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LONDON SW1A 2AA

THE PRIME MINISTER

14 November 1988

Dear Professor Lukaszewski,

Thank you for your letter of 4 November with its kind words about my speech. I was horrified to hear about your accident and hope very much that you are now recovering. Please accept my sympathy.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Raymond Stalter

Professor J. Lukaszewski

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COLLEGE D'EUROPE

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BRUGES, BELGIUM

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THE RECTOR

Bruges, 4 November 1988

The Rt. Hon. Margaret THATCHER, FRS, MP
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
LONDON SW1A 2AA

Dear Prime Minister,

Please accept my most sincere thanks for having favourably responded to my invitation and for having given an extremely important address at the College of Europe on 20 September 1988. Rarely has a political declaration provoked so many reactions and comments as did your Bruges speech. It will continue to stimulate the European debate, contribute to the clarification of concepts and positions, and thereby render a service to the Community. May I add how much I regret not to have had a chance to talk to you about Europe.

The College was honoured to receive in your person a leader who will have profoundly marked the destinies of Great Britain, and of Europe, in the last quarter of the twentieth century. Your action as Prime Minister has been an encouragement to all those, like myself, who believe that there are no determinisms in the history of human societies, and that the victory of will and conviction over inertia and decline is possible.

I need not say how glad I am to have received from you a dedicated photograph-portrait of yours. Thank you very much for this gift which will remain one of the nicest souvenirs of my years as Rector of the College of Europe.

Please excuse me for not having written earlier to you. Shortly after the opening session I had an extremely serious accident and had to undergo vast and complicated surgery. I left the hospital only a few days ago and will not be able to resume my normal activities before several weeks. Having more leisure

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than usual I have followed with the closest attention your visit to Poland, my country of origin, and could not but be most grateful for the service you have done to the cause of liberty, which the Poles deserve and of which they are cruelly deprived.

With repeated thanks and kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,
J. Lukaszewski

J. Lukaszewski



24 BELGRAVE SQUARE
LONDON SW1X 8QA

SPANISH AMBASSADOR

27th October, 1988

Charles D. Powell, Esq.
Private Secretary to
the Prime Minister
10, Downing Street
London SW1

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Have taken photographs
to file. Do you
wish to handle?

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Dear Charles,

On my return from Spain I find this photograph album which President González's Head of Protocol requests me to forward to the Prime Minister.

I hope she will enjoy this memento of her visit to Spain.

José J. Puig de la Bellacasa



FILE
DA

10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON SW1A 2AA

From the Private Secretary

28 October 1988

Thank you so much for the photograph album recording the Prime Minister's visit to Spain. She was delighted to receive this and has asked me to thank you most warmly.

(C.D. POWELL)

His Excellency Senor Don Jose J. Puig
de la Bellacasa, G.C.V.O.

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With the compliments of
HER MAJESTY'S AMBASSADOR

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BRITISH EMBASSY
LUXEMBOURG



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BRITISH EMBASSY,
BRUSSELS.

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Charles Powell Esq
10 Downing Street
London

27 October 1988

Dear Charles,

The book promised by the Burgomaster of Bruges to the Prime Minister has finally materialised and is enclosed.

In his letter to the Ambassador the Mayor describes the book as "evidence of the good and unbreakable ties existing between the City of Bruges and the United Kingdom for centuries already". The Prime Minister's speech has certainly given the City an international profile that it has lacked since the 14th century.

Yours truly

M G D Evans

M G D Evans



FILE
DA

10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON SW1A 2AA

From the Private Secretary

16 October 1988

Thank you very much for sending me
the photograph of the visit to Spain which
I was delighted to have.

(C.D. POWELL)

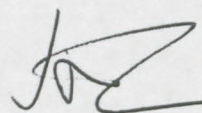
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de la Bellacasa, G.C.V.O.



LE MINISTRE
DES AFFAIRES ÉTRANGÈRES

Luxembourg, le 24 octobre 1988.

Pl. send copy with copy to
Mr. Powell, No 10,


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Madame l'Ambassadeur,

C'est avec grand plaisir que j'ai reçu la photographie signée que Son Excellence Madame Thatcher a bien voulu me dédier à la suite de sa visite officielle à Luxembourg.

Puis-je vous prier d'exprimer à Madame le Premier Ministre mes vifs remerciements pour cette très courtoise attention.

