got all our people in. etc

② Trip to west Kenya:

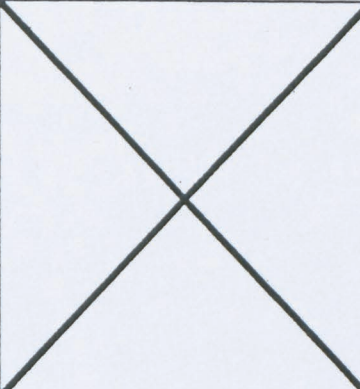
Are you content for John Hansell (British Devt. division) and Audrey Lambert to travel on the plane (may only be the return trip).

Content?

Yes.

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT:

1. FOLLOWING IS REVISED PROGRAMME, DRAWN UP IN THE LIGHT OF THE VISIT OF THE RECONNAISSANCE PARTY. THE ONLY DELETION FROM THE PROGRAMME IS THE PRESS CONFERENCE, ALTHOUGH THE TIMINGS FOR THE TRIP TO WESTERN KENYA HAVE BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY REVISED TO ACCOMMODATE THE COMMISSIONING OF THE TELEPHONE EXCHANGE AT KAPSABET.

2. MONDAY 4 JANUARY

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1730 ARRIVAL AT JOMO KENYATTA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOLLOWED BY FORMAL WELCOME.

1800 CEREMONIAL DRIVE TO STATE HOUSE.

EVENING FREE

TUESDAY 5 JANUARY

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0830 BILATERAL MEETING WITH HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT, FOLLOWED BY PHOTO-SESSION

0945 LEAVE STATE HOUSE FOR KENYATTA MAUSOLEUM

0950 LAYING OF WREATH AT KENYATTA MAUSOLEUM

0955 LEAVE FOR COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES CEMETERY

1005 LAYING OF WREATH AT COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES CEMETERY

1020 LEAVE FOR ISINYA MAASAI RURAL TRAINING CENTRE

1105 ARRIVE ISINYA

1205 LEAVE ISINYA FOR RETURN JOURNEY TO NAIROBI

1250 - 1410 LUNCH

1410 LEAVE FOR KIAMBU

1445 - 1500 VISIT TEA FARM

1505 - 1535 VISIT KAMBAA TEA FACTORY

1600 - 1630 VISIT KOMOTHAI SECONDARY SCHOOL

1715 ARRIVE BACK AT STATE HOUSE, NAIROBI

1930 FOR STATE BANQUET

2000

WEDNESDAY 6 JANUARY



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0815 LEAVE STATE HOUSE FOR AIRPORT  
0830 TAKE-OFF FOR KAKAMEGA  
0930 ARRIVE KAKAMEGA AIRSTRIP. FORMAL WELCOME BY PROVINCIAL  
COMMISSIONER, ETC  
0935 LEAVE KAKAMEGA FOR MUMIAS SUGAR PROJECT  
1000 ARRIVE MUMIAS. TOUR OF SUGAR PROJECT  
1215 LUNCH AT MUMIAS.  
1315 LEAVE MUMIAS  
1405 ARRIVE CHEKOMBERO WOMEN'S POULTRY PROJECT (JOINTLY FUNDED  
BY EC AND ACTION AID UK)  
1430 LEAVE CHEKOMBERO  
1500 ARRIVE KAPSABET FOR COMMISSIONING OF TELEPHONE EXCHANGE  
1515 LEAVE KAPSABET  
1555 ARRIVE MOI UNIVERSITY  
1635 LEAVE MOI UNIVERSITY FOR ELDORET  
1700 DEPART ELDORET AIRSTRIP FOR NAIROBI  
1800 ARRIVE JOMO KENYATTA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
1815 ARRIVE STATE HOUSE  
1930 - 2100 RECEPTION AT HIGH COMMISSIONER'S RESIDENCE (PRIME  
MINISTER TO ARRIVE AT RECEPTION BETWEEN 1945 AND 2000)

DEPARTURE AT PRIME MINISTER'S PLEASURE (PERHAPS AFTER A  
LIGHT SUPPER FOLLOWING RECEPTION)

THURSDAY 7 JANUARY

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0750 LEAVE STATE HOUSE  
0800 ARRIVE JOMO KENYATTA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT: DEPARTURE  
CEREMONIES AT AIRPORT.  
0830 DEPART.

3. THE ONLY ASPECT OF THE PROGRAMME WITH WHICH THE KENYANS APPEAR TO FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE (AT OFFICIAL LEVEL) IS THE CHEKOMBERO POULTRY PROJECT. THEIR RESERVATIONS APPEAR TO STEM FROM THEIR CONCERN THAT THE PROJECT IS TOO SMALL AND TOO RURAL TO BE WORTHY OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S NOTICE. BUT, AS THE RECONNAISSANCE PARTY WILL CONFIRM, THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT IS LIKELY TO ATTRACT CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION IN THE AREA, AND IN TERMS OF SHEER LOCAL COLOUR (SCHOOLCHILDREN, GROUPS OF LADIES SINGING AND DANCING IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S HONOUR) IT MAY WELL BE A HIGHLIGHT OF THE VISIT. IT IS CERTAINLY AN IMPORTANT PRESS OPPORTUNITY, AND THE RECONNAISSANCE PARTY HAD NO DOUBT THAT IT SHOULD REMAIN IN. IT IS ALSO THE ONLY OPPORTUNITY TO SEE A VILLAGE-LEVEL PROJECT PARTIALLY FUNDED BY THE



EC.

4. HEAD OF CHANCERY WILL ATTEMPT TO OVERCOME KENYAN DIFFIDENCE ON THIS PROJECT IN HIS MEETING WITH THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL ON 21 DECEMBER TO RUN OVER THE RESULTS OF THE RECONNAISSANCE VISIT. AS THE WOMEN'S GROUP AT CHEKOMBERO IS RUN BY MRS MUDAVADI, THE WIFE OF THE MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT, WHO LIVES NEARBY, THERE IS LIKELY TO BE HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL PRESSURE TO KEEP IT IN.

5. MORE DETAILED COMMENT ON PROGRAMME IN MIFT.

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*From the Private Secretary*

22 December 1987

Prime Minister's Visit to Nigeria

I have now seen Lagos tels. nos. 1334 and 1340 about Mr. Thatcher's programme in Lagos. I agree that, in the circumstances, there is no alternative but for him to attend the arrival ceremonies at State House before going on to Ikeja.

Incidentally, it would make sense for telegrams about the Prime Minister's visit to be copied automatically to No. 10.

(CHARLES POWELL)

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*From the Private Secretary*

22 December 1987

**PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO AFRICA:  
ACCOMMODATION IN NAIROBI**

Thank you for your letter of 21 December about accommodation for the Prime Minister's party in Nairobi. I am content with the arrangements proposed.

(C. D. POWELL)

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MRS AMANDA ROSS McDOWELL  
10 Downing Street

Thank you for your minute of 15 December concerning the provision of an outfit allowance for those accompanying the Prime Minister on her visit to Africa next year. I can confirm that an allowance can be claimed within the limits set out below.

As the visit is of short duration, 5 days only, the allowance claimed can cover the purchase of 1 lightweight suit for each man in the party and two or three day outfits and one long evening skirt/dress in natural fibres for each woman, up to the maximum of £165 per person (or £180 for those with national salary limits not less than Grade 6 (Senior Principal)). However, expenditure should be related to the essential minimum of special clothing necessary to the efficient performance of the job overseas. Account is also taken in approving payment of the residual value of clothing to the officer. Items such as underclothes, blouses, shirts, ties, socks and shoes are assumed to have full residual value, reimbursement of the cost of these items is not therefore normally made.

Outfit allowance cannot normally be claimed at less than 4 yearly intervals. If any one accompanying the Prime Minister has previously claimed for hot weather clothing they should bear this in mind. Exceptions can be made if it can be shown that the item is no longer appropriate for this trip.

You will need to discuss with Mr Wicks whether the cost of these allowances is to fall to individual budgets within No 10 or onto a single budget centre.

If you have any further questions on this please contact me. I will be out of the office all day on Tuesday, 22 December, but available on Wednesday, 23 December.

J M E BUCHAN

21/12/87





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*From the Private Secretary*

21 December 1987

**PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO KENYA AND NIGERIA:  
VC10 SEATING PLAN**

Thank you for your letter of 21 December with the seating plan for the RAF VC10 for the Prime Minister's visit to Kenya and Nigeria. This is fine except that I think Mr. Fairweather ought if possible to have two seats (a reflection of his importance not of his size).

As regards the Lagos-Kano leg, I agree that there must be no question of splitting up the UK party. There would be no objection to our offering to take Aikhomu or Akinyemi with a maximum of three aides: in that event Aikhomu or Akinyemi himself would travel in the Prime Minister's compartment and Mr. Bearpark would move into the official compartment. But it must be made clear to the Nigerians from the outset that our limit cannot under any circumstances be exceeded.

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PM'S VISIT TO NIGERIA: PRESS FACILITIES

1. FOLLOWING ARE LIKELY PRESS ARRANGEMENTS AT EACH EVENT:-

ARRIVAL AT LAGOS AIRPORT: UNRESTRICTED FACILITY ON THE TARMAC WITH THE PRESS BEHIND ROPE BARRIER. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT IF THE TV CREW AND PHOTOGRAPHER ON THE VC10 INTEND TO COVER THIS THAT THEY MOVE IMMEDIATELY FROM THE AIRCRAFT INTO THE PRESS ENCLOSURE. BUT THEY WILL THEN HAVE TO MOVE VERY QUICKLY INTO THE MOTORCADE. AS THIS WILL NOT BE THE FORMAL WELCOMING CEREMONY WE RECOMMEND THAT THEY DO NOT GIVE THIS PRIORITY.

STATE HOUSE WELCOME CEREMONY/GUARD OF HONOUR: UNRESTRICTED FACILITY. PRESS WILL BE PERMITTED TO MOVE AROUND THE PERIPHERY OF THE INSPECTION OF THE GUARD OF HONOUR.

TALKS WITH THE PRESIDENT AT STATE HOUSE: POOL PHOTOCALL AT COMMENCEMENT OF TALKS. UK POOL TO EQUAL NIGERIAN POOL AND IDEALLY TO BE AT LEAST ONE TV TEAM PLUS CORRESPONDENTS, TWO PHOTOGRAPHERS AND TWO WRITERS.

RECEPTION AT HIGH COMMISSIONER'S RESIDENCE: POOL FACILITY TO COVER RECEPTION LINE. ONE TV CREW AND TWO PHOTOGRAPHERS FROM EACH SIDE. TRAVELLING PRESS PARTY WILL BE INVITED TO THE RECEPTION.

OFFICIAL DINNER AT STATE HOUSE: A SMALL NUMBER OF INVITATIONS ARE LIKELY TO BE AVAILABLE FOR THE TRAVELLING PRESS. A POOL FACILITY WILL BE PERMITTED INTO THE DINING ROOM TO COVER SPEECHES.

BRITISH COUNCIL OPENING: UNRESTRICTED FACILITY OUTSIDE THE BUILDING TO COVER THE RIBBON CUTTING. POOL FACILITY (ONE TV CREW PLUS CORRESPONDENTS, TWO PHOTOGRAPHERS AND ONE

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WRITER PLUS SAME NUMBERS FOR NIGERIAN MEDIA) TO FOLLOW PM INTO BUILDING.

POSSIBLE DEPARTURE CEREMONIES AT STATE HOUSE: SAME AS ARRIVAL.

DEPARTURE FROM LAGOS AIRPORT: AS ON ARRIVAL.

ARRIVAL AT KANO AIRPORT: AS ON ARRIVAL AT LAGOS INCLUDING ROPE BARRIER.

DYE PITS: UNRESTRICTED FACILITY OUTSIDE AROUND THE PITS. UK TV CREW AND PHOTOGRAPHERS MUST ENSURE THEY ARE INSIDE THE ROOM WHERE THE CLOTH IS BEATEN IN ADVANCE OF THE PM OTHERWISE THEY WILL NOT GET IN.

EMIR'S PALACE: UNRESTRICTED FACILITY OUTSIDE AND FOR THE DURBAR. POOL FACILITY FOR THE AUDIENCE WITH THE EMIR. PROBABLY ONE TV CREW PLUS CORRESPONDENTS, TWO PHOTOGRAPHERS AND TWO WRITERS FROM EACH SIDE BUT WE WILL TRY AND GET MAJORITY OF TRAVELLING PRESS PARTY INTO THE ANTI-ROOM ADJOINING THE AUDIENCE ROOM.

DEPARTURE FROM KANO: AS ON ARRIVAL.

2. IN LAGOS ONLY PRESS ACCREDITED BY THE NIGERIAN INFORMATION MINISTRY WILL BE ALLOWED ACCESS TO THE ABOVE EVENTS EXCEPT AT THE AIRPORT WHERE AIRPORT CORRESPONDENTS ARE LIKELY TO BE PERMITTED. IT IS ALSO USUAL FOR THE STATE HOUSE, DODAN BARRACKS, PRESS CORPS (THE NEAREST EQUIVALENT TO THE LOBBY) TO BE ALLOWED TO DOORSTEP AT STATE HOUSE WHILST TALKS ARE IN PROGRESS. UK TRAVELLING PRESS WILL BE ALLOWED SIMILAR ACCESS.

3. WE ARE PLANNING FOR TRAVELLING PRESS PARTY TO REMAIN WITH THE PM'S PARTY UNTIL AFTER THE STATE HOUSE WELCOMING CEREMONY. THEY WILL THEN BE TAKEN TO THE EKO HOTEL.

4. IN KANO WE ARE EXPECTING THE TRAVELLING PRESS PARTY TO REMAIN WITH THE PM UNTIL AFTER THE DURBAR. THEY WILL THEN BE TAKEN TO THE CENTRAL HOTEL.

5. I HAVE RECEIVED MESSAGE TODAY (30 DECEMBER) THAT TV AM ARE NO LONGER INTENDING TO COVER THE NIGERIA VISIT. BBC AND ITN HAVE GIVEN UP PLANS TO SATELLITE.



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6. OTHER UK AND INTERNATIONAL PRESS, IN ADDITION TO TRAVELLING PRESS PARTY, WHO INTEND TO COVER THE VISIT ARE:-

REUTERS LAGOS BUREAU (NICK KOTCH AND JAMES JUKWEY)

REUTERS WEST AFRICA PHOTOGRAPHER BASED IN ABIDJAN

AFP LAGOS BUREAU

ASSOCIATED PRESS ABIDJAN BUREAU (ONE REPORTER AND ONE PHOTOGRAPHER)

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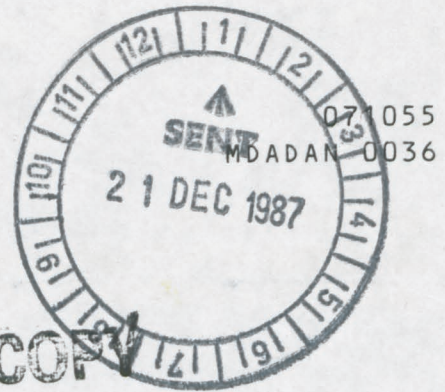
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MIPT: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: PROGRAMME

1. FOLLOWING ARE NOTES ON THE PROGRAMME FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT, REFLECTING THE DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS AGREED WITH THE RECONNAISSANCE PARTY:

- ISINYA MAASAI RURAL TRAINING CENTRE: THE PRIME MINISTER'S HOUR-LONG VISIT TO ISINYA WILL BEGIN IN THE CENTRE OF THE PROJECT WITH A SHORT VISIT TO THE LOCAL TANNERY FOLLOWED BY A BRIEF INSPECTION OF THE LEATHER CRAFT WORKSHOP AND A LONGER VISIT TO THE HANDICRAFT SHOP WHERE LEATHER ARTEFACTS ARE SOLD (AND WHERE CRAFTSMEN WILL BE AT WORK). ON LEAVING THE TRAINING CENTRE THE PRIME MINISTER WILL PLANT A TREE AND RECEIVE A GIFT. SHE WILL THEN PROCEED TO MOI SECONDARY SCHOOL, A SHORT DISTANCE FROM THE TRAINING CENTRE, WHERE SHE WILL INSPECT A TYPICAL GIRLS DORMITORY, BEFORE GOING ON TO THE YOUTH POLYTECHNIC, WHERE SHE WILL VISIT THE WORKSHOPS DEALING WITH METALWORK, MASONRY AND CARPENTRY BEFORE VIEWING ARTICLES MANUFACTURED BY THE STUDENTS ON OPEN DISPLAY. BEFORE SHE DEPARTS SHE WILL PRESENT A GIFT TO THE CENTRE OF A CATTLE WEIGHBRIDGE CURRENTLY UNDER MANUFACTURE IN NAIROBI AND TO BE PAID FOR OUT OF THE HEADS OF MISSION SMALL PROJECTS FUND.
- KENYA TEA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, KIAMBU: THE PRIME MINISTER WILL VISIT ONE OF THE 150,000 REGISTERED SMALLHOLDER TEA FARMS UNDER THE KTD A UMBRELLA, BEFORE GOING ON TO THE KAMBAA TEA FACTORY NEARBY, IN WHICH THE COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION HAS EQUITY SHAREHOLDING. SHE WILL TOUR THE TEA-MAKING PROCESS (AND TASTE THE PRODUCT) BEFORE DEPARTURE.
- KOMOTHAI SECONDARY SCHOOL: THE PRIME MINISTER WILL VISIT THE NEW, UK-FUNDED, SCIENCE LABORATORY, WHERE CHILDREN WILL BE PRESENT CARRYING OUT SIMPLE SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS. BEFORE LEAVING THE SCHOOL, SHE WILL BRIEFLY VISIT A CLASSROOM IN THE BUILDING ADJACENT TO THE OLD SCIENCE LABORATORY, AND MAKE A PRESENTATION OF BOOKS BEFORE LEAVING TO RETURN TO STATE HOUSE IN NAIROBI.



- WESTERN KENYA: WE HAVE SKETCHED OUT A 90 MINUTE TOUR OF THE MUMIAS SUGAR PROJECT, STARTING AT THE HOME OF ONE OF THE CANE OUT-GROWERS, A FORMER CHIEF WHOSE FARMING ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN REVOLUTIONISED BY THE PROXIMITY OF THE MUMIAS SUGAR FACTORY. THE PRIME MINISTER WILL WALK TO THE CANE FIELD TO VIEW THE CANE BEING LOADED BEFORE PROCEEDING, VIA A LOCAL MARKET, TO A FIELD WHERE CANE IS BEING CUT. THE PRIME MINISTER WILL BE INVITED TO CUT CANE, AND WILL THEN PROCEED TO THE MUMIAS FACTORY, WHERE SHE WILL BE CONDUCTED ON A BRIEF TOUR OF THE PREPARATION AND MILLING SECTIONS (AVOIDING THE AREAS WHERE HEAVIEST INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY IS BEING UNDERTAKEN) BEFORE WALKING TO THE PROCESSING HOUSE WHERE SHE WILL BE SHOWN THE SUGAR AND MOLASSES PRODUCT. SHE WILL THEN HAVE A REST PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY 45 MINUTES BEFORE LUNCH WHICH WILL BE IN THE RECENTLY COMPLETED MUMIAS PROJECT SPORTS AND SOCIAL COMPLEX.

- CHEKOMBERO WOMEN'S POULTRY PROJECT: THE PRIME MINISTER WILL PAY A BRIEF VISIT TO THE PROJECT'S POULTRY HOUSE WHERE LAYERS AND COCKERELS WILL BE DISPLAYED IN A PEN, BEFORE RETURNING TO AN OPEN AREA NEAR THE LOCAL SCHOOL (UNDER CONSTRUCTION) WHOSE PUPILS ARE SPONSORED BY BRITISH CITIZENS THROUGH ACTION AID UK. THE LADIES WHO RUN THE COMMUNITY SELF-HELP PROJECT WILL ARRANGE FOR DISPLAYS OF SINGING AND DANCING BY LOCAL RESIDENTS OF THE AREA, ON THE PRIME MINISTER'S ARRIVAL, TO CONTINUE THROUGHOUT HER 25-MINUTE STAY.

- KAPSABET TELEPHONE EXCHANGE: THE PRIME MINISTER WILL BE ESCORTED THROUGH KAPSABET POST OFFICE WHERE THE KP AND T'S PLAN FOR UXD EXCHANGES WILL BE BRIEFLY EXPLAINED. SHE WILL BE INVITED TO LOOK AT THE TWO EXCHANGE MODULES BEFORE UNVEILING A PLAQUE AND PLACING A PRE-ARRANGED IDD CALL.

- MOI UNIVERSITY: THE PRIME WILL BE GREETED BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR AND PHOTOGRAPHED WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE. SHE WILL THEN VIEW THE PLANS FOR THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY. SHE WILL THEN TAKE TEA WITH MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY AND PRESENT A GIFT, BEFORE LOOKING AT THE LABORATORY IN THE FORESTRY DEPARTMENT IN WHICH THERE IS A MAJOR UK AID PRESENCE. SHE WILL THEN BE INVITED TO PLANT A TREE WITH THE PRESIDENT OUTSIDE THE NEW ADMINISTRATION BLOCK CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

2. DETAILED BRIEFING ON EACH OF THE INDIVIDUAL CALLS IS BEING PREPARED IN POST, AS ARE NOTES ON THE VARIOUS DIGNITARIES AND



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PERSONALITIES TO WHOM THE PRIME MINISTER WILL BE INTRODUCED AT EACH POINT. IT IS NOT YET CLEAR WHICH GOVERNMENT MINISTERS WILL BE PRESENT AT DIFFERENT POINTS IN THE PROGRAMME: WE SHALL CLARIFY THIS WITH PROTOCOL DIVISION OF THE MFA.

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I shall be most grateful  
if you can ensure that the  
Prime Minister sees this in  
good time before her visit  
to Kenya.

Cranley Owslow

(CRANLEY OWSLOW)



Mr Powell, No 10



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MY TELNO 1334: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: MR THATCHER'S PROGRAMME

AT MEETING ON 18 DECEMBER WITH STATE PROTOCOL OFFICIALS, THE LATTER CONFIRMED THAT IN THEIR VIEW IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR MR THATCHER TO ATTEND THE STATE HOUSE ARRIVAL CEREMONY.

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VISIT TO KANO: YOUR TELNOS 1314 AND 1315

1. NO 10 ACCEPT THAT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR THE PRIME MINISTER TO VISIT A MARKET AND AGREE TO A BRIEF STOP AT THE DYE PITS. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THESE ARE BOTH SMELLY AND FLY-RIDDEN, WE STRONGLY SUGGEST THAT YOU ENSURE THAT THE STOP IS AS BRIEF AS POSSIBLE. THE REMAINDER OF THE PROGRAMME SOUNDS COLOURFUL AND INTERESTING. WE WOULD LIKE AS MANY AS POSSIBLE OF THE NO 10 PARTY AND THE ACCOMPANYING PRESS INVITED TO WATCH THE DURBAR.

2. SPEECHES: WE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE WELCOMING SPEECHES AT THE STATE HOUSE ARRIVAL CEREMONY (PARA 3 OF YOUR TELNO 1283). WE ASSUME THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WILL BE EXPECTED TO REPLY. GRATEFUL FOR DRAFT TEXT DESKBY 211000Z (BRIEF, LOCAL COLOUR, CORRECT STYLES OF ADDRESS, SHORT SENTENCES). WE NOTE ALSO PARA 2(D) OF YOUR TELNO 1314 THAT AT THE EMIR'S PALACE THE MILITARY GOVERNOR WILL MAKE AN INTRODUCTORY ADDRESS AND THAT THE EMIR WILL GIVE A WELCOMING SPEECH. WE SHALL NEED A DRAFT TEXT OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S REPLY IN APPROPRIATE STYLE (BASIC REQUIREMENTS AS ABOVE) DESKBY 211000Z.

MR THATCHER'S PROGRAMME IN LAGOS (YOUR TELNO 1278):

3. NO 10 AGREE THAT IT MAKES MOST SENSE FOR MR THATCHER TO VISIT THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE AT IKEJA (SUBJECT TO RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE RECONNAISSANCE TEAM). IN THAT EVENT IT WOULD BE MUCH BETTER WERE HE TO GO DIRECT FROM THE AIRPORT TO IKEJA TO LUNCH WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BRITISH BUSINESS COMMUNITY. YOU SHOULD ATTACH A SENIOR MEMBER OF YOUR STAFF TO HIM FOR THIS VISIT.

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*From the Private Secretary*

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO KENYA AND NIGERIA: STATE BANQUETS

Thank you for your letter about attendance at State Banquets during the Prime Minister's visits to Kenya and Nigeria. The list enclosed with your letter should be regarded as a minimum. My preference would be, if possible, to have two of our Secretarial Assistants and one of the Duty Clerks invited to each of the Banquets in addition to those listed. I should be grateful if you would ask our posts to pursue this.

Charles Powell

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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16 December 1987

Dear Charles,

**Prime Minister's Visit to Kenya and Nigeria:**  
**State Banquets**

Our High Commission in Lagos have asked for guidance as to who in the Prime Minister's party should be invited to the State Banquet in Lagos. We would be grateful for confirmation that in addition to the Prime Minister and Mr Thatcher, the following suggested list of members of the party should be invited to the State Banquets in both Lagos and Nairobi:

Mr Powell  
Mr Bearpark  
Mr Ingham  
Mr Fairweather  
Mr Bates  
Mrs Crawford

Yours ever,  
L. Parker

(L Parker)  
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq  
PS/10 Downing Street





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*From the Private Secretary*

16 December 1987

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO NIGERIA

I have seen the welter of telgrams coming in about the Prime Minister's visit to Nigeria. You may find it helpful to have my reactions to them.

Visit to Kano

The proposals set out in Lagos telegrams 1314 and 1315 look very much on the right lines. I accept that, in the circumstances, it is not possible for the Prime Minister to visit a market and, subject to any contrary views from the department, agree to a brief stop at the dye pits. The remainder of the programme sounds colourful and interesting. We would like as many as possible of the No.10 party - and of course the press - invited to watch the durbar. I would be grateful for drafts for the Prime Minister's reply to the Emir's welcoming speech and for a short speech at lunch if appropriate.

Visit to Lagos

The arrangements described in Lagos telegram 1283 also seem on the right lines. The Prime Minister would not expect President Babangida to go to the airport (although equally it would get the visit off to a flying start were he to do so). I note that welcoming speeches are de rigeur and would be grateful for a draft. As regards accommodation, I think we must be guided by the recommendations of the reconnaissance team, which we have still to receive. For the talks with the President I think that a total of two hours is probably adequate with scope for them to run on if necessary. The Prime Minister would prefer to start with a tete-à-tete with President Babangida with only note-takers present and would certainly not want an opening set speech. She would be perfectly happy to go on into a plenary session with a wider participation on the Nigerian side. For the tete-à-tete session she would want only me present. For the wider session our team should include the High Commissioner, Mr. Ingham, Mr. Fairweather, Mr. Bearpark and one or two other members of the High Commission.



I have also noted Lagos telegram 1280 about the difficulties which are likely to arise over a meeting with General Obasanjo. It may be that these difficulties are insuperable and we should certainly not press the Nigerians on this. But the Prime Minister will be disappointed not to see him and I hope that we can at least keep open the possibility of a meeting until the last minute, in case the time in between now and early January is sufficient for him to expiate his sins.

Mr. Thatcher's Programme in Lagos

I agree that it makes most sense for Mr. Thatcher to visit the industrial estate at Ikeja (again subject to recommendations from the reconnaissance team). In that event it would be much better were he to go direct from the airport to Ikeja to lunch with representatives of the British business community. It would be helpful if the High Commission were to attach a senior member of the staff to him for this visit, for instance the Commercial Counsellor.

Finally I have seen Lagos telegram 1291 about some of the issues which may arise during the Prime Minister's visit. I hope that we can sort out the problems on military assistance and the air services agreement before the visit. I should be grateful if you could keep me posted of developments, in case the Prime Minister wishes to intervene to ensure that she has an adequate hand to play on these and related issues.

(CHARLES POWELL)

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MISS JOY BUCHAN  
CABINET OFFICE

I have now been able to discuss the outfit allowance with one of the Private Secretaries who will be accompanying the Prime Minister on her visit to Africa next year.

He has explained that the Prime Minister's programme is a hectic one involving a mix of formal meetings with Kenyan and Nigerian officials, visits up country to a selection of projects and representational dinners and receptions in the evenings. In these circumstances, it will be essential for all staff to have appropriate clothing - light-weight suits for men and suitable natural fibre dresses for ladies.

The duration of the visit, and nature of the duties involved, seem to fit quite clearly with the requirements of the Civil Service Pay and Conditions of Service code, and I should therefore be grateful if you could obtain urgent Treasury authority for all male members of the party to be reimbursed the cost of one light-weight suit up to whatever is the current appropriate limit - around £120 sounds reasonable - and for each of the ladies to be reimbursed similarly with the cost of 3 or 4 light-weight dresses within the same limit.

Since the circumstances of the visit apply equally to all members, I should be grateful if you could treat this application as being on behalf of all of the attached officers. If you could confirm that you are content, I will ask them to each make their own individual purchases, and will then send you the invoices collectively for reimbursement.

MRS. AMANDA ROSS-McDOWELL  
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MY TELNO 1286: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: PRESS COMMENT

1. THE NIGERIAN 'GUARDIAN' OF 15 DECEMBER CARRIES AN EDITORIAL, HEADED 'MUST THATCHER COME?', STRONGLY CRITICAL OF THE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT'S INVITATION TO THE PRIME MINISTER. THE PRIME MINISTER IS ATTACKED ON THE ISSUES OF SOUTH AFRICA ('MRS THATCHER VERSUS THE REST OF THE WORLD'), POLICY ON IMMIGRATION FROM NIGERIA, AND 'UTTER LACK OF SYMPATHY' FOR NIGERIA'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. FULL TEXT IN MIFT.

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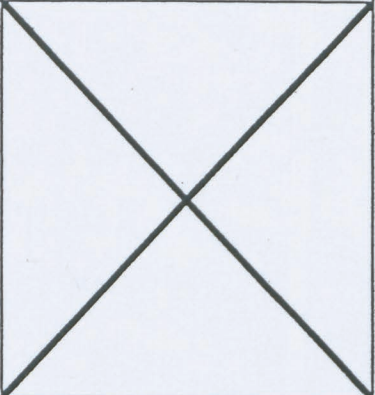
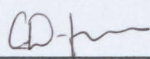
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MY TELNOS 1194 AND 1196: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: OBASANJO

SUMMARY

1. STRONG CRITICISM OF OBASANJO'S RECENT SPEECH BY MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT INCLUDING THE PRESIDENT'S PRESS SECRETARY. RECOMMENDATION THAT THE PROPOSAL FOR A MEETING BETWEEN THE PRIME MINISTER AND OBASANJO SHOULD BE DROPPED.

DETAIL

2. OBASANJO'S SPEECH OF 26 NOVEMBER, WHICH WAS CRITICAL OF ASPECTS OF BABANGIDA'S GOVERNMENT POLICY, INCLUDING THE STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT PROGRAMME, HAS BEEN WIDELY CRITICISED BY MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRESS. THE PRESIDENT'S PRESS SECRETARY HAS DIMISSED THE SPEECH AS 'JUST A REHASH OF WHAT OTHER PEOPLE HAVE BEEN SAYING'. HE ADDED THAT OBASANJO 'HAS A DIRECT AND UNLIMITED TO THE PRESIDENT BUT NEVER MAKES USE OF IT'. ACCORDING TO ONABULE THE PRESIDENT WAS 'VERY DISAPPOINTED AT THE SPEECH'. ANOTHER CRITIC, ALFA, THE CHIEF OF AIR STAFF, SUGGESTED THAT OBASANJO HIMSELF WAS GUILTY OF THE FAULTS OF WHICH HE ACCUSED THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT.

3. PRESS COMMENT HAS BEEN CRITICAL OF THE MANNER IN WHICH OBASANJO CHOSE TO OFFER HIS VIEWS ON THE GOVERNMENT'S PERFORMANCE, ALTHOUGH THERE HAS BEEN SOME SYMPATHY FOR HIS CALLS FOR A 'HUMAN FACE' FOR THE STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT PROGRAMME. THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL ALLEGATIONS THAT THE SPEECH WAS INSPIRED BY A COMBINATION OF PIQUE AT THE PRESIDENT'S CRITICISM OF THE HANDOVER TO CIVIL RULE CARRIED OUT BY OBASANJO'S GOVERNMENT, AND OBASANJO'S UNHAPPINESS WITH THE PRESENT ECONOMIC SITUATION WHICH HAD BADLY AFFECTED HIS OWN FARMING PROJECTS.

COMMENT

4. IT IS CLEAR THAT ONASANJO'S SPEECH HAS AROUSED MUCH RESENTMENT IN DODAN BARRACKS. I HAVE TO ADVISE THAT IT MIGHT DETRACT FROM THE SUCCESS OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT IF SHE WERE TO MEET OBASANJO IN THE COURSE OF IT.



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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT

## SUMMARY

1. ALL THE SIGNS ARE THAT THE PRESIDENT IS ADOPTING A VERY CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE TO THE VISIT. AKINYEMI UNLIKELY TO MAKE TROUBLE. THE NIGERIANS APPEAR TO WANT A SERIOUS DISCUSSION ON SOUTH AFRICA; SOME EARLY ADVANCE BRIEFING WOULD BE HELPFUL. A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS BILATERAL ECONOMIC ISSUES WILL BE IMPORTANT. THE PITFALLS, MILITARY TRAINING AND AIR SERVICES, MUST BE AVOIDED.

## DETAIL

2. THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT SEEM TO BE SHAPING UP WELL. ALL THE INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE PRESIDENT IS DETERMINED THAT IT SHOULD BE A SUCCESS, AND THE (UNEXPECTED) PROPOSALS FOR THE "SOUTH LAWN" - TYPE WELCOMING CEREMONY (MY TELNO 1283) SUGGEST THAT HE WISHES IT TO BE A CONSTRUCTIVE, HIGH-PROFILE OCCASION, WHICH WILL ENHANCE HIS OWN STANDING.

3. I HAVE URGED, THROUGH INFORMAL CONTACTS, THAT HE AND THE PRIME MINISTER SHOULD START OFF WITH A GOOD, PRIVATE TALK. IF WE CAN AGREE THAT EXCEPT, PERHAPS, A PRIVATE SECRETARY, SHOULD BE PRESENT FROM OUR SIDE, THIS SHOULD ENSURE, SO FAR AS WE CAN INFLUENCE IT, THAT AKINYEMI WILL ALSO BE KEPT OUT OF THE ROOM. THIS WILL, NEEDLESS TO SAY, BE IMPORTANT IF THERE IS TO BE A SERIOUS, PURPOSEFUL MEETING OF MINDS.

4. I UNDERSTAND, THROUGH THE SAME INFORMAL CONTACTS, THAT AKINYEMI HAS UNDERTAKEN TO BEHAVE. HE HAS BEEN EXCEEDINGLY

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NERVOUS (WITH, AS USUAL, AN EYE TO HIS ACADEMIC CONSTITUENCY) THAT HE WILL BE TAKEN TO TASK FOR NOT HAVING PREVENTED THE VISIT FROM TAKING PLACE. HE IS ALSO RESENTFUL AT NOT BEING THE CHANNEL FOR THE COMMUNICATION TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE PROPOSAL FOR THE VISIT. BUT I BELIEVE THAT WE ARE SUCCESSFULLY OVER THOSE HURDLES.

5. I ALSO HAD AN INFORMAL MEETING LAST NIGHT WITH THREE SENIOR NEWSPAPER PROPRIETORS/EDITORS. THEIR ATTITUDE WAS THAT INEVITABLY, EMOTIONS OVER SOUTH AFRICA WOULD BE AROUSED BY THE VISIT. NEVERTHELESS THEY APPRECIATED THE IMPORTANCE FOR NIGERIA OF THE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP WITH BRITAIN AND WOULD DO THEIR BEST TO ENSURE POSITIVE COVERAGE OF THE VISIT.