Veillez agréer, Madame l'Ambassadeur, l'assurance de ma très haute considération.

Jacques F. Poos

Son Excellence
Madame Juliet Jeanne d'Auvergne Campbell
p.a. Ambassade de Grande-Bretagne
à
LUXEMBOURG



24 BELGRAVE SQUARE
LONDON SW1X 8QA

SPANISH AMBASSADOR

11th October, 1988

Charles D. Powell, Esq.
Private Secretary to the
Prime Minister
10, Downing Street
London SW1

Dear Charles:

I hope you like the enclosed photograph, which I have just received from President González's Chief of Protocol, who asks me to forward it.

Luza
José J. Puig de la Bellacasa

José J. Puig de la Bellacasa



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BRITISH EMBASSY.
MADRID.

4 October 1988

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Charles Powell Esq
Private Secretary to the Prime Minister
No 10 Downing Street

Dear Charles,

VISIT TO SPAIN BY THE PRIME MINISTER: 22-23 SEPTEMBER

I enclose an album of photographs which The King of Spain's Private Secretary has asked me to pass on to the Prime Minister. I have thanked him for the photographs in the note I have sent covering the Prime Minister's letter to The King. No further action on your part is, I think, needed.

*Yours ever,
Nicky*

Lord N Gordon Lennox

cc: Ms B Davis,
Protocol Dept FCO

Ms C Haworth
SED, FCO



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BOX *can see attached*

10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON SW1A 2AA

From the Private Secretary

29 September 1988

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 28 August to the Prime Minister. I shall put it into her Box this evening.

MRS. TESSA GAISMAN

The Lord Rayner



10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON SW1A 2AA

From the Private Secretary

29 September 1988

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you for your letter of 27 September.

I will of course bring it to the Prime Minister's attention.

Tessa Gaisman

John Sacher, Esq.

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Michael House,
Baker Street,
London, W1A 1DN.

from John Sacher

27th September 1988

Dear Prime Minister,

We all greatly appreciated your time and the extremely supportive and generous things that you said about Marks and Spencer on opening the franchise shop in Madrid.

I thought that you would like to know that the opening was better than any of our expectations. The first three days' trading, at the equivalent of £125,000, was slightly more than was done in the first three days on clothing in Hong Kong and we thought that that opening was a great success. It remains of course to be seen if business will maintain such levels, but the start is extremely promising.

I hope all the rest of your visit to Spain produces such encouraging results.

with best wishes

Yours sincerely
John Sacher

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, FRS, MP,
Prime Minister,
10 Downing Street,
LONDON.
SW1A 2AA



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10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON SW1A 2AA

From the Private Secretary

27 September 1988

I enclose the Prime Minister's thank-you letter to the King of Spain. I should be grateful if it could be sent to our Embassy in Madrid for delivery as soon as possible.

C. D. Powell

Lyn Parker, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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10 DOWNING STREET

Prime Minister

Marks & Spencers

The owners of
the shop in Madrid
telephoned to say
that takings on the
day after your visit
exceeded by £10,000
the highest daily turnover
yet by a Marks & Spencers
shop outside the UK!
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10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON SW1A 2AA

From the Private Secretary

26 September 1988

Dear Squadron Leader Wolley,

I know that the Prime Minister is most grateful to you and all the members of the VC10 crew for piloting her so expertly and comfortably around Europe during her recent visit. She hopes that everyone was able to have some time off as well to enjoy Spain.

The Prime Minister is of course very much looking forward to her visit to Brize Norton on Friday.

*Yours sincerely,
C. D. Powell*

(C. D. POWELL)

Squadron Leader John Wolley, R.A.F.



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10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON SW1A 2AA

From the Private Secretary

26 September 1988

Dear Mrs.

PRIME MINISTER'S VISITS TO BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG
AND SPAIN

I enclose the Prime Minister's thank you letters for her visits to Belgium, Luxembourg and Spain. I should be grateful if they could be forwarded by bag to our Embassies for delivery. You may want to telegraph those to M. Santer and Senor Gonzalez for earlier delivery.

*Yours sincerely,
Charles Powell*

Charles Powell

Lyn Parker, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.



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10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON SW1A 2AA

THE PRIME MINISTER

26 September 1988

Dear Rector,

May I thank you most warmly for having invited me to deliver the address to the College of Europe, to mark the beginning of the academic year. I regard it as a great privilege to have been invited and hope that my remarks will initiate a constructive debate about the European Community's future course.