6. AN INTERESTING ARTICLE HAS MEANWHILE APPEARED IN 'NEWSLETTER NIGERIA', A 'CONFIDENTIAL' NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED IN LONDON BUT WIDELY READ HERE. THIS COMMENTS ON THE 'COURAGE' OF BOTH LEADERS IN ARRANGING THE VISIT, AND GOES ON TO SAY - REFRESHINGLY - THAT 'THE SANCTIONS WHICH BRITAIN IS APPLYING TO SOUTH AFRICA WITH REGARD TO ARMAMENTS AND RELATED ITEMS ARE VERY SIGNIFICANT, WHILE NIGERIA IS IN NO POSITION TO APPLY SANCTIONS AT ALL. THERE IS NO INCONTROVERTIBLE EVIDENCE THAT GENERAL COMMERCIAL SANCTIONS WOULD DEFLECT THE APARTHEID REGIME FROM ITS COURSE OR WOULD WEAKEN IT.' THE NEWSLETTER NOTES THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND MRS CHALKER DURING THEIR VISITS HERE WERE ABLE TO DISCUSS SOUTH AFRICA 'WITHOUT RANCOUR' AND SAYS THAT THE PROBLEM OVER THE PRIME MINISTER PERSONALLY IS THAT SHE GIVES THE IMPRESSION THAT SHE HAS 'SOME SYMPATHY WITH THE BELEAGUERED BOTHA REGIME'. THE VISIT WOULD BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO 'ERASE THIS IMPRESSION FOR EVER', AND TO DISCUSS 'THE PRACTICAL PROBLEMS OF ENDING APARTHEID'. I BELIEVE THAT MANY SENIOR NIGERIANS WOULD GO ALONG WITH MUCH OF THIS ARTICLE.

7. I HAVE AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE SECRETARY TO THE CABINET, OLU FALAE, AT 1200 LOCAL TIME THIS WEDNESDAY, 16 DECEMBER. I AM ALSO LIKELY TO SEE AKINYEMI INFORMALLY SOME TIME VERY SOON. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL, PARTICULARLY IN RELATION TO THE FORMER, IF YOU COULD GIVE ME SOME SORT OF STEER OVER THE HANDLING OF THE AGENDA, IN PARTICULAR SOUTHERN AFRICA.

8. ON BILATERAL ISSUES, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE PRIME MINISTER SHOULD SAY SOMETHING POSITIVE ABOUT BILATERAL ECONOMIC



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RELATIONS (MY TELNO 1237). THE PRESIDENT WILL CERTAINLY BE VERY DISAPPOINTED IF HE DOES NOT GET THIS. WHILE I NELL APPRECIATE ECGD'S INHIBITIONS (THEIR EXCED 84), I AM CERTAIN THAT THE NIGERIANS ARE NOW TRYING HARD TO PUT THEIR ACT TOGETHER. AS ALWAYS, WE NEED TO ENCOURAGE RATHER THAN TO THREATEN, AND I AM SURE WE HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE, AND SOME COMMERCIAL ADVANTAGE TO GAIN, BY DOING SO.

9. THE PITFALLS ARE IN THE AREAS OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND THAT AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT. ON THE LATTER, SEE MY TELNO 1288. ON THE FORMER, THERE MUST, AT THE VERY LEAST, BE NO QUESTION OF THE MOD PUTTING UP THE SHUTTERS IN ADVANCE OF THE VISIT (AND I SHALL BE SENDING A FURTHER TELEGRAM URGING A MORE POSITIVE LINE). THE WHOLE ATMOSPHERE COULD BE RUINED, THE DETRIMENT OF THE MAJOR PURPOSE OF THE VISIT, IF THESE ISSUES ARE ALLOWED TO INTRUDE.

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15 December 1987

Dear Charles,

CDP/K/L

Prime Minister's visit to Kenya and Nigeria

Thank you for your letter of 14 December. The Foreign Secretary was most grateful for your help over this. He does think that it would be useful to have a Foreign Office official on hand in the Prime Minister's party to advise on African issues other than those on which the High Commissioners in Nairobi and Lagos would be expected to take the lead. It would, as you say, also be useful from our own point of view for someone from here to use the occasion of her visit to get to know leading personalities in the countries concerned.

In the light of this, the Foreign Secretary believes that Patrick Fairweather would be best placed from all points of view to carry out this role in the Prime Minister's party.

Yours ever,

(A C Galsworthy)  
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq  
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Date 15 December 1987

*Mr. Powell*  
*To wire.*  
*JR 16/12*

*Dear Mrs Richards*

## PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO NIGERIA: RECEPTION HOSTED BY PRIME MINISTER IN LAGOS

1. It has been agreed by the Private Secretary, No 10 Downing Street that the Prime Minister and Mr Thatcher should host a Reception on Thursday 7 January at the Residence of the High Commissioner in Lagos.

2. The cost of the Reception for approximately 200 people will be as follows:

Food	£120.00
Drink	£182.00
Hire of Staff	<u>£53.00</u>
Total	£355.00

*Yours sincerely*  
*Bette Davis*

B D Davis (Miss)  
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cc: P Gooderham Esq, WED



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MIPT: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: KANO

1. FOLLOWING IS THE DRAFT PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME FOR 8 JANUARY

0800-0830 OPEN BRITISH COUNCIL OFFICES IN LAGOS  
0830 DEPART FOR MURTALA MOHAMMED AIRPORT, LAGOS  
0910 ARRIVE MURTALA MOHAMMED AIRPORT, LAGOS  
0915 RAF VC10 DEPARTS  
1055 RAF VC10 ARRIVES MALLAM AMINO KANO AIRPORT, KANO  
1055-1110 WELCOMING CEREMONIES AT MALLAM AMINO KANO AIRPORT  
1110 DEPART AIRPORT FOR DYE PITS  
1125-1145 VISIT DYE PITS  
1145 LEAVE DYE PITS FOR EMIR'S PALACE  
1155 ARRIVE EMIR'S PALACE  
COURTESY CALL ON HIS HIGHNESS THE EMIR OF KANO  
1215 ATTEND DURBAR IN FRONT OF EMIR'S PALACE  
1245 DEPART EMIR'S PALACE FOR GOVERNMENT HOUSE  
1255 ARRIVE GOVERNMENT HOUSE  
RECEIVED BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE MILITARY GOVERNOR  
1300 RETIRE  
1330-1430 LUNCH HOSTED BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE MILITARY GOVERNOR  
1430 SIGN VISITORS' BOOK  
EXCHANGE OF GIFTS  
1440 DEPART GOVERNMENT HOUSE FOR AIRPORT  
1455 ARRIVE AIRPORT  
1455-1505 DEPARTURE CEREMONIES  
1510 RAF VC10 DEPARTS FOR LONDON

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YOUR TELNO 659: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: MR THATCHER'S PROGRAMME

1. I WELCOME MR THATCHER'S WISH TO VISIT BRITISH COMPANIES.
2. THERE IS NO PROJECT WORK AS SUCH INVOLVING SUBSTANTIAL BRITISH INVESTMENT IN THE LAGOS AREA. HOWEVER, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF MANUFACTURING COMPANIES WHERE MAJOR INVESTMENT FROM UK HAS TAKEN PLACE OVER THE YEARS OFTEN INVOLVING UK PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY SO.
3. THE NEAREST INDUSTRIAL AREA TO LAGOS IS APAPA. UNFORTUNATELY, IT IS NOW SOMEWHAT RUN DOWN AND THE ONLY SUBSTANTIAL BRITISH MANUFACTURING INTERESTS THERE WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN TRANSFERRED TO ANY OF THE NEW INDUSTRIAL ESTATES ARE THE BEDFORD TRUCK AND BUS ASSEMBLY AND LEVER BROS MARGARINE FACTORY. THE FORMER IS OPERATING AT LESS THAN 20% CAPACITY AND IS, TO OUR DISAPPOINTMENT, NOW INVOLVED IN THE DISTRIBUTION AND POSSIBLE ASSEMBLY OF JAPANESE VEHICLES. THE MARGARINE FACTORY IS NOT THE BEST EXAMPLE OF ITS KIND IN NIGERIA AND PROBABLY HAS VERY LITTLE BRITISH EQUIPMENT.
4. AGBARA IS THE MOST MODERN OF THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATES BUT A ROUND TRIP COULD TAKE TWO HOURS IN TRAVELLING TIME. MOREOVER, THE FACTORIES THERE TEND TO BE ON THE SMALL SIDE AND THE LATEST BRITISH INVESTMENT (BY COUTAULDS) WAS ENTIRELY GERMAN SOURCED.
5. MY PREFERENCE IS THEREFORE THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE AT IKEJA WHERE A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT BRITISH COMPANIES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR SOME YEARS. GUINNESS'S HARP BREWERY IS ONE OF THE MOST MODERN IN AFRICA, AND HAS SUBSTANTIAL BRITISH CONTENT (AS WELL AS GERMAN) AND SOME BRITISH MANAGEMENT. IT IS ACROSS THE ROAD FROM METAL BOX'S PLANT WHICH IS OLDER BUT ALSO BRITISH MANAGED WITH A GOOD DEAL OF UK MACHINERY. THE THIRD POSSIBILITY WOULD BE CADBURY'S PLANT, ONE OF THE BIGGEST FACTORIES IN NIGERIA, WHICH MAKES MAINLY CADBURY PRODUCTS BUT ALSO KNORR-SWISS PRODUCTS UNDER LICENCE.
6. GIVEN THE TIME CONSTRAINTS, A VISIT TO ONE OR POSSIBLY TWO, IF GUINNESS AND METAL BOX WERE TAKEN TOGETHER, IS ALL THAT WOULD BE POSSIBLE SINCE THE ROUND TRIP COULD TAKE ONE AND A HALF HOURS IN TRAVELLING TIME.
7. ALTERNATIVELY, MR THATCHER COULD HAVE HIS OWN PROGRAMME AS FROM ARRIVAL AT MURTALA MUHAMMED AIRPORT. IKEJA INDUSTRIAL ESTATE IS A FEW MINUTES' DRIVE FROM THE AIRPORT. IF HE WERE TO GO STRAIGHT INTO THE INDUSTRIAL VISITS PROGRAMME HE WOULD AVOID

A ROUND TRIP JOURNEY INTO CENTRAL LAGOS AND BACK. THIS WOULD, OF COURSE, INVOLVE HIM MISSING THE BRIEFING LUNCH BUT NO. 10 MAY CONSIDER THAT THAT IS ACCEPTABLE. INSTEAD, HE COULD HAVE A MORE LEISURELY VISIT TO THE THREE PLANTS MENTIONED ABOVE AS WELL AS A LUNCH AT WHICH HE COULD MEET REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER UK COMPANIES BASED IN THE AREA. ONE OR OTHER OF THE THREE COMPANIES MENTIONED ABOVE - PROBABLY GUINNESS - WOULD, I AM SURE, WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO HOST A LUNCH FOR THIS PURPOSE. THIS WOULD GIVE ADDED PLEASURE TO THE BRITISH BUSINESS COMMUNITY WHOSE NUMBERS WE SHALL BE ABLE TO INVITE TO THE RECEPTION FOR THE PRIME MINISTER ARE LIKELY TO BE QUITE LIMITED.

8. A POSSIBILITY TO KEEP IN RESERVE, AND WHICH WOULD BE MUCH EASIER TO ORGANISE, WOULD BE AN AUDIO-VISUAL BRIEFING AT NIGER HOUSE OF THE EXTENSIVE ACTIVITIES OF UAC OF NIGERIA LIMITED (UNILEVER). THIS WOULD BE DONE BY THE NIGERIAN CHAIRMAN (CHIEF SHONEKAN) AND HIS BRITISH DEPUTY. IT WOULD GIVE MR THATCHER AN INSIGHT INTO THE GROUP'S EXTENSIVE ACTIVITIES IN THIS COUNTRY. UAC, AFTER SHELL, IS THE BIGGEST COMMERCIAL ORGANISATION HERE.

9. ON BALANCE, I RECOMMEND THAT NO. 10 BE ADVISED THAT THE IKEJA OPTION, INVOLVING MR THATCHER GOING THERE DIRECTLY FROM THE AIRPORT, IS MUCH PREFERRED BOTH IN TERMS OF LOGISTICS AND CONTENT. HOWEVER, WE SHALL NEED TO SET IT UP IN ADVANCE OF THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS AND I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR EARLY INSTRUCTIONS.

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YOUR TELNO 858: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT

1. HEAD OF CHANCERY HELD A FURTHER MEETING WITH THE STATE DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL THIS MORNING. IN VIEW OF THE FORTHCOMING RECONNAISSANCE VISIT TO KANO IT WAS AGREED TO CONCENTRATE ON THE LAGOS PART OF THE VISIT. UDO STRESSED THAT HE WOULD NEED PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVES ON SEVERAL OF THE POINTS (NOTABLY THE ARRIVAL ARRANGEMENTS AND FORMAT OF THE TALKS) AND THAT HIS COMMENTS WERE THEREFORE STILL SUBJECT TO THAT CAVEAT. THE FOLLOWING POINTS WERE COVERED.

#### AIRPORT ARRIVAL

2. MARTIN TOLD UDO THAT IT WAS NOW PROPOSED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER SHOULD ARRIVE AT 1210 ON 7 JANUARY. UDO THOUGHT THAT MRS THATCHER WOULD BE MET BY VICE ADMIRAL AIKHOMU, THE CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF AND NO 2 IN THE GOVERNMENT. HE EXPLAINED THAT PRESIDENT BABANGIDA DID NOT NORMALLY GO TO THE AIRPORT TO MEET IMPORTANT GUESTS. AIKHOMU WOULD ACCOMPANY THE PRIME MINISTER IN HER CAR IN THE MOTORCADE INTO LAGOS. IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER OR NOT THE PRIME MINISTER STAYED AT STATE HOUSE THE MOTORCADE WOULD GO THERE FOR THE WELCOMING CEREMONIES.

3. IF THE NORMAL PATTERN WAS FOLLOWED THE PRESIDENT WOULD GREET THE PRIME MINISTER AT STATE HOUSE. TROOPS WOULD BE LINED UP IN THE GROUNDS FACING THE MARINA AND ON ARRIVAL THE PRIME MINISTER AND PRESIDENT WOULD TAKE THE SALUTE. THE TWO NATIONAL ANTHEMS WOULD BE PLAYED AND THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD THEN BE INVITED TO INSPECT THE PARADE. ON THE PRIME MINISTER'S RETURN TO THE SALUTING BASE THE NATIONAL ANTHEMS WOULD BE PLAYED AGAIN. THE PARADE COMMANDER THEN TOOK HIS LEAVE AFTER WHICH THE VARIOUS DIGNITARIES (SERVICE CHIEF, MINISTER ETC) WOULD BE INTRODUCED TO THE PRIME MINISTER BY THE PRESIDENT. THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD THEN BE TAKEN TO A COVERED AREA IN THE GROUNDS OF STATE HOUSE FOR WELCOMING SPEECHES. THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH NORMALLY LASTED FOR ABOUT FIVE MINUTES AND DID NOT GO INTO MATTERS OF SUBSTANCE. IF THE PRIME MINISTER STAYED AT STATE HOUSE, SHE WOULD THEN BE TAKEN TO HER ACCOMMODATION.

#### ACCOMMODATION

4. MARTIN EXPLAINED TO UDO OUR PREFERENCE FOR THE PRIME MINISTER TO STAY AT MY RESIDENCE. HE POINTED OUT THAT THIS WAS NOT A STATE VISIT AND THAT WE DID NOT THEREFORE EXPECT THE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION. THIS LED TO SOME DISCUSSION OF THE EXACT STATUS OF THE VISIT. MARTIN SUGGESTED THAT IT



SHOULD BE REGARDED AS A "WORKING VISIT". UDO WAS CONTENT WITH THIS BUT SAID THAT THE NIGERIANS WOULD NEVERTHELESS WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY OF ACCOMMODATING MRS THATCHER. THE NIGERIAN SECURITY FORCES WOULD BE UNHAPPY IF IT WAS FELT THAT THEY COULD NOT PROVIDE HER WITH ADEQUATE PROTECTION. UDO WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE DID NOT THINK THAT THE QUESTION OF ACCOMMODATION WAS A SERIOUS PROBLEM. THE STRONG IMPLICATION WAS THAT IF AFTER THE RECONNAISSANCE VISIT WE DECIDED THAT WE STILL PREFERED THE PRIME MINISTER TO BE ACCOMMODATED AT THE RESIDENCE THIS WOULD NOT POSE SERIOUS PROBLEMS. ON THIS BASIS IT WAS AGREED TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE FURTHER NEXT WEEK AFTER THE RECONNAISSANCE TEAM HAD EXAMINED THE FACILITIES BOTH AT STATE HOUSE AND MY RESIDENCE.

#### TALKS WITH THE PRESIDENT

5. ASSUMING A 1210 TOUCH DOWN IN LAGOS THE ARRIVAL CEREMONIES AT STATE HOUSE ARE UNLIKELY TO START MUCH BEFORE 1250. THEY WILL LAST APPROXIMATELY 30/40 MINUTES AND SHOULD THEREFORE BE FINISHED BY 1330. TO ALLOW ADEQUATE TIME FOR THE BRIEFING LUNCH MARTIN SUGGESTED THAT THE OFFICIAL TALKS SHOULD BEGIN AT 1500. UDO SAW NO OBJECTION TO THIS. THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION OF THE TIME WHICH SHOULD BE SET ASIDE FOR THE TALKS. UDO ASKED HOW LONG WE WOULD WANT. MARTIN REPLIED THAT ALTHOUGH IT WAS DIFFICULT TO SAY HE THOUGHT THAT BETWEEN TWO AND THREE HOURS WOULD BE SUFFICIENT. UDO AGREED WITH THIS ALTHOUGH HE INDICATED THAT AS FAR AS THE PRESIDENT WAS CONCERNED THE TALKS COULD CONTINUE AS LONG AS THE PRIME MINISTER WISHED.