You very kindly promised to let me have the full text of your extraordinarily interesting remarks about Christopher Dawson, which I look forward very much to receiving.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Raymond Shalton

Rector J. Lukaszewski

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10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON SW1A 2AA

THE PRIME MINISTER

26 September 1988

Dear Ambassador

Thank you very much for your hospitality during my brief visit to Brussels and in particular for going to the trouble to arrange the dinner with Monsieur Martens and his colleagues. I get rather depressed about Europe's future when I listen to Leo Tindemans' federalist views: but I hope we managed to get across some points to the others. The speech in Bruges has certainly attracted attention. I hope it will start a serious debate after the first wave of trivial comment. There is a good piece in The Economist.

It was very kind of you and your wife to make us so comfortable and welcome, and cope with all the additional disruption of having the Private Office set up in your house.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Sir Peter Petrie, C.M.G.

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PRIME MINISTER

THE PRIME MINISTER

PERSONAL MESSAGE

26 September 1988

SERIAL No. T147/88

Dear Prime Minister,

Now that I am once more back in London, may I thank you most warmly for your hospitality during my visit to Luxembourg. It was a very cheering occasion, both for the warmth of the welcome we received and for the very substantial areas of agreement between us which we identified in our discussion. There are clearly going to be some difficult debates in the European Community in the months ahead. But I think we share an appreciation of unsatisfactory implications of some of the proposals which have been made. I hope that we can work together to see that the Community reaches sensible conclusions which genuinely widen opportunities for business and the financial institutions, rather than impose new constraints.

I should like in particular to thank you for the delightful lunch at Echternach and for the immense trouble which was taken over the practical arrangements for my visit. May I ask you to pass on my great appreciation to all concerned. And, of course, the beautifully bound Book of Hours is something to treasure, and remind me of my visit both to Luxembourg itself and to Echternach.

I do hope that you are fully recovered from your 'flu.

With warm regards.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher
on

Monsieur Jacques Santer



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10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON SW1A 2AA

THE PRIME MINISTER

26 September 1988

Dear Monsieur Poos,

May I thank you very much indeed for your kind hospitality during my visit to Luxembourg. I greatly appreciated the opportunity to pay an official visit and to have a longer talk than we normally have time for at European Councils. There are many issues on which we are close, and I hope that we can build on the understanding reached during my visit to work for practical progress on the Single Market and in particular on financial issues in the European Community. I particularly enjoyed the discussion with members of the banking community and am most grateful to you for organising and chairing that.

May I ask you to pass on my gratitude to all in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs who helped make the excellent arrangements for my visit, which I very much appreciated.

With warm good wishes.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Dalrymple

Monsieur Jacques Poos

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THE PRIME MINISTER

26 September 1988

Dear Senor Villapalos Salas,

I very much enjoyed my visit to the Complutense University and the opportunity for a talk with you and your colleagues. I was very encouraged to hear of the links which are being developed with universities in Britain and hope that these will steadily increase. I am sure it will benefit both countries. May I add a particular word of gratitude for your kindness in making it possible for us to hold the CADCAM exhibition at the University.

I should also be grateful if you could convey my gratitude to your colleagues Professor Calleja, Senor Iturmendi and Professor Alario for their contribution to a most enjoyable and interesting visit.

I take the opportunity to send my best wishes to the University and to you personally.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Dalrymple

Excmo Senor D. Gustavo Villapalos Salas

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10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON SW1A 2AA

THE PRIME MINISTER

26 September 1988

Dear President,

Thank you very much for receiving me so kindly at the Congress during my visit to Spain and for showing me the impressive Chamber. I very much enjoyed the subsequent discussion with the representatives of the various parties, and hope it will have contributed to a better understanding between our two countries.

It was a particular pleasure to renew our acquaintance following your visit to Britain, which is remembered very well.

With warm good wishes,

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

Excmo Senor D. Felix Pons Irazazabal

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

26 September 1988

Dear Colonel Bruck.