6. ON THE FORMAT OF THE TALKS, UDO ACCEPTED THAT THE NORMAL NIGERIAN PATTERN OF OPENING SET SPEECHES FOLLOWED BY THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE TWO LEADERS FOR A TETE A TETE DISCUSSION WHILST OFFICIALS CONTINUED IN PLENARY SESSION WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE. SUBJECT TO THE PRESIDENT'S WISHES HE ACCEPTED THAT OUR OWN FORMULA OF AN INITIAL TETE A TETE FOLLOWED BY AN ENLARGED SESSION WOULD PROBABLY WORK BETTER. MARTIN ENQUIRED ABOUT THE COMPOSITION OF THE NIGERIAN TEAM UDO SAID THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER BUT NOT THE CHIEF OF STAFF WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY BE PRESENT. AS REGARDS OTHER MINISTERS AND OFFICIALS MUCH WOULD DEPEND ON THE COMPOSITION OF THE BRITISH DELEGATION. (IN VIEW OF THIS IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE DETAILS OF THE DELEGATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.)

#### COCKTAIL RECEPTION

7. UDO CONFIRMED THAT THERE WAS NO OBJECTION TO OUR GOING AHEAD WITH A COCKTAIL RECEPTION AT MY RESIDENCE. MARTIN AGREED WITH UDO THAT THE RECEPTION SHOULD BEGIN AT 1830. I WILL NOW FORWARD SEPARATELY FULL DETAILS OF THE RECEPTION.

#### OFFICIAL DINNER

8. UDO CONFIRMED THAT THERE WOULD BE AN OFFICIAL DINNER AT STATE HOUSE HOSTED BY THE PRESIDENT. THE DRESS WILL BE LOUNGE SUIT. UDO EXPECTED THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH TO LAST TEN TO FIFTEEN MINUTES.

#### VISIT TO KANO

9. UDO WAS UNABLE TO GIVE GUIDANCE ON WHO WOULD ACCOMPANY

THE PRIME MINISTER TO KANO, ALTHOUGH HE THOUGHT IT LIKELY THAT THIS WOULD BE THE CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF. HE DID NOT KNOW HOW MANY NIGERIAN OFFICIALS WOULD ACCOMPANY THE PARTY OR WHETHER THEY WOULD WISH TO TRAVEL ON THE VC10 OR BY SEPARATE AIRCRAFT.

#### NEXT MEETING

10. THERE WILL BE A FURTHER MEETING WITH UDO AT 1100 ON 16 DECEMBER. THE PRESIDENT'S PRESS SECRETARY AND SECURITY ADVISER WILL BE PRESENT. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE ANY FURTHER POINTS ON THE PRESS AND SECURITY BEFORE THEN.

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15th December, 1987.

Dear Charles.

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Thank you for your letter of 11th December. The Queen has been pleased to approve the Prime Minister's proposal to be absent from the country from 4th to 8th January.

Yours ever  
Robert.

(ROBERT FELLOWES)

Charles Powell, Esq.





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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: GIFTS

1. AMONGST THE GIFTS THE PRIME MINISTER AND MR THATCHER WILL RECEIVE DURING THEIR VISIT TO KANO ARE TRADITIONAL LEATHER SHOES. THE KANO STATE AUTHORITIES HAVE ASKED FOR DETAILS OF MR AND MRS THATCHER'S SHOE SIZES. GRATEFUL IF THESE COULD BE SUPPLIED.

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO KENYA: TRAVEL TO WESTERN KENYA

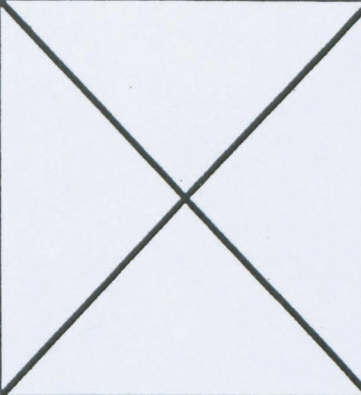
Thank you for your letter of 15 December about the Prime Minister's party to visit Western Kenya. I am content with the list provided in your letter but I would be grateful if you could make provision for two secretarial assistants to come along.

Charles Powell

Lyn Parker, Esq.,  
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*From the Private Secretary*

14 December 1987

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO KENYA AND NIGERIA

I can now confirm that the Prime Minister is prepared to make an early start on Monday 4 January, so as to arrive in Nairobi by 5.30 p.m. that day. I should be grateful if you would make the necessary arrangements.

(C.D. POWELL)

Lyn Parker, Esq.,  
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*From the Private Secretary*

14 December, 1987.

**PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO KENYA AND NIGERIA**

You mentioned to me the other day that the Foreign Office would like to attach a senior official to the Prime Minister's party for her visit to Kenya and Nigeria. I have discussed this with the Prime Minister. As you know, she likes to keep delegations as small as possible, and does not regard the addition of an extra official as necessary from the point of view of her own programme and talks. However, she recognises that it could be useful from the Foreign Office's point of view for someone to use the occasion of her visit to go to the countries concerned. She would therefore have no objection to your nominating a senior official for this purpose. You will no doubt let me know in due course who it will be.

(C.D. Powell)

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

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PRIME MINISTER

VISITS TO KENYA AND NIGERIA

In case you were thinking this weekend of clothes for your visit to Kenya and Nigeria I attach the draft programmes for these two visits, together with a note about likely climate and temperature.

Kenya

This is quite a full programme but I hope you will not find it an exhausting one. Apart from one hour of talks with President Moi, the concept is of a series of short visits to individual projects and points of interest. You will note that President Moi intends to accompany you for much of the programme. This is virtually unprecedented. We have kept lunch on the first day free so that you have time to relax and recover from the morning. We have also allowed a fairly long interval between the end of the afternoon programme and your departure for the State Banquet that evening, so that you can have your hair done. The second day is almost entirely made up of a series of visits to projects in West Kenya, returning to Nairobi for a possible press conference and a reception. There is no late evening engagement.

The only outstanding point on Kenya concerns the arrival time. President Moi clearly is keen for you to arrive by 5.30pm so that there can be a ceremonial drive to State House in daylight. This would mean leaving London at 0530. On the other hand, there would be no other engagements at all that day and, with the time difference, it would not be an unduly long one. Agree to this early departure?

Yes - mt

Nigeria

The programme here is still at a more tentative stage but the broad outlines are clear. We have deliberately not put in too many engagements since climate will be considerably more trying, especially in Lagos. In Kano, on the last day, the Emir plans a Durbar which is a traditional northern ceremonial



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Press

There will be a large British press contingent travelling with you and we shall have to find an occasion in both Kenya and Nigeria when you could talk to them.

In order to try to minimise the calls on your time, I have said that you would probably be ready to do written interviews for the Kenyan and Nigerian press in advance of your visit. Agree to this?

C.P.P.

Yes not

Charles Powell  
11 December 1987

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PRIME MINISTER

VISIT TO AFRICA

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office would like to send a senior official with you on your visits to Kenya and Nigeria. Although they have not named anyone it would probably be Mr. Fairweather (the new Under-Secretary in charge of Africa).

This is very much a matter for your personal decision.

In the past, you sometimes have taken an FCO official (e.g. Mr. Egerton to Egypt and Jordan) and sometimes not. Arguably you ought to be able to rely on our Embassies/High Commissions on the spot for advice and it rather detracts from their role if you bring along a carpet-bagger. In this case we have a strong mission in Nairobi and I cannot believe that an FCO official is strictly necessary. The situation in Lagos is less happy with an embittered High Commissioner who is being retired early. But I am not sure that an FCO official will be able to do much.

Equally, from the point of view of the official himself, it is a useful experience to be seen to be part of your entourage.

So I cannot say that it is necessary: but if you wish to take someone, the Foreign Office would be pleased.

C. D. P.


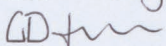
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(C. D. POWELL)

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*Dear Charles,*

Prime Minister's visit to Nigeria

/ As requested, I enclose an illustrative programme for the Prime Minister's visit to Nigeria. Parts of it are naturally subject to amendment in the light of the reconnaissance visit and our High Commission's continuing discussions with the Nigerians. Apart from the time of arrival in Lagos, all timings in the illustrative programme are approximate.

/ On the Kano leg of the programme, I enclose a telegram from our High Commission in Lagos reporting a meeting with the Kano State Chief of Protocol. Taking up all his suggestions would make for an overcrowded schedule. We do not recommend a visit either to the indigo dye pits or the local museum. The former, although unusual, are smelly and fly-ridden; and the latter, while interesting in itself, does not fit in with what we understand to be the Prime Minister's wishes for this visit. A durbar, on the other hand, which is the traditional Northern ceremonial greeting for an eminent visitor, would be a colourful and enjoyable occasion. As for the lunch reception, given that the market visit is now to be restricted to Kano itself, there ought to be enough time for this. You should be aware, however, that the Friday Muslim prayer hours are approximately 1230 to 1430.

/ I am also enclosing a telegram from our High Commission in Lagos with some suggestions for the handling of the opening ceremony of the new British Council offices, now proposed for the morning of 8 January before the Prime Minister departs for Kano. Both we and the British Council, with whom we have discussed this telegram, believe these to be sensible. If you agree, we will tell the High Commission to make arrangements on this basis.

*Yours ever*  
*L Parker*

(L Parker)  
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From the Private Secretary

11 December 1987

Dear Lyn.

**PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO KENYA**

Thank you for your letter of 11 December about the programme for the Prime Minister's visit to Kenya.

On the three points raised in your letter:

(a) Arrival Time

I will consult the Prime Minister over the weekend but expect her to agree to arrive in Nairobi at 5.30pm on 4 January.

(b) Pre-publicity

We can agree to a written interview with the Nairobi Standard or whichever other Kenya paper you recommend. Please ask them to submit questions as soon as possible.

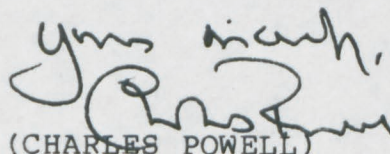
(c) Commercial Visit

I agree that we should visit the Kapsabet exchange instead of Gatundu.

Bernard Ingham is keen not to commit the Prime Minister to a press conference, because it will then be more difficult to resist one in Lagos. How important does the High Commissioner judge a press conference to be? And would the Kenyans object if we failed to have one?

I remain very keen to keep lunch on 5 January free so that the Prime Minister has time to recover from the morning programme and change.

For the meeting with President Moi the Prime Minister would wish to be accompanied by the High Commissioner and me only. It is of course up to him how many are present on his side.

Yours sincerely,  
  
(CHARLES POWELL)

Lyn Parker, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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11 December 1987

Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's visit to Kenya

Thank you for your letter of <sup>12</sup> December about the programme. It is now nearly firm. I attach our version as it now stands.

Nairobi telnos 633 and 639 (attached) raise three further points:

(a) Arrival time

The Kenyans would clearly prefer the Prime Minister to arrive before dusk on 4 January in order that they might get the arrival ceremonies out of the way before the substantive start of the programme on 5 January. The advantage of this is that it would allow for a reasonably early start the following day. The High Commissioner has recommended that we agree to the Prime Minister arriving in Nairobi no later than 1730 on 4 January. This would still, however, mean departure from Heathrow Southside, at 0530 that morning. If you felt this was too early the Kenyans would doubtless be prepared to accept a later arrival, with the welcoming ceremony taking place on the morning of 5 January.

(b) Pre-publicity

The press conference in Nairobi will be open to British, Kenyan and other correspondents. We think there would be value in the Prime Minister giving a written question and answer interview before her departure to a Kenyan publication (perhaps the Nairobi Standard, represented in London by Arnold Raphael). This would help to set the scene for the visit.

(c) Commercial visit (telephone exchange)

John Johnson has now recommended that we replace the visit on 5 January to the Gatundu STD exchange, about which the President has reservations because of possible criminal activities by the local MP, with one on the following day to the 600

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line UXD5 exchange at Kapsabet (between Mumias and Eldoret). This is in fact a bigger exchange, again supplied by GEC/Plessey/CSL; and CSL now have a letter of intent from the Kenyans to supply another 248 (worth some £100 m). DTI are very keen that this, the only strictly commercial visit in a country where export prospects are good, should be included in the programme. We agree.

*Howdies,*

*L Parker*

(L Parker)  
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq  
PS/No 10 Downing Street





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*From the Private Secretary*

11 December 1987

The Prime Minister intends to visit Kenya from 4 to 7 January 1988 at the invitation of President Moi. She will subsequently visit Nigeria on 7 and 8 January to meet President Babaginda.

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., CB, LVO.

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PRIME MINISTER

VISITS TO KENYA AND NIGERIA

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Charles Powell

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: KANO

1. A MEMBER OF THE DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSION IN KADUNA DELIVERED LETTERS ON 10 DECEMBER TO THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, KANO STATE MILITARY GOVERNMENT, THE KANO AIRPORT COMMANDANT, COMMISSIONER OF POLICE AND SECRETARY TO THE EMIR OF KANO INFORMING THEM OF THE PROPOSED VISIT BY THE PRIME MINISTER. ALL SEEMED VERY PLEASED.
2. THE KANO STATE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL OUTLINED BRIEFLY THE SORT OF PROGRAMME HE HAD IN MIND FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO KANO. IT INCLUDED CEREMONIES AT THE AIRPORT ON ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE, A SMALL DURBAR IN FRONT OF THE EMIR'S PALACE, A LARGE LUNCH RECEPTION AT THE MILITARY GOVERNOR'S STATE HOUSE, A VISIT TO THE DYE PITS, A TOUR OF THE KANO MARKET AND A VISIT TO THE MUSEUM.
3. THIS LOOKS LIKE A GOOD PROGRAMME ALTHOUGH A LITTLE ON THE CROWDED SIDE. THE PRIME MINISTER MIGHT WANT TO DROP THE VISIT TO THE DYE PITS OR THE MUSEUM. WE WILL EXPLORE FURTHER ABOUT THE LUNCH. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE YOUR PRELIMINARY COMMENTS DESK BY 110900 IN TIME FOR THE NEXT MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT'S DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL AND BEFORE THE RECONNAISSANCE VISIT TO KANO THIS WEEKEND.

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*From the Private Secretary*

9 December 1987

**PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO NIGERIA**

Thank you for your letter of 9 December which I have discussed with Charles.

I am sure the Prime Minister will be content with the earlier proposed departure from Nairobi, provided this still leaves room for the wreath laying ceremonies. I know she attaches considerable importance to these.

I also agree that her departure from Lagos on the morning of 8 January should be delayed to allow time for the opening of the British Council offices, followed by the programme in Kano as you proposed. I am sure that a final decision on which market in Kano we visit should await the arrival of our reconnaissance party next week.

(P.A. BEARPARK)

Lyn Parker, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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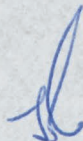
**PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO NIGERIA**

I have seen a copy of Lagos telegram no. 1242 about the various options for a market visit when the Prime Minister is in Kano. I continue to think that it would not be right for the Prime Minister to have to spend two hours in a car getting to and from Kazaure. If there is to be a market visit, we shall have to settle for Kano itself. But a final decision will have to wait until our press and security people have made their reconnaissance visit.

(C. D. POWELL)

Lyn Parker, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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MINISTER SHOULD THEN CUT A TAPE TO FORMALLY INAUGURATE THE OFFICES. I SUGGEST THAT MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH COUNCIL STAFF AND OWN STAFF SHOULD BE PRESENT IN THE LARGE COURTYARD FACING THE ENTRANCE OF THE COUNCIL PREMISES TO WITNESS THE CEREMONY. I SUGGEST THAT AFTER CUTTING THE TAPE THE PRIME MINISTER SHOULD THEN WALK ROUND A SMALL EXHIBITION WHICH WILL BE MOUNTED ON THE GROUND FLOOR IN THE COUNCIL PREMISES.

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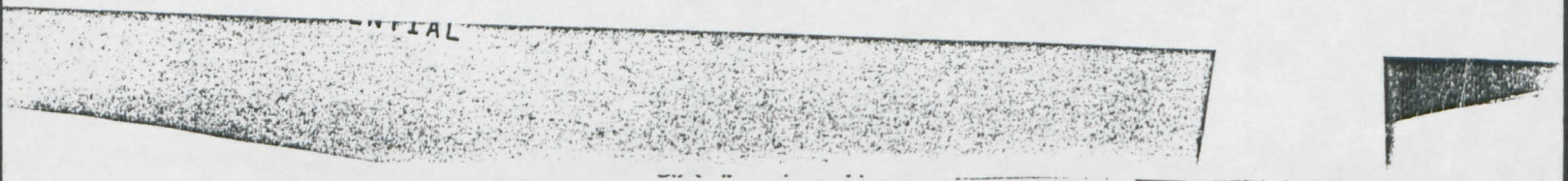
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PARA 2(B) OF MY TELEGRAM NO 1233: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT:  
MARKET VISIT

1. DHC KADUNA HAS NOW REPORTED ON THE MARKETS AT WUDIL AND KAZAURE, WHICH MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF VISITED ON FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER.
2. ALTHOUGH KAZAURE IS SLIGHTLY FURTHER THAN WUDIL, DHC HAS NO DOUBT THAT IT IS THE MORE INTERESTING OF THE TWO MARKETS. THE DRIVING TIME TO BOTH IS ABOUT ONE HOUR. THE ROAD TO WUDIL IS BADLY POTHOLED WHICH WOULD SLOW DOWN THE MOTORCADE CONSIDERABLY. THE ROAD TO KAZAURE ON THE OTHER HAND IS VERY GOOD.
3. THE MARKET AT KAZAURE IS APPROACHED BY A PICTURESEQUE VILLAGE STREET ON WHICH THE EMIR'S PALACE IS SITUATED. THERE IS A GOOD DISPLAY OF CRAFTS, SPICES, FOODSTUFFS ETC. THE MARKET BECOMES VERY CROWDED AFTER 1230. THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS ON COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES DURING THE PRAYER TIME. THE UNDERFOOT CONDITION IS SANDY BUT NOT TOO DIFFICULT.
4. IF THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD LIKE TO VISIT A MARKET OUTSIDE KANO I RECOMMEND ON THE BASIS OF THIS ADVICE THAT SHE SHOULD GO TO KAZAURE. IF IT IS FELT THAT A TWO HOUR ROUND TRIP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY WOULD BE TOO TIRING, OR DOES NOT USE THE TIME TO BEST ADVANTAGE, THE PRIME MINISTER ALTERNATIVELY COULD VISIT ONE OF THE KANO MARKETS. THE BEST KNOWN OF THESE IS THE KURAME MARKET WHICH HAS BEEN ON THE SAME SITE FOR 1,000 YEARS. THERE IS A GOOD DISPLAY OF CRAFTS AND IN MANY WAYS IT IS THE MOST INTERESTING AND CERTAINLY THE MOST FAMOUS MARKET IN NIGERIA. THE MAIN DRAWBACK IS THAT THE MARKET CONSISTS OF A SERIES OF LABYRINTHINE PASSAGES WHICH MIGHT MAKE SECURITY DIFFICULT AND WOULD LIMIT THE PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES. A LESS ATTRACTIVE BUT POSSIBLY MORE PRACTICAL ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE A VISIT TO ONE OF THE LARGE MARKETS ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF KANO. BUT THESE LACK MUCH OF THE COLOUR OF THE OTHER MARKETS AND IN MY VIEW ARE NOT SO INTERESTING.

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5. GRATEFUL FOR AN EARLY INDICATION OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S PREFERENCE. WE WILL OF COURSE SHOW THE RECONNAISSANCE PARTY THE VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES.

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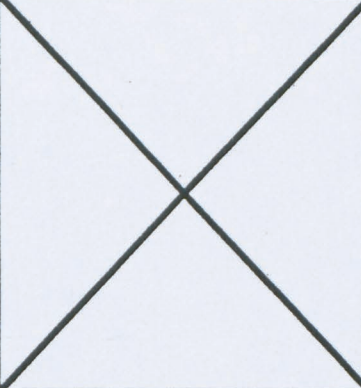
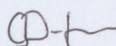
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*From the Private Secretary*

8 December 1987

**PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO NAIROBI:  
WREATH-LAYING CEREMONIES**

Thank you for your letter of 8 December proposing that the Prime Minister should lay a wreath at the Kenyatta Mausoleum during her visit to Nairobi. I enclose a card with the wording you suggest and should be grateful if you would send it to Nairobi.

(Charles Powell)

Lyn Parker, Esq.,  
Foreign and commonwealth Office.

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8 December 1987

Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's Visit to Nairobi:  
Wreath-Laying Ceremonies

Our High Commission in Nairobi have confirmed that in addition to the Poppy Wreath already agreed for the Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery, the Prime Minister will lay a wreath at the Kenyatta Mausoleum.

Our High Commission will purchase the wreath locally and have said that a card with the wording "The Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland" is preferable to a red, white and blue ribbon with gold wording.

I should be grateful to know if you agree with this proposal.

Yours ever,

(L Parker)  
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7 December 1987

*From the Private Secretary*

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO NIGERIA: MR THATCHER'S PROGRAMME

I have seen a copy of Lagos telegram no. 1239, dealing with Mr Thatcher's programme during the Prime Minister's visit to Nigeria.

Mr Thatcher will definitely not want to play golf. I think that his preference would be to visit one or two British companies or projects involving substantial British investment. That points to option (B) in Lagos telegram under reference, although if the amount of travelling time could be reduced that would be welcome.

Charles Powell

Lyn Parker, Esq.,  
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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO NIGERIA: MR THATCHER'S PROGRAMME

1. I ASSUME THAT THE ONLY PART OF THE PROGRAMME WHEN MR THATCHER WILL NOT ACCOMPANY THE PRIME MINISTER WILL BE THE OFFICIAL TALKS ON THE AFTERNOON OF 7 NOVEMBER.

2. POSSIBILITIES FOR UTILISING THAT TIME ARE  
(A) A PRESENTATION ON THE NIGERIAN OIL SCENE.  
(B) A VISIT TO ONE OF THE LAGOS INDUSTRIAL ESTATES AND A RAPID TOUR OF TWO OR THREE UK-ASSOCIATED COMPANIES SEMICOLON  
(C) A ROUND OF GOLF.

3. (A) MIGHT BE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST BECAUSE OF MR THATCHER'S OWN BUSINESS BACKGROUND, WHILE THE PETROLEUM SECTOR IS, OF COURSE, THE BACKBONE OF THE NIGERIAN ECONOMY. IF HE WAS SEEN TO BE TAKING A DIRECT INTEREST IN THIS, IT WOULD BE WELL NOTED BY THE NIGERIANS. WE COULD ASK SHELL TO DO THIS (THEY ARE SUBSTANTIALLY THE LARGEST PRODUCER), BUT WE WOULD NEED TO BE CAREFUL TO AVOID GIVING OFFENCE TO THE NIGERIAN NATIONAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION (WHO ARE SHELL'S PARTNERS). ONE SOLUTION MIGHT BE TO HAVE SHELL INVITE NNPC TO MAKE A JOINT PRESENTATION.

4. (B) HAS ATTRACTIONS IN THAT IT SINGLES OUT THE CONSIDERABLE BRITISH INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT IN NIGERIA FOR SOME ATTENTION WHICH WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE IN TERMS OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S OWN PROGRAMME. THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATES LIE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF LAGOS INVOLVING TOTAL TRAVEL TIME OF AROUND ONE TO ONE AND A HALF HOURS, WHICH WOULD ALLOW ONLY ABOUT ONE AND A HALF HOURS FOR THE VISIT ITSELF. WE COULD ARRANGE VISITS IN THAT TIME TO TWO OR THREE COMPANIES. IF THIS FINDS FAVOUR I CAN MAKE DETAILED RECOMMENDATIONS.

5. (C) IS THE EASIEST IN TERMS OF LOGISTICS. THE IKOYI GOLF CLUB (THE ONLY ONE) IS ABOUT FIVE MINUTES DRIVE FROM THE RESIDENCE (ABOUT 10 MINUTES FROM THE STATE GUEST HOUSE). WHILST IN NO WAY MATCHING TOP BRITISH OR AMERICAN COURSES,

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IKOYI IS THE PREMIER WEST AFRICAN COURSE AND MR THATCHER MAY FIND A GAME THERE AN INTERESTING EXPERIENCE. IT IS THE VENUE FOR THE NIGERIAN OPEN, WHICH ATTRACTS MANY BRITISH PROFESSIONALS EACH YEAR, AND ALSO FOR AN ANNUAL WEST AFRICAN/UK COMPETITION SPONSORED BY BRITISH CALEDONIAN. WE COULD ARRANGE A MIXED NIGERIAN BRITISH FOURSOME, PROBABLY INCLUDING THE CLUB CAPTAIN. ALTHOUGH THE EVENT MIGHT ATTRACT SOME ATTENTION, WE COULD TRY TO KEEP IT AN ENTIRELY PRIVATE AFFAIR.

6. IT MIGHT JUST BE POSSIBLE TO COMBINE (A) AND (C) DEPENDING ON THE LENGTH OF TIME DEVOTED TO THE OFFICIAL TALKS.

7. ALTERNATIVELY MR THATCHER MAY SIMPLY PREFER TO RELAX AT THE RESIDENCE AFTER THE LONG JOURNEY.

8. GRATEFUL FOR EARLY GUIDANCE.

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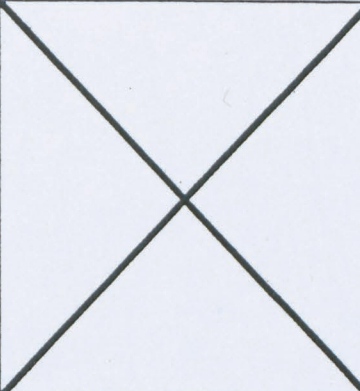
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YOUR TELNO 443: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT

1. I HAD A MEETING THIS MORNING WITH PRESIDENT MOI AND KIPLAGAT. MOI EXPRESSED PLEASURE THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD BE VISITING NIGERIA AS WELL AS KENYA. THEY HAD SEEN SPECULATION THAT THE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT WERE OPPOSED TO THE VISIT. I TOLD THEM THAT THIS REPORT WAS UNFOUNDED.
2. MOI WENT THROUGH THE DRAFT PROGRAMME AND AGREED IT GENERALLY. HE PROPOSES TO ACCOMPANY THE PRIME MINISTER TO MUMIAS AND MOI UNIVERSITY ON 6 JANUARY, AND HE IS THINKING OF JOINING HER FOR PART OF THE PROGRAMME IN KIAMBU DISTRICT ON THE AFTERNOON OF 5 JANUARY. HE IS FIRM ABOUT WANTING HER TO STAY AT STATE HOUSE AND SAYS THAT THEY WILL MAKE IT VERY COMFORTABLE FOR HER. I POINTED OUT THAT THE RECONNAISSANCE PARTY WOULD WISH TO TAKE A CLOSE LOOK FOR SECURITY REASONS AT THE FACILITIES AND WE WOULD NEED TO MAKE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMUNICATIONS. HE SAID THIS WOULD ALL BE ARRANGED TO OUR SATISFACTION. HEAD OF CHANCERY WILL BE MAKING AN EARLY RECONNAISSANCE VISIT TO STATE HOUSE TO ANSWER SPECIFIC QUESTIONS IN YOUR TELNO 417.
3. MOI WAS ACCOMMODATING ABOUT THE POINTS IN YOUR TUR AND I HAVE THE FOLLOWING ADVICE:
  - A) MOI WOULD PREFER AN ARRIVAL BY 1800 (LOCAL TIME) AT THE LATEST. THIS WOULD ALLOW FOR A GUARD OF HONOUR AND A CEREMONIAL DRIVE BEFORE DARK. A LATER ARRIVAL WOULD HAVE TO BE WITHOUT TRAPPINGS HE WOULD ACCEPT THIS IF WE PRESSED, BUT WITH REGRET. A DRAW-BACK OF A LATER ARRIVAL WOULD BE THAT THE FORMAL RECEPTION WOULD TAKE UP HALF NA HOUR OF THE FOLLOWING MORNING'S PROGRAMME AT STATE HOUSE.
  - B) THE LUNCH PERIOD ON 5 JANUARY IS STILL FREE AND CAN BE SPENT EITHER AT STATE HOUSE OR AT THE RESIDENCE.
  - C) MOI PREFERS A MEETING RESTRICTED TO NO MORE THAN SIX PEOPLE ON HIS SIDE. THE ONLY MINISTER LIKELY TO BE INCLUDED IS



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ONYONKA. I ADVISE AGAINST TRYING TO FIT IN A SESSION WITH OTHER KENYAN MINISTERS PRESENT. IT WOULD CHANGE THE STYLE OF THE DISCUSSION AND PROBABLY MAKE IT LESS USEFUL. THE PRIME MINISTER WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET OTHER MINISTERS AT THE STATE HOUSE BANQUET ON 5 JANUARY AND MY RECEPTION ON 6 JANUARY.

- D) A SPEECH OF 10-12 MINUTES AT THE BANQUET IS FINE. MOI EXPECTS TO SPEAK FOR ABOUT 10 MINUTES.
- E) AND F) WE HAVE RE-ARRANGED THE PROGRAMME SO THAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAS AN HOUR TO SPEND AFTER RETURNING TO STATE HOUSE ON THE EVENING OF 6 JANUARY. THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL NOW BE AT 1900 HOURS AND THE RECEPTION WILL BE FROM 1930 TO 2100 WITH THE PRIME MINISTER ARRIVING BETWEEN 1945 AND 2000.
- G) MOI WAS AMENABLE TO TAKING OUT THE TREE PLANTING IN UHURU GARDENS AND INSERTING THE COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES CEMETERY INSTEAD. AS MOI SAID TO ME ''KENYAN AND BRITISH DEAD ARE IN THE CEMETERY''. THIS WILL NOT AFFECT TIMINGS.

4. THE REST OF OUR DISCUSSION WAS DEVOTED AS USUAL TO SPECIFIC AID PROJECTS. I PREFER TO KEEP MOI INFORMED SO THAT WE DO NOT GET GRUMBLES WHEN THERE ARE DELAYS. OUR BRIEFING WILL TAKE ACCOONT OF MOI'S CLOSE PERSONAL INTEREST IN INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS.

5. I ALSO DISCUSSED SOUTH AFRICA AND AM SENDING A SEPARATE TELEGRAM IN REPLY TO YOUR TELNO 439.

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YOUR TELNOS 814 AND 821: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: MARKET

1. ALTHOUGH WE WILL NEED TO CHECK THIS WITH OFFICIALS IN KANO WE SEE NO MAJOR DIFFICULTIES OVER THE PRIME MINISTER VISITING THE FRIDAY MARKET AT KAZAURE DURING THE PRAYER HOURS. IN THE NORMAL WAY SOME LOCAL OFFICIALS MIGHT NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THAT TIME BUT WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE THAT THIS WILL BE AN INSUPERABLE OBSTACLE. THE MARKET ITSELF WILL REMAIN IN FULL SWING.

2. IF THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT OUTSIDE KANO IS LIMITED TO KAZAURE WE AGREE THAT THE JOURNEY COULD BE MADE BY CAR. BRISTOW HELICOPTERS HAVE SEVERAL HELICOPTERS (MANY OF WHICH ARE TWIN ENGINED) IN THE SOUTHERN OIL FIELDS WHICH ARE SERVICED AND PILOTED BY EXPATRIATES, AND THE BRISTOW ENGINEERS INCIDENT IS PAST HISTORY. HOWEVER, EVEN IF THEY COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE, AND COULD BE TAKEN SO FAR FROM THEIR BASE FACILITIES, SEVERAL HELICOPTERS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO TRANSPORT THE PRIME MINISTER, HER PARTY, AND THE PRESS CONTINGENT. THIS WOULD BE AN UNWIELDY ARRANGEMENT. YOU WILL NEVERTHELESS WISH TO NOTE THAT THE ROUND TRIP BETWEEN KANO AND KAZAURE IS 168 KMS. THE MARKET IS INTERESTING AND THERE SHOULD BE COLOURFUL CRAFTS DISPLAYED. THE PRIME MINISTER MIGHT NEVERTHELESS FIND ANYTHING MORE THAN A SHORT VISIT OF SAY 15 OR 20 MINUTES FATIGUING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY. IF THE VISIT TO KAZAURE GOES AHEAD A VERY BRIEF COURTESY CALL ON THE EMIR WOULD ALSO BE APPROPRIATE.

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*From the Private Secretary*

2 December 1987

*Dear Sir,*

**PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO NIGERIA**

I am rather alarmed about Lagos telegram no. 1218 which makes clear that the round trip between Kano and Kazaure market is 168 kilometres. This is a fiendish distance to have to travel by car on African roads on the last day of a busy five day visit to Africa in the heat of the mid-day sun. Given the evident difficulty about obtaining helicopters it may be better to think twice about this proposal. I understand that Kano itself has a very fine market although there are some misgivings about the security aspects of a visit to it. This might be an alternative. Perhaps the best solution is to drop Kazaure but defer a final decision on Kano market until a reconnaissance visit has been made.

(C.D. POWELL)

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*From the Private Secretary*

2 December 1987

**PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO KENYA**

Thank you for your letter of 2 December about the programme for the Prime Minister's visit to Kenya. In the time available I shall not be able to consult the Prime Minister herself. But I am reasonably confident that what follows would represent her views.

I am grateful for all the work which the post have done on the programme. It is very thorough and well thought out. In general I think the Prime Minister would regard it as very much on the right lines.

I have some detailed comments as follows:-

- The 0500 departure on Monday 4 January makes me gulp a bit. It means that some of the supporting party will have to be at Heathrow as early as 0400. I do not absolutely rule it out, and at least there is a free evening to recover. The High Commissioner should give no commitment on this. Is it absolutely out of the question for the arrival ceremony to take place after dusk and to dispense with the ceremonial drive? Or make the drive the next morning?
- Tuesday 5 January is clearly a very busy day. I deduce from the draft programme that lunch is being kept free. I think this is important, in order to allow the Prime Minister to rest and change in the middle of the day. I am sure that she will be ready to undertake the commissioning of the STD exchange.
- Your covering letter comments on the relatively short time allowed for talks with President Moi. My experience of previous meetings with President Moi is that he gets bored quite quickly. An hour should be plenty for a tête-à-tête. The only question is whether it would be helpful, from our point of view, to have other members of the Kenyan Government hear the Prime Minister at a wider meeting. This is something on which we need the High Commissioner's advice. But I do not think that much more can be crammed into the programme (see below), so we

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could only fit in more talks by cutting out something else. On the whole my inclination is not to press this very hard.

- I think the Prime Minister would consider a speech of 15-20 minutes at the banquet rather too long and would look to 10-12 minutes as more appropriate (particularly if she is not going to be able to say anything about South Africa. I shall be writing separately on this point.)
- As regards 6 January, again the programme seems on the right lines. The Prime Minister will need a minimum of an hour between getting back to State House and arriving at the reception. I do not see any need for her to host a return banquet and think she would be content with the reception.
- If we are to abandon the proposed press conference on the morning of 7 January then the Prime Minister would want to see the British press at least after the reception on Tuesday evening, say at 2030. That will be the only opportunity for her to speak to them while in Kenya. Would the Kenyans want their press to be present as well?
- As for Wednesday's departure time, I would imagine we could plan on arriving in Lagos at 1300 if that gives a little more flexibility for farewell ceremonies in Nairobi that morning.
- Your letter mentions the problems over squeezing in visits to the Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery and the British Council. I do not think that the British Council is an essential item for the Prime Minister, given that she will be visiting their premises in Lagos. I am sure that Mr. Thatcher will be prepared to go there on the Tuesday morning while the Prime Minister is having her talks with President Moi. However I am sure that she will regard a visit to the Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery as an indispensable part of her programme and we simply must find time for it. One possibility would be to fit it in fairly early on the morning of Thursday 7 January (I remember a similar visit to Singapore's Commonwealth War Grave Cemetery at 7 in the morning although it need not be that early). You will wish to consult the High Commissioner about this.

(CHARLES POWELL)

Lyn Parker, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office





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2 December 1987

*Dear Charles,*Prime Minister's visit to Kenya

/ John Johnson has an appointment with Moi on Thursday (0730 local time) and would be grateful to know before then your views on the proposed programme (Nairobi telno 627 - copy attached) for the Prime Minister's visit and on some outstanding questions.

/ The High Commissioner's comments on the programme are in his telno 626 (copy also attached).