Thank you very much for the help you and members of the Army provided for my visit to Luxembourg. It enabled me to make the most of a short stay, which I enjoyed tremendously. May I ask you to pass on my appreciation to all concerned.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Colonel Armand Bruck

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From the Private Secretary

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With best wishes.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Shaliter

Colonel Armand Bruck



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THE PRIME MINISTER

26 September 1988

Dear Senor Perez Sánchez,

I am most grateful to you for your kindness in showing me round the great treasures of the Prado and for the fascinating explanations you were able to add. The visit was far too short but even so was a wonderful climax to my visit to Spain - and an encouragement to return.

I am very grateful also to Senora Dna Manuela Mena for the excellent arrangements she made and for letting us benefit from her superb knowledge of the paintings and their history.

With warm good wishes,

Yours sincerely

Raymond Dalrymple

Excmo Senor D. Alfonso Pérez Sánchez

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THE PRIME MINISTER

Dear Ambassador *Sorry - could you*
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Thank you so much for your marvellous hospitality during my visit to Madrid. You made us very comfortable and welcome and we thoroughly enjoyed our stay. Please also thank your staff for all the work which they put into the preparations for the visit. I thought they were one of the very best - and best-led - teams I have encountered on my travels.

I hope the visit will have some useful results. It was never realistic to expect any progress on the substance of the Gibraltar issue, but if we have put ourselves on more or less the same footing in Spain as the French and Germans and Italians and shown that there can be a solid relationship despite Gibraltar, then that will be worthwhile. And of course the trade is very important.

Denis joins me in sending our thanks to both of you for all your kindness and help - and best wishes for the success of The Queen's visit.

His Excellency The Lord Gordon Lennox, K.C.M.G., L.V.O.



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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

26 September 1988

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Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency The Lord Gordon Lennox, K.C.M.G., L.V.O.

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THE PRIME MINISTER **PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE**
SERIAL No. T 146/88

26 September 1988

Dear Prime Minister,

I am writing immediately on my return to Britain to thank you most warmly for your hospitality during my visit to Spain. The fact of a visit by a British Prime Minister was, as we both recognised, historic. The advances made in Spain under your leadership are quite remarkable. But it was your own special kindness and courtesy which made the visit such a pleasure. I am particularly grateful to you for devoting so much time to our talks, making it possible to cover a great deal of ground and explore the problems very thoroughly. There are differences: but there is also very much in common, and I believe that the visit has given a clear signal of our desire to put the relations between Britain and Spain on a much sounder footing.

May I say a particular word of appreciation for the most enjoyable dinner which you and your wife gave in our honour and for the very fine example of modern Spanish art with which you presented us. I was intrigued to see the original painting which provided the inspiration for it during my subsequent visit to the Prado.

I hope it may be possible for you to pass on an expression of my gratitude to all the very many people who contributed to the excellent arrangements made for me, in particular Senor Nicolás Martínez Fresno and Senor Arturo Laclaustra Beltrán.

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*Belgium, Luxembourg and Spain
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10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON SW1A 2AA

THE PRIME MINISTER

26 September 1988

Dear Foreign Minister,

May I thank you most warmly for your kindness and consideration during my visit to Spain. It is particularly valuable to be able to have a separate talk with you - and of course to be able to continue over dinner.

I should also be grateful if you would convey my great appreciation to all those in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs who contributed to the arrangements for my visit.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

Senor D. Francisco-José Fernández Ordoñez

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We look forward very much to seeing you and your wife in Britain. Meanwhile my husband joins me in sending you both our warm regards.

Yours sincerely

Rayant Khatib

Excmo Senor D. Felipe González Márquez



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THE PRIME MINISTER

26 September 1988

Dear Ambassador

Thank you very much for all the work you and your staff put in to my visit to Luxembourg. I found it very well worthwhile and was encouraged to find how practical a view Luxembourg Ministers take of some of the current controversies in the European Community. I think it was useful to have covered the ground on the Single Market so fully in our talks, and I hope we shall be able to count on the Luxembourgers to stand with us on those issues, despite the contrary pressures to which I am sure they will be exposed.

I should be grateful if you would pass on my appreciation to all the members of your staff who helped make the arrangements for the visit. They did an excellent job.

With best wishes to you and your husband,

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

Her Excellency Mrs. J. Campbell

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10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON SW1A 2AA

THE PRIME MINISTER

26 September 1988

Dear Colonel Bourg.

May I thank you most warmly for the excellent security arrangements made for my visit to Luxembourg. I am afraid they must have placed a heavy burden on you and your colleagues, but am most grateful for all the trouble which was taken.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Stalteri

Lieutenant