I should be grateful to know if you are content with this programme.

I should also be grateful for your advice on a number of more detailed points:-

(a) The programme allows only an hour or so for the meeting with Moi at 0830 on the first day - not sufficient perhaps for a tete a tete and a formal session. The Kenyan High Commissioner here has told us that Moi sees the visit as mainly to provide an opportunity for the Prime Minister to see Kenya rather than for formal discussions and political themes. No doubt this is the explanation but you may consider that more time should be set aside for the talks on 5 January, or a tete a tete be provided for before the State Banquet or on the Wednesday evening.

(b) If the Prime Minister is to arrive (as currently envisaged) in Lagos at midday on 7 January she will need to leave Nairobi at around 0830: this will mean restructuring the proposed programme for that morning and perhaps omitting the press conference at the Intercontinental Hotel. Would the Prime Minister be content with this?

(c) Because the programme is so full and wide-ranging, it has so far proved impossible for the High Commission to squeeze into it visits to a Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery and the British Council. I should be grateful for an indication of the importance that is attached to these items. As you will see from the provisional timings there is a degree of elasticity, but it is not great.

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(d) The High Commissioner assumes that Mr Thatcher will participate in the entire programme except for the bilateral meeting with President Moi between 0830 and 0945 on 5 January. Would Mr Thatcher wish us to organise anything to fill this gap?

(e) Would the Prime Minister wish to hold a return dinner for President Moi on the evening of Wednesday 6 January (bearing in mind that Moi prefers early nights); or is she content with the High Commissioner's proposal for a reception for politicians and businessmen followed by a light supper (without Moi) at the Residence?

(f) The Kenyans would like the welcoming ceremony to take place before dusk. This would mean arriving no later than 1700 Kenya time (which is GMT + 3). Unfortunately this would mean departing at about 0500 from Heathrow Southside. Is this too early?

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BY SPEECHES, BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE PRIME MINISTER. THE KENYANS HAVE SUGGESTED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH SHOULD LAST BETWEEN 15 - 20 MINUTES. THE EXCHANGE OF GIFTS WILL TAKE PLACE BEFORE THE START OF THE DINNER.

5. THE VISIT TO WESTERN KENYA ON 6 JANUARY IS STRUCTURED IN TWO HALVES: THE MORNING AT THE MUMIAS SUGAR PROJECT AND THE AFTERNOON AT MOI UNIVERSITY AT LESSOO. THE DRIVE BETWEEN MUMIAS AND LESSOO PRESENTS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PRIME MINISTER TO SEE A VILLAGE LEVEL AID PROJECT EN ROUTE JOINTLY FUNDED BY EDF AND ACTION AID UK. THE RECEPTION IN THE EVENING WILL BE FOR KENYAN POLITICIANS AND BUSINESSMEN WITH A FEW MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS AND LEADING MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH COMMUNITY. I SHOULD BE DELIGHTED IF THE PRIME MINISTER WERE TO REMAIN AT THE RESIDENCE AFTER THE RECEPTION FOR A LIGHT SUPPER.

6. I ASSUME NOW THAT THE VISIT TO NIGERIA HAS BEEN CONFIRMED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WILL WANT TO DEPART NO LATER THAN 1000 ON THE MORNING OF 7 JANUARY.

7. THE PROGRAMME AS OUTLINE IS FULL AND WIDE-RANGING, BUT IT HAS SO FAR PROVED IMPOSSIBLE TO SQUEEZE INTO IT VISITS TO A COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES CEMETERY AND THE BRITISH COUNCIL. I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR AN INDICATION OF THE IMPORTANCE THAT IS ATTACHED TO THESE PARTS OF THE PROGRAMME: AS YOU WILL SEE FROM THE PROVISIONAL TIMINGS THERE IS A DEGREE OF ELASTICITY, BUT IT IS NOT VERY GREAT.

8. I EXPECT TO SECURE A CALL ON THE PRESIDENT LATER THIS WEEK TO DISCUSS THE PROGRAMME FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT. I SHOULD THEREFORE BE GRATEFUL FOR EARLY COMMENTS ON THIS DRAFT.

9. WE ASSUME MR THATCHER WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE ENTIRE PROGRAMME EXCEPT FOR THE BILATERAL MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MOI BETWEEN 0830 AND 0945 ON 5 JANUARY. WOULD MR THATCHER WISH US TO ORGANISE ANYTHING TO FILL THIS GAP?

10. MY SECOND IFT CONTAINS SOME FURTHER ADMINISTRATIVE REQUESTS FROM THE KENYANS.

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: DRAFT PROGRAMME

1. MIFT CONTAINS A DRAFT PROGRAMME WITH PRELIMINARY TIMINGS, DRAWN UP IN DISCUSSION WITH THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AND OTHER MFA OFFICIALS ON 30 NOVEMBER.
2. THE KENYANS ARE KEEN THAT THE PRIME MINISTER SHOULD ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 1700 ON 7 JANUARY, TO ENABLE THE ARRIVAL CEREMONIES, WHICH INCLUDE A BRIEF INSPECTION OF THE GUARD OF HONOUR, TO TAKE PLACE BEFORE DUSK. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE CEREMONIAL DRIVE TO STATE HOUSE WHERE IT IS CLEAR THE KENYANS WISH THE PRIME MINISTER TO STAY. THE EVENING HAS BEEN LEFT FREE WHICH WILL BE MOST USEFUL.
3. THE KENYANS ENVISAGE STARTING THE PROGRAMME FOR 5 JANUARY NO EARLIER THAN 0830. THEY ARE CONTENT THAT THE TETE-A-TETE BETWEEN THE PRIME MINISTER AND PRESIDENT MOI SHOULD LAST NO LONGER THAN ONE HOUR. THE ONLY OTHER CEREMONIAL ASPECTS OF THE PROGRAMME THAT THEY WOULD WISH THE PRIME MINISTER TO UNDERTAKE ARE THE LAYING OF A WREATH AT THE KENYATTA MAUSOLEUM AND THE PLANTING OF A TREE IN THE UHURU GARDENS, BOTH OF WHICH FEATURED IN CHANCELLOR KOHL'S PROGRAMME. THIS LEAVES THE REST OF THE DAY FREE FOR VISITS TO THE ISINYA MAASAI RURAL TRAINING CENTRE, AND THE TOUR OF CENTRAL PROVINCE, INCLUDING VISITS TO A TEA FARM, A TEA FACTORY AND A SECONDARY SCHOOL WITH A UK-FUNDED SCIENCE LABORATORY. ARAP NG'ENY, THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF KENYA POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION (A RECENT CATEGORY I VISITOR TO THE UK), HAS EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE PRIME MINISTER MIGHT BE ABLE TO COMMISSION ONE OF THE GEC-PROVIDED RURAL TELEPHONE (STD) EXCHANGES DURING HER VISIT: ONE IS CONVENIENTLY SITUATED IN KIAMBU DISTRICT AND WE HAVE PROVISIONALLY ADDED THIS BRIEF CALL TO THE PROGRAMME. THIS WOULD GIVE A BOOST TO BRITISH EXPORTS TO KENYA.
4. THE BANQUET GIVEN BY THE PRESIDENT AT STATE HOUSE WILL BEGIN AT 2000 ON THE EVENING OF 5 JANUARY. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED

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MONDAY 4 JANUARY  
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1700 ARRIVAL AT JOMO KENYATTA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOLLOWED  
BY FORMAL WELCOME.  
1730 CEREMONIAL DRIVE TO STATE HOUSE.  
EVENING FREE

TUESDAY 5 JANUARY  
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0830 BILATERAL MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MOI, FOLLOWED BY PHOTO-  
SESSION.  
0945 LEAVE STATE HOUSE FOR KENYATTA MAUSOLEUM.  
0950 LAYING OF WREATH AT KENYATTA MAUSOLEUM.  
0955 LEAVE FOR UHURU GARDENS  
1010 TREE PLANTING AT UHURU GARDENS.  
1020 LEAVE FOR ISINYA MAASAI RURAL TRAINING CENTRE.  
1100 ARRIVE ISINYA.  
1200 LEAVE ISINYA FOR RETURN JOURNEY TO NAIROBI.  
1245 - 1415 LUNCH.  
1415 LEAVE FOR KIAMBU (CENTRAL PROVINCE).  
1445 - 1500 VISIT TEA FARM.  
1505 - 1530 VISIT TEA FACTORY  
1550 - 1630 VISIT KOMOTHAI SECONDARY SCHOOL  
1650 - 1700 COMMISSIONING OF STD EXCHANGE AT GATUNDU.  
1745 ARRIVE BACK AT STATE HOUSE, NAIROBI.  
1930 FOR 2000 STATE BANQUET (LIKELY TO FINISH AROUND 2200).

WEDNESDAY 6 JANUARY  
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0800 LEAVE STATE HOUSE FOR AIRPORT  
0815 TAKE-OFF FOR KAKAMEGA.  
0930 ARRIVE KAKAMEGA AIRSTRIP. FORMAL WELCOME BY PROVINCIAL  
COMMISSIONER, ETC.  
0945 LEAVE KAKAMEGA FOR MUMIAS SUGAR PROJECT.

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1015 ARRIVE MUMIAS. TOUR OF SUGAR PROJECT.  
1230 LUNCH AT MUMIAS.  
1330 LEAVE MUMIAS  
1430 ARRIVE CHEKOMBERO WOMEN'S POULTRY PROJECT (JOINTLY  
FUNDED BY EDF AND ACTION AID UK).  
1445 LEAVE CHEKOMBERO  
1530 ARRIVE MOI UNIVERSITY  
1640 LEAVE FOR ELDORET  
1700 DEPART ELDORET AIRSTRIP FOR NAIROBI.  
1800 ARRIVE JOMO KENYATTA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.  
1815 ARRIVE STATE HOUSE.  
1900 RECEPTION AT HIGH COMMISSIONER'S RESIDENCE (PRIME  
MINISTER LEAVES STATE HOUSE AT 1915 TO ARRIVE AT  
RECEPTION AT 1930).  
DEPARTURE AT PRIME MINISTER'S PLEASURE (PERHAPS  
AFTER A LIGHT SUPPER FOLLOWING RECEPTION).

THURSDAY 7 JANUARY

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0815 DEPART STATE HOUSE.  
0820 PRESS CONFERENCE AT INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL.  
0905 RETURN TO STATE HOUSE FOR FAREWELLS.  
0920 LEAVE STATE HOUSE FOR JOMO KEYATTA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.  
0930 DEPARTURE CEREMONIES AT AIRPORT.  
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I am writing to confirm our telephone conversation regarding the provision of blood for the Prime Minister's visit to Africa.

FCO Welfare Section have confirmed that they will provide the blood. I should be grateful if you would arrange for refrigerator facilities to be available for storage in Africa.

Many thanks,

(S. Morris)

Miss E. Davies,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.



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Prime Minister's Visit

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO AFRICA: JANUARY 1988

1. Please arrange for a suite of four green safehand boxes to be delivered to Room W1, Downing Street West by 30 December. The boxes should be marked "For RAF VC10 - Prime Minister's Visit to Nairobi and Lagos".

\* 2. I should be grateful if you would let me have 5 identical keys for the suite by Monday 21 December.

3. Thank you for your help.

B D Davis (Miss)  
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cc: Mrs McDowell/Miss Morris, No 10 Downing Street  
Mr S Papworth, Security Department, Room W148  
Head of Registry, Nairobi  
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*\* I will pass 3 on to you  
before I leave for Nairobi*

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

1. THE KENYANS HAVE ASKED FOR A FORMAL PORTRAIT OF THE PRIME MINISTER TO DISPLAY AT STATE HOUSE.
2. THEY HAVE ALSO ASKED US TO ASSIST THEM IN PROVIDING FLAGS FOR THE VARIOUS ROUTES THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WILL TAKE, AS WELL AS THE AIRPORT. THEY HAVE SAID THAT THEY NEED 80; WE HAVE POINTED OUT THAT THERE SHOULD BE SOME AVAILABLE FROM HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S VISIT IN 1983, AND THEY HAVE UNDERTAKEN TO CHECK. BUT I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR EARLY ADVICE ON HOW MANY WE WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE.
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*From the Private Secretary*

30 November 1987

**PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO KENYA:  
WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY**

Thank you for your letter of 30 November about the card to accompany the Prime Minister's wreath when she visits the Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery in Nairobi. I confirm that the wording you propose is acceptable.

(Charles Powell)

A.C. Galsworthy, Esq., C.M.G.,  
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30 November 1987

Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's visit to Nairobi: Wreath-laying Ceremony

Our High Commission in Nairobi have confirmed that the Prime Minister will lay a wreath at the Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery. If you agree, an order will be placed with the Royal British Legion for a poppy wreath which will be taken out on the RAF VC10.

Our High Commission have said that a card with the wording "The Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland" is preferable to a red, white and blue riband with gold wording.

I should be grateful to know if you agree with this proposal.

Yours ever

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(A C Galsworthy)  
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30 November 1987

*Dear Charles,*Prime Minister's Visit to Nigeria

You will have seen Lagos telno 1199 (copy enclosed) reporting the outcome of our High Commissioner's meeting with President Babangida this morning. Babangida has in our view given us the necessary assurances we were seeking about the visit, and we therefore recommend that it should now go ahead. Provided you have no objections, it should also be possible to agree the text of an early press announcement with the Nigerians.

Given the shortage of time available to us, I thought it would be helpful if I set out some ideas which we have on the outline programme for the visit.

Much of this will of course depend on the length of time which the Prime Minister intends to spend in Nigeria. We are working on the basis that she will depart from Nairobi on the morning of 7 January, and therefore arrive in Lagos around midday (given the 2 hour time difference between Nairobi and Lagos). If the visit is to be no more than 24 hours, there will be no time for her to travel outside Lagos and its environs. We have based our suggestions for Lagos on the thoughts in your letter of 2 November. The talks with Babangida, which could take place on the afternoon of 7 January, might consist of two sessions: a private meeting with only a minimal number of people present; and a wider session with the President and some of his closest military associates and Ministers. The case for the former speaks for itself, but it would also be very helpful if those around Babangida could see for themselves what the personal relationship with the Prime Minister was, and be influenced accordingly. The President, furthermore, is quite prone to giving the answers we want in private without there being any follow-up. Answers given in a larger group would commit him more.

It should in addition be possible to arrange for General Obasanjo to come to Lagos to meet the Prime Minister either later that afternoon, or on the morning of 8 January (Obasanjo lives on a farm about an hour or so's drive away from Lagos, but we do not think it would be wise to try to arrange a visit there, since the amenities are somewhat lacking).









As for the evening, it is likely that the Nigerian government will wish to arrange a banquet for the Prime Minister. If she wishes to host a function herself, we would recommend a reception beforehand which could be aimed at senior members of the large British business community in Lagos and also include leading Nigerian financial and business figures.

The British Council have just moved into new premises in Lagos. The Prime Minister could take the opportunity to inaugurate these. Although the premises are not yet fully equipped, it ought to be possible to arrange some sort of exhibition; and an opening ceremony on the morning of 8 January would help to achieve the locally significant objective of re-establishing the Council in the public eye in Nigeria.

If there is time on the morning of 8 January, we would recommend a visit to the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture in Ibadan (the second biggest city in Nigeria, and about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 hours' drive from Lagos). The Institute, which receives funds from the ODA among others, boasts impressive agricultural research programmes which would be interesting for the Prime Minister to see. Depending on timing, it might be better to undertake this trip by helicopter.

If the Prime Minister is prepared to extend her trip to Nigeria to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  days, we would strongly recommend that she spend the afternoon of 8 January in northern Nigeria, and around Kano in particular. The north is still extremely important in political terms in Nigeria, and the Nigerian government themselves would probably welcome a visit there. Kano, which is 1 hour's flying time from Lagos, is the second industrial and commercial city in Nigeria, with a long tradition as a trading centre at the end of the Sahara caravan route. You will have seen from Lagos telno 1199 that Babangida himself has suggested that Kano would be the right place for the Prime Minister to visit if she travels beyond Lagos. We are sure, furthermore, that the local traditional ruler, the Emir of Kano, would welcome the Prime Minister extremely warmly, and a call on him and his Court would be a colourful occasion. Moreover, a visit to Kano would consolidate the impact made by the special trade promotion event we held there at the beginning of November, which was opened by Kenneth Clarke. As well as Kano itself, the Prime Minister could visit a World Bank Agricultural Development Programme some 35 miles to the north during the early afternoon Friday prayer hours, which Kano observes. This could be combined with a visit to the Friday market at Kazaure, one of the more attractive spots of the region. Provided a helicopter was used, it should be possible to complete these visits within 3 to 4 hours. The Prime Minister could then leave from Kano for London in the evening of 8 January.

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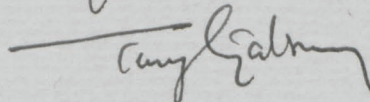


The one risk with a trip to the north is the Harmattan wind, which in January can make the weather hot and dusty, and could close down Kano international airport. But a good part of the time on the ground would be spent in air-conditioned cars, and visits in the open air could be limited to about 10 minutes each. If, furthermore, we are unlucky, and the weather closed down the airport, we could have one or two contingency programme items laid on in Lagos for the afternoon of 8 January. For example, the tentative proposal above for a morning visit on 8 January to the Tropical Agriculture Institute in Ibadan could be switched to the afternoon, particularly if there were additional pressures on the morning programme in Lagos. (All programmes in Nigeria retain a provisional character right to the last minute.)

Finally, on accommodation, we propose that the Prime Minister should stay at our High Commissioner's Residence. It is possible that the Nigerian government may wish to accommodate her in State House, which is the official guesthouse. But this is not a state visit; and there may in any case be security or other problems with staying there. The High Commissioner's Residence has limitations in that it has only 1 double and 2 single guest bedrooms, but it has obvious advantages, particularly from the point of view of security, intestinal comfort and service. If the Prime Minister were to prefer it, up to another 3 members of the party could be accommodated with the Defence Adviser, whose compound is connected with the Residence.

It would be very helpful if we could have an early decision on the length of stay and the terms and timing of a press announcement. We also need to have a reaction on the proposed combination of 24 hours in Lagos and  $\frac{1}{2}$  day in Kano.

The Foreign Secretary, who is in Brussels, has not yet seen this letter. I will show it to him on his return and let you know if he wishes to add anything.

*Yours ever,*  


(A C Galsworthy)  
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YOUR TELNO 809: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT

SUMMARY

1. PRESIDENT BABANGIDA WELCOMES A VISIT BY THE PRIME MINISTER ON 7/8 JANUARY, GIVES NECESSARY ASSURANCES, AGREES EARLY ANNOUNCEMENT.

DETAIL

2. I SAW THE PRESIDENT THIS MORNING AND SPOKE AS INSTRUCTED, MAINLY THE POINTS IN YOUR TELNO 733, 740, 809 AND 811. I STRESSED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER FELT THAT SHE WOULD HAVE MUCH TO DISCUSS WITH THE PRESIDENT, OF BOTH INTERNATIONAL AND BILATERAL INTEREST, THAT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO DISCOURAGE OPPOSITION TO THE VISIT AND DO EVERYTHING TO ENSURE THAT IT WENT OFF IN A GOOD PUBLIC ATMOSPHERE, AND THAT WE TRUSTED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO NEED FOR US TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT DEMONSTRATIONS.

3. THE PRESIDENT SAID IMMEDIATELY THAT HE WOULD WELCOME THE VISIT AND HE GAVE ME SPECIFIC ASSURANCES ON THE ABOVE POINTS. HE WOULD MAKE SURE THAT THE ATMOSPHERE WAS GOOD: IN PARTICULAR, HE WOULD "INSTRUCT" THE MEA. THERE WAS NO NEED FOR US TO WORRY ABOUT DEMONSTRATIONS: THAT WOULD BE TAKEN CARE OF.

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5. THE PRESIDENT ASKED WHETHER WE HAD THOUGHT ABOUT THE PRIME MINISTER GOING UP COUNTRY, PERHAPS TO ABUJA OR KANO. I SAID THAT OF COURSE, AS I HAD SAID AT THE OUTSET, THE PRIME MINISTER'S MAIN PURPOSE WAS TO HAVE SOME GOOD DISCUSSIONS WITH HIM PERSONALLY, BUT NEVERTHELESS I THOUGHT THAT SHE MIGHT ALSO LIKE TO SEE SOMETHING OF NIGERIA OUTSIDE LAGOS. THE PRESIDENT SAID



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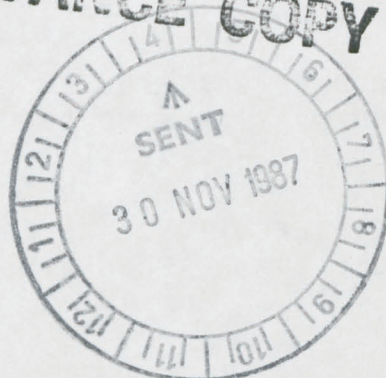


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MY TELNO 1199: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT

SUMMARY

1. EARLY INSTRUCTIONS NEEDED ON PROGRAMME AND ACCOMMODATION.

DETAIL

2. MY STAFF HAVE NOW SEEN THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AT DODAN BARRACKS. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD BE IN LAGOS TOMORROW AND WEDNESDAY, 1 AND 2 DECEMBER, AND HOPED THAT HE WOULD BE ABLE TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS ON THE PROGRAMME.

3. I SHOULD THEREFORE BE GRATEFUL FOR VERY EARLY INSTRUCTIONS. THE FURTHER WE CAN GO DOWN THE ROAD WITH DODAN BARRACKS, BEFORE THE MEA START TO GET IN THE ACT, THE BETTER.

4. NOW THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS EXPRESSED A PREFERENCE FOR KANO I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT WE SHOULD TRY TO FIT THIS INTO THE ITINERARY. I REMAIN OF THE VIEW THAT IF THE HARMATTAN WERE TO PREVENT THE PRIME MINISTER FLYING THERE, THIS WOULD NOT (NOT) DETRACT SIGNIFICANTLY FROM THE OVERALL IMPACT OF THE VISIT, NOR OF COURSE FROM ITS MAIN PURPOSE, THAT OF GETTING ALONGSIDE BABANGIDA. THE ENFORCED OMISSION WOULD BE WELL UNDERSTOOD.

5. IN CASE KANO WERE NOT REACHABLE, I WOULD RECOMMEND OUR MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR A LIMITED EXTRA PROGRAMME IN LAGOS (EG A VISIT TO A MARKET), BUT NOT MAKING FULLSCALE ARRANGEMENTS FOR A SEPARATE PROGRAMME, WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE STOOD DOWN IF KANO WENT AHEAD.

6. THERE IS NOW A PROBLEM OVER OBASANJO. AS WE ARE REPORTING SEPARATELY, HE HAS WITHIN THE LAST FEW DAYS COME OUT WITH A MAJOR, AND IN SOME WAYS MOST UNFAIR, PUBLIC SPEECH, IN WHICH HE WAS CRITICAL OF A NUMBER OF THE GOVERNMENT'S ACTIONS AND



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ATTITUDES. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE DUST MAY SETTLE AND THAT THERE WOULD BE NO DIFFICULTY ABOUT THE PRIME MINISTER SEEING HIM. HOWEVER, I THINK IT WOULD BE WISE FOR US TO REFRAIN FROM RAISING THE QUESTION OF A MEETING WITH HIM AT THIS STAGE.

7. I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL TO KNOW THE PRIME MINISTER'S PREFERENCES OVER ACCOMMODATION (SUBJECT OF COURSE TO DISCUSSION AND RECONNAISSANCE HERE).

8. ALSO GRATEFUL TO LEARN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHAT ARRANGEMENTS YOU PROPOSE FOR A RECONNAISSANCE FROM LONDON.

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*From the Private Secretary*

30 November 1987

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO NIGERIA

Thank you for your letter of 30 November about the Prime Minister's proposed visit to Nigeria. I agree that we should go for an announcement of both this and the visit to Kenya as soon as possible preferably tomorrow morning at 1200 GMT, but failing that on Wednesday 2 December at 1200. The text of the announcement, in our case, might read as follows:

"At the invitation of President Moi, the Prime Minister will pay a visit to Kenya from 4-6 January. Following that, at the invitation of President Babangida, she will visit Nigeria on 7 and 8 January".

I should be grateful if you could ask our post to try to clear announcements in these or very similar terms with the Governments concerned and report by flash telegram tomorrow morning.

I hope to let you have an answer to the other points in your letter in the course of tomorrow.

CHARLES POWELL

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YOUR TELNO 428: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO KENYA: AIRCRAFT

1. THE KENYANS ARE LIKELY TO PRESS VERY STRONGLY FOR THE PRIME MINISTER AND HER PARTY TO TRAVEL TO WESTERN KENYA BY AIR FORCE BUFFALO. THE PRESIDENT WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY WISH TO TRAVEL IN THAT WAY. WHILE WE APPRECIATE THE REASONS FOR NO 10 FAVOURING AIR KENYA DC3S, IT IS IMPORTANT TO STRESS THAT THE BUFFALO IS A MORE MODERN AIRCRAFT WITH A GOOD DEAL MORE POWER, AND A GOOD AIR-WORTHINESS RECORD, NOTWITHSTANDING THE MID-AIR COLLISION EARLIER IN THE YEAR CAUSED BY PILOT ERROR, AND IN OUR NAVAL AND AIR ADVISER'S VIEW, AT LEAST AS SAFE AS THE DC3. THERE ARE THREE ONE-YEAR-OLD BUFFALOS CURRENTLY IN SERVICE WITH THE AIR FORCE, ONE OF WHICH IS USED FOR VIPS (26 SEATS): ANOTHER WITH 40 SEATS COULD TAKE THE REST OF THE PARTY INCLUDING PRESS.

2. CHANCELLOR KOHL TRAVELLED BY BUFFALO DURING HIS RECENT VISIT AND THE GERMANS HAVE CONFIRMED TO US THAT THE FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS WERE EXTREMELY EFFICIENT. IT IS ALSO WORTH REMEMBERING THAT FLIGHT BY BUFFALO WILL TAKE ABOUT 15-20 MINUTES EACH WAY OFF THE FLYING TIME FROM NAIROBI TO THE WEST.

3. IT IS VERY PROBABLE THAT WHEN I SEE THE PRESIDENT HE WILL EXTEND A FORMAL INVITATION FOR THE PRIME MINISTER TO TRAVEL BY BUFFALO. I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF I COULD BE ADVISED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER THERE IS ANY OVER-RIDING OBJECTION FROM NO10 TO THIS METHOD OF TRANSPORT. I INFER FROM PARAGRAPH 3 OF TUR THAT THERE MAY NOT BE.

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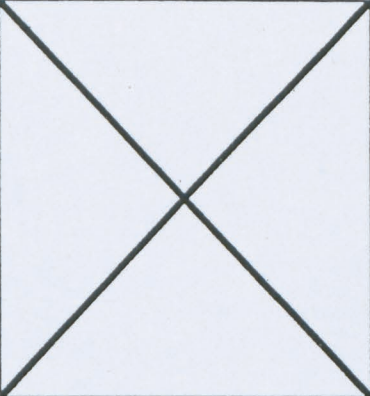
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*From the Private Secretary*

23 November 1987

**PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO KENYA**

Thank you for your letter of 19 November about the programme for the Prime Minister's visit to Kenya.

It is now clear that the Prime Minister will not be able to leave London until the morning of Monday 4 January, getting to Nairobi in the course of the day. This will have implications for the structure of the programme set out in your letter. The visit might now run from the early afternoon of 4 January until the morning of 7 January, with arrival in Lagos later that day.

I can also confirm that Mr. Thatcher will accompany the Prime Minister on the visit. He will need a separate programme, involving the British business community, at times when the Prime Minister is engaged in official talks, but will otherwise accompany her throughout.

I think that the programme is very much on the right lines and the Prime Minister, to whom I have shown it, has not made any particular comment. Planning may therefore go ahead on the basis proposed. For the visit to western Kenya, I should think that the Air Kenya DC-3 aircraft are the better bet.

(C. D. POWELL)

Lyn Parker, Esq.,  
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19 November 1987

Dear Charles,

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Thank you for your letter of 9 November about the programme suggestions in Nairobi telegram number 580 for the Prime Minister's visit to Kenya.

On the basis of this and your earlier letters of 30 October and 2 November, John Johnson has now been able to discuss the outline of a programme with Bethuel Kiplagat, the Permanent Secretary at the Kenyan MFA, who is close to President Moi and has a shrewd knowledge of how he will want to entertain the Prime Minister. His proposals seem to us to fit very well with your suggestion of a "learning visit".

Kiplagat has suggested a two-day programme starting on the first day with a formal session of talks with President Moi, lasting no more than 45 minutes. This might be followed by a tour of agricultural small-holdings in Central Province (where much of our aid has traditionally been concentrated) and a visit to a secondary school with a British funded science laboratory. This round trip (for which the Post recommend we allow 2½-3 hours) would conclude with a return to Nairobi and allow time for a light lunch at the Residence. Later in the afternoon (to avoid the midday heat) Kiplagat has proposed a visit to a Maasai rural settlement project in Rift Valley Province, not far out of Nairobi. Visits to the beautifully kept Nairobi Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery and the British Council could also be fitted in. The Prime Minister would be able to return to Nairobi in good time for the President's banquet at State House that evening.

If the Prime Minister is happy to visit Western Kenya, the second day could be constructed to include a visit to the Mumias sugar project (supported by considerable British aid), followed by a drive to Moi University near Eldoret (an institution close to the President's heart), taking in a rural health clinic and possibly an EDF aid project on the way. A visit to this area would almost certainly involve flying into and out of Eldoret and/or Kisumu airports, both of which are capable of taking medium sized aircraft. The





The Kenyans might offer to arrange transport by Kenyan Air Force Buffalo. Our Naval and Air Adviser in Nairobi has vouched for the good safety record of these aircraft (although two were lost recently in a mid-air collision). Chancellor Kohl is travelling by Buffalo during his visit to Kenya this week. Otherwise the flight would be by DC-3, operated by Air Kenya, an experienced and reliable charter company with an established record of pilot competence and sound maintenance operation. Air Kenya have two DC-3s, with a maximum payload of 33 passengers. By African standards they are good operators. Col Peter Durrant, Protocol Department's Security Adviser, would recommend using them in preference to the KAF Buffalo. (Thanks!)

John Johnson is hoping to secure an appointment next week with President Moi (who is preoccupied at the moment with Chancellor Kohl's visit) to seek his views on the shape and geographical content of the programme. It would be helpful to be able to put any further views you may have on Kiplagat's ideas to Nairobi before this call.

On gifts, we are happy with the Post's general proposals. We shall seek further details from them on the scientific gifts in due course.

I shall be writing separately about the question of a speech by the Prime Minister.

Yours ever,  
L Parker

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Private Secretary

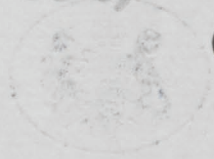
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*From the Private Secretary*

16 November 1987

**PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO AFRICA**

Thank you for your letter of 13 November proposing support staff to accompany the Prime Minister to Africa. I agree that those listed should be included.

C. D. Powell

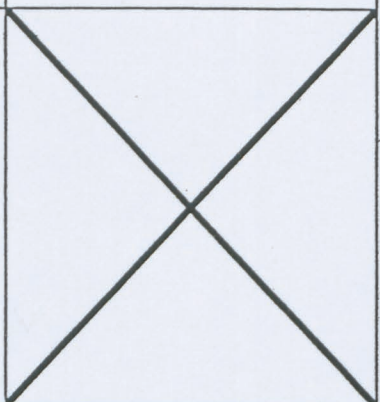
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PROPOSED MENUS FOR VC10 ASCOT 1167 - PM's VISIT TO  
KENYA AND NIGERIA OVER PERIOD

4 - 8 JAN 88

HEATHROW TO NAIROBI (4 JAN)

BREAKFAST

FULL ENGLISH BREAKFAST TO INCLUDE:

FRUIT JUICES  
FRESH FRUIT APPETISER  
ROLLS/TOAST/CROISSANTS  
PRESERVES  
TEA/COFFEE

LUNCH

SALMON MOUSSE  
SUPREME OF CHICKEN FLORENCE STYLE  
MARQUIS POTATOES  
BABY NEW CARROTS  
ICED SOUFFLE SYLVIA (VANILLA SOUFFLE  
MIXED WITH WALNUTS AND APRICOTS)  
CHEESE/BISCUITS  
COFFEE  
WINE

OR

~~OGEN MELON COCKTAIL  
HALIBUT STEAK WITH BERNAISE SAUCE  
ZUCCHINI WITH LIME  
SCALLOP POTATOES  
WHITE CHOCOCOLATE MOUSSE WITH CASSIS  
CHEESE/BISCUITS  
COFFEE  
WINE~~



LIGHT TEA

SELECTION OF RECEPTION SANDWICHES  
PASTRIES  
CAKES  
TEA/COFFEE

NAIROBI TO LAGOS (7JAN)

BREAKFAST

FULL ENGLISH OR CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

MORNING COFFEE

SERVED WITH BISCUITS AND PASTRIES

LAGOS TO KANO (8 JAN)

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

KANO TO HEATHROW (8 JAN)

LIGHT TEA

SANDWICHES, CAKES, PASTRIES  
TEA/COFFEE

DINNER

CHEESE AND FRUIT APPETISER (FRESH FRUIT AND  
COTTAGE CHEESE)  
NOISETTE OF LAMB MAITRE D BUTTER  
BERNY POTATOES  
SELECTION OF SEASONAL VEGETABLES  
CREME CARAMEL CHANTILLY  
CHEESE/BISCUITS  
COFFEE  
WINE



OR

POACHED SALMON TROUT (GARNISHED WITH CAVIAR/CRAB)

VEAL STEAK (GRILLED WITH BLACK PEPPER BUTTER)

CHATEAU POTATOES

MANGE TOUT

STUFFED TOMATOES

FRESH MANDARIN PINEAPPLE IN LIGHT PASSION FRUIT SYRUP

CHEESE/BISCUITS

COFFEE

WINE



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## PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO AFRICA: JANUARY 1988

Visas: Kenya. No visas required but passport must not bear any South African stamps.

Nigeria. Visas required plus 1 form (photocopies not accepted) 1 photo. Passport must not bear South African stamps.

Inoculations: Nigeria and Kenya

## Recommended:

Yellow fever 10 years

Polio 5 years

Hepatitis A 2-6 months  
(advise blood test - may not be necessary)

Typhoid 3 years

Tetanus 10 years

CHOLERA 6 months

Malaria: Paludrine and Nivaquine (tablets enclosed)

Paludrine: Two tablets daily - begin taking tablets two days prior to journey, continue each day of trip and for 6 weeks after return to UK.

Nivaquine: Two tablets weekly: begin taking tablets 2 weeks prior to entry into malarial zone; continue each week of the trip and for six weeks after return to the UK.

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YOUR TELNO 389: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT

1. TO COMBINE THE MAIN OBJECTIVES, AS SET OUT IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF TUR, AND THE SPECIFIC VISITS SUGGESTED IN YOUR PARAGRAPHS 4 AND 5, I SUGGEST THAT IT SHOULD CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS:

- A FORUM FOR A MAJOR SPEECH: KENYA HAS NO CHATHAM HOUSE-TYPE ORGANISATION THAT PRESENTS A NATIONAL PLATFORM FOR SUCH AN OCCASION, BUT A VISIT TO A UNIVERSITY CAN BE ARRANGED AND WOULD PRESENT AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY.

- A VISIT TO A SECONDARY SCHOOL SCIENCE LABORATORY (ONE OF THE MAJOR COMPONENTS OF OUR AID TO THE KENYAN EDUCATIONAL SECTOR).

- A VISIT TO AN AGRICULTURAL SMALLHOLDING, TO ENABLE THE PRIME MINISTER TO SEE A COMMERCIAL FARMER GROWING CASH CROPS (WITH BRITISH DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE).

- A VISIT TO AN EDF AID PROJECT.

- AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROMOTE BRITISH EXPORTS AND INVESTMENT (EG A LUNCHTIME SPEECH TO THE BRITISH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION).

- A BRIEF SEMINAR WITH SENIOR KENYAN BUSINESSMEN TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEMS FACING INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN AN AFRICAN COUNTRY.

- A VISIT TO A COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES CEMETERY (NAIROBI, WHICH IS BEAUTIFULLY KEPT AND QUITE CENTRAL, WOULD BE THE MOST APPROPRIATE).

- A VISIT TO THE BRITISH COUNCIL (WHOSE NAIROBI OFFICES ARE, OF COURSE, ALSO CENTRAL).

2. TO THIS SHOULD BE ADDED A FORMAL SESSION WITH THE PRESIDENT AS WELL AS THE ENTERTAINMENT WHICH THE KENYANS WOULD WISH TO



OFFER (ALMOST CERTAINLY A DINNER HOSTED BY THE PRESIDENT) AND POSSIBLY A RETURN DINNER AT THE RESIDENCE. I SHOULD ALSO LIKE THERE TO BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PRIME MINISTER TO MEET THE HIGH COMMISSION STAFF VERY BRIEFLY, IF TIME ALLOWS.

3. CLEARLY WE SHALL HAVE TO SOUND OUT KENYAN VIEWS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE PRESIDENT WILL WISH TO PUT HIS PERSONAL STAMP ON THE PROGRAMME, AND THIS WILL AFFECT ITS GEOGRAPHY. IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO INCLUDE ALL THE ABOVE VISITS WITHIN A COMPARATIVELY SHORT RADIUS FROM NAIROBI (IE LARGELY IN CENTRAL PROVINCE). BUT THE PRESIDENT MAY WISH TO TAKE THE PRIME MINISTER AS HIS GUEST FURTHER AFIELD, WEST OF THE RIFT VALLEY. THIS WOULD PRESENT LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS - BUT THESE WOULD NOT (RPT NOT) IN OUR VIEW BE INSUPERABLE, ALL THE INGREDIENTS OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH 1 ABOVE COULD STILL BE INCLUDED, AND SUCH A PROGRAMME WOULD HAVE THE ADDED ADVANTAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER'S POINT OF VIEW OF ENABLING HER TO SEE A DIFFERENT (AND MORE DEPRIVED) PART OF KENYA. TO GO WEST WOULD HOWEVER INEVITABLY MEAN TRAVELLING BY AIR. WE SHOULD BE GRATEFUL TO KNOW WHETHER THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD BE CONTENT TO UNDERTAKE AT LEAST PART OF HER VISIT BY AEROPLANE, AND SPECIFICALLY WHETHER THERE ARE ANY CONSTRAINTS ON TRAVEL BY LIGHT (IE EIGHT-SEATER) AIRCRAFT. *Yes not*

4. THE SPEECH WILL CLEARLY BE A CRUCIAL PART OF THE PROGRAMME. WHILE THE PRIME MINISTER WILL CLEARLY WISH TO COVER SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES, WE SHOULD IN MY VIEW GUARD AGAINST THE DANGER OF PUTTING MOI IN A POTENTIALLY EMBARRASSING POSITION. ALTHOUGH HE IS PRIVATELY RECEPTIVE TO MANY OF OUR ARGUMENTS ON SANCTIONS, AND SCORNFUL OF OTHER AFRICAN LEADERS' RHETORIC, HE NEVERTHELESS CANNOT BE SEEN PUBLICLY TO DISTANCE HIMSELF FROM THE CONCERNS OF THE FRONT LINE STATES. MY OWN VIEW IS THAT THE VISIT WOULD PROVIDE AN ADMIRABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR A MAJOR SPEECH ON BRITAIN AND AFRICA, CONCENTRATING ON THE TRADE, FINANCIAL AND AID RELATIONSHIP AS WELL AS POLITICAL ISSUES. THE SPEECH COULD PAY TRIBUTE TO THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF KENYA SINCE INDEPENDENCE, ITS ENVIABLE STABILITY, AND THE SUCCESS OF ITS PRAGMATIC, PRIVATE SECTOR-ORIENTATED ECONOMY IN REALISING IMPROVEMENTS IN STANDARDS OF LIVING. AND IT COULD SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE SENSIBLE POLICIES IN AFRICA GENERALLY.

5. WE SHALL ENSURE THAT THE PROGRAMME INVOLVES ONLY SHORT PERIODS IN THE SUN. JANUARY IN HIGHLAND KENYA IS WARM, BUT NOT HUMID.



6. WE SHOULD BE GRATEFUL TO KNOW WHETHER MR THATCHER WILL BE ACCOMPANYING THE PRIME MINISTER, AND, IF SO, WHETHER A SEPARATE PROGRAMME WILL BE REQUIRED. IS IT YET KNOWN HOW LARGE AN ENTOURAGE THE PRIME MINISTER IS LIKELY TO BRING WITH HER?

7. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE PRIME MINISTER SHOULD GIVE THE PRESIDENT A SILVER ORNAMENT (EG A DISH OR SALVER) AND A SILVER-FRAMED PHOTOGRAPH OF HERSELF. KENYANS ENJOY EXCHANGING PHOTOGRAPHS, AND A SUPPLY OF FRAMED PORTRAITS FOR HANDING OVER AFTER INDIVIDUAL CALLS WILL BE WELL RECEIVED. WE RECOMMEND MORE FUNCTIONAL GIFTS FOR THE VISITS TO THE UNIVERSITY AND THE SECONDARY SCHOOL. FOR THE FORMER A SCIENTIFIC PRESENT (EG A MICROSCOPE OR EVEN A MICROCOMPUTER) WOULD BE BOTH APPROPRIATE AND USEFUL. OUR SCHOOL SCIENCE LABORATORIES ARE WELL-STOCKED WITH EQUIPMENT, BUT FREQUENTLY POORLY-OFF FOR TEXTBOOKS: A COMPACT SCIENCE ENCYCLOPAEDIA WOULD BE A SUITABLE GIFT.

8. I WOULD BE GLAD TO KNOW WHERE THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD PREFER TO STAY. THE PRESIDENT WILL PROBABLY OFFER STATE HOUSE WHICH WOULD BE GOOD ON SECURITY GROUNDS. FOR COMFORT THOUGH THE RESIDENCE WOULD PROBABLY BE BETTER. MUCH DEPENDS ON HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL STAY WITH THE PRIME MINISTER. WE CAN SLEEP FIVE OTHERS.

9. I HOPE TO SEE THE PRESIDENT SOON TO DISCUSS THE PROGRAMME. I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL THEREFORE TO HAVE YOUR VIEWS ON THE ABOVE IDEAS IF POSSIBLE BY THE END OF THE WEEK. IF WE HAVE TO STEER THE KENYANS AWAY FROM A WESTERN VISIT, WE NEED TO BE BALE TO DO SO SOON. MY OWN VIEW IS THAT A WESTERN TRIP WOULD BE EXTREMELY WORTHWHILE. BUT IT MUST OF COURSE DEPEND UPON THE PRIME MINISTER'S PREFERENCE.

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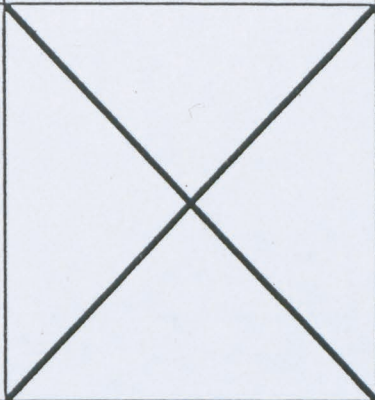
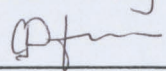
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*From the Private Secretary*

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO AFRICA

Thank you for your letter of 2 November about the Prime Minister's visit to Africa. The Prime Minister has noted without comment the High Commissioner's assessment that the risks of demonstrations in Nigeria is not sufficiently serious to deter us from going ahead with the visit. I agree, therefore, that we should go ahead with the discreet approach to President Babangida outlined in my letter of 30 October, with the addendum that we should try to obtain from President Babangida an assurance that he will himself move to head off any incipient campaign against a visit.

C D POWELL

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2 November 1987

Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's visit to Africa

Thank you for your letter of 30 October about the Prime Minister's visit to Africa.

You asked whether a visit to Nigeria would not give the wrong signals in relation to Nigerian difficulties with the IMF and the problems of creditors in this country. We have consulted the Treasury and the DTI. The Treasury believe that the Nigerians are unlikely to be at total stand-off with the IMF in early January, although their problems in keeping to their structural adjustment programme will no doubt still be around. The Treasury, and indeed the Chancellor himself, have over the past year been in frequent touch with the Nigerians to convey to them our concerns. The Treasury consider that the timing of a Prime Ministerial visit to Nigeria in early January might in fact be a particularly appropriate moment to get this message over again, this time at the highest level. Similarly, the DTI have confirmed that they would have no objection to a visit. Following the visit to Nigeria this week of the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and depending on the outcome of the Nigerians' negotiations with the uninsured creditors in November, they may also wish to suggest that the Prime Minister might take the opportunity during her visit to register concern about the problems of British creditors.

We entirely take the point about the need for very careful handling of a visit to Nigeria. Sir Martin Ewans, who has been consulted over the weekend, is certain that President Babangida would not want to exploit differences over policy towards South Africa. We have to bear in mind, however, that he may not be able wholly to prevent such attempts at exploitation by others. Limited student demonstrations and hostile press/cannot be ruled out; but the High Commissioner believes that President Babangida would do his best to discourage activity which could lead to embarrassment. He does not consider the risks sufficiently serious to deter us from going ahead with what should be an important and invaluable

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visit. The Foreign Secretary considers that the essential thing will be to obtain from President Babangida an assurance that he will himself move to head off any incipient campaign against a visit. I should be grateful for your confirmation that the discreet approach to the President outlined in your letter of 30 October should go ahead on this basis.

Yours ever,

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

(L Parker)  
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq  
PS/No 10 Downing Street



PM TOURS : Africa Oct 87





[Letter on visit in Africa.]



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Prime Minister

Does this  
sound on the  
right lines, please?

C.D.P.

Yes - except the  
Bills clause  
(President Poi  
wouldn't like it)



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From the Private Secretary

2 November 1987

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO AFRICA

Now that we have the Prime Minister's agreement to visit Kenya and Nigeria, we need to give some thought to programme planning. It may help if I give you a few pointers.

The main purposes of the Prime Minister's visits should be:

- to see problems of Black Africa at first hand, as well as the contribution which Britain is making to solving them. The theme should be that this is a learning visit;
- to be seen by other African governments to be taking a direct interest in their problems;
- to explain Britain's views on the major issues of interest to African opinion;
- to give support and encouragement to sensible policies; and
- to promote British exports.

It follows from this that the programme needs to be highly visible, with a minimum of talking behind closed doors and a maximum of visits to individual projects and sites. A good number of the latter should be fairly basic, and at village level, even if the Kenyans and Nigerians themselves prefer to be showing off university hospitals or modern laboratories. We should steer well clear of anything which looks like tourism or sight-seeing or for that matter any 'royal' situations. But one word of caution about open-air events. The Prime Minister suffers in the heat and the programme should be structured so as to avoid long periods in the sun. A series of short excursions would be much better.

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We need to consider early on whether we should aim for an important speech about African issues. It is probably not too cynical to expect the British press to make comparisons with Harold Macmillan's African tour and his wind of change speech. Do we look at the results of that wind thirty years on? Do we concentrate on explaining the British view on South Africa? Shall we have anything new to offer in the way of aid or of ideas? My own view is that there is much to be said for a candid speech which puts both the case for peaceful reform in South Africa and warns President Botha that change must come. It might be an uncomfortable speech, but I think it could also be an important and courageous one.

On more detailed points, the Prime Minister would want to visit Commonwealth War Grave Commission cemeteries where appropriate and see something of the work of the British Council. She would like to visit a school. In Kenya, she might visit an EC Lomé aid project. Subject to advice, I would think that she should see a refugee camp, presumably on the Sudan border.

The visit to Nigeria will be rather different in character. I see it as shorter and focussed more on talks with President Babangida and less on visits to projects (though there should be some). It must include a market. The Prime Minister would very much hope to see General Obasanjo.

On more detailed points, you will want to start work on speeches for any formal occasions as soon as possible, bearing in mind that the visit comes immediately after the Christmas/New Year break. We also need to give early thought to suitable presents.

CHARLES POWELL

Lyn Parker, Esq.,  
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*From the Private Secretary*

30 October, 1987.

**PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO AFRICA**

Thank you for your letter of 28 October about the Prime Minister's visit to Africa.

The Prime Minister is content with the dates of 4-6 January for Kenya. But you should not at this stage commit her to travel out on the Sunday evening. She may prefer to go on the Monday morning, and stay over in Kenya until the early morning of 7 January.

The Prime Minister is prepared in principle to consider a visit to Nigeria. But this will need very careful handling. We do not want a rebuff. Nor do we want to present the Nigerians with the opportunity to mount some sort of demonstration about our South African policy. This points to a very discreet initial approach probably to President Babangida himself, to establish whether a visit would be welcome and worth while. Such an approach might be on the basis that the Prime Minister was disappointed not to be able to meet President Babangida at CHOGM. She entirely understands why it is difficult for him to travel at present. She is intending to take up an invitation from President Moi to visit Kenya in early January. If President Babangida happened to be free at that time, she would very much welcome a brief meeting in Lagos. But she would only want to propose this if she were certain that it would be welcome and convenient to President Babangida.

There is one further point: the Prime Minister would like to be sure that a visit would not give the wrong signals in relation to the Nigerian difficulties with the IMF and the problems of creditors in this country. You will wish to consult the Treasury and Department of Trade and Industry on this point. Provided they make no objection, the approach to President Babangida which I have proposed in the preceding paragraph may go ahead.

C.D. Powell

Lyn Parker, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.



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Prime Minister



Agree:

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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28 October 1987

- 4/6 January for visit to Kenya; *Yes Yes*
- Let us propose to the Nigerians a visit on 7/8 January.

Dear Charles,

The Prime Minister's Visit to Africa

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*Wanted rather post! Provided one would be welcome*

We had a word on the telephone about the Prime Minister's proposed visit to Africa during the Christmas recess. You asked for advice on the most suitable dates for a visit to Kenya and Nigeria.

As you will have seen from Nairobi telegram number 533 the Kenyans have provisionally suggested that the Prime Minister's visit should start on Monday 4 January and end on Wednesday 6 January. The Prime Minister might fly out to Kenya to arrive on the Sunday evening in order to start the official programme on the Monday morning. (You mentioned the interest in arranging the visit to coincide with an Investment Conference. You may have had in mind the proposed CBI Conference in Nairobi but this is now scheduled for September.)

*I expect you would prefer to have funds at Charles & go on Monday*

We would suggest that we should put to the Nigerians the idea of a visit there following immediately after the Kenyan visit. The Prime Minister could fly across Africa on 6 January with a programme in Nigeria on the 7th and 8th and departure on the 9th.

I should be grateful if you could let me know as soon as possible if the Prime Minister is content with this plan. We would like to sound out the Nigerians quickly since there has been a good deal of speculation about the possibility of a visit in the British and Nigerian press.

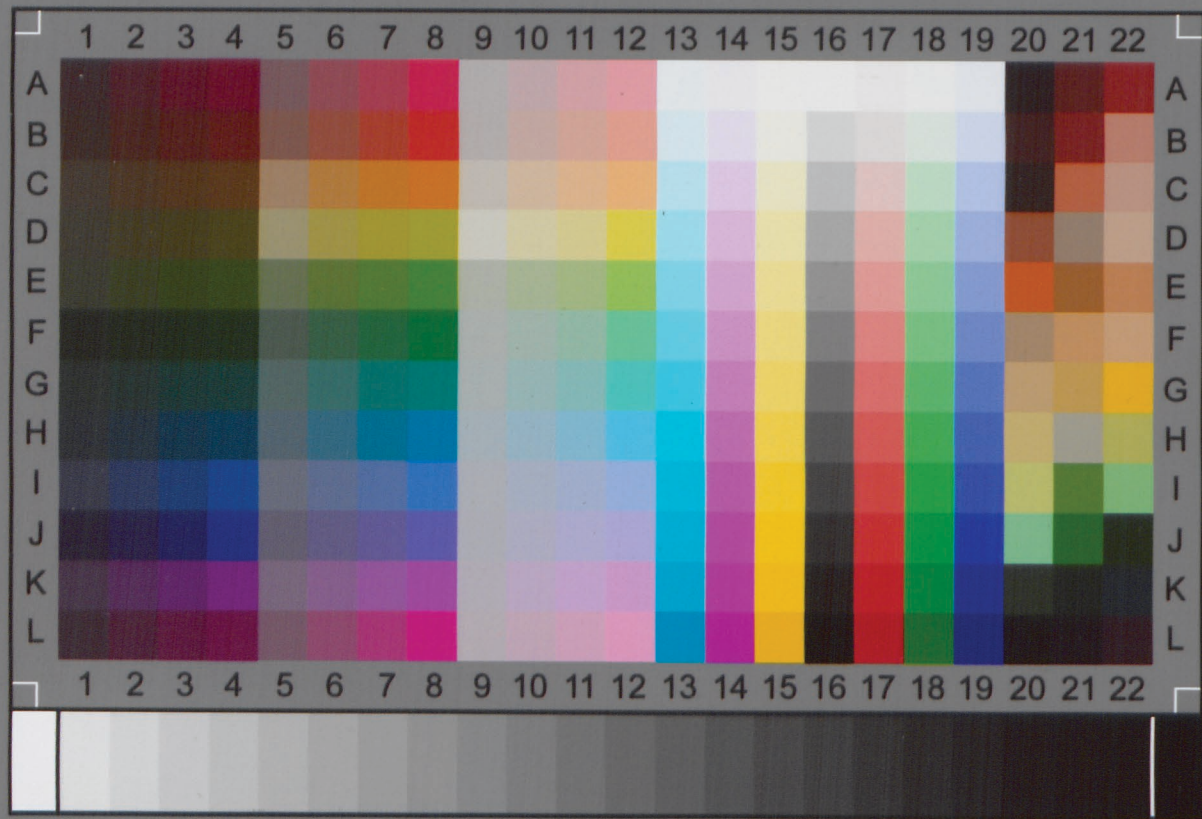
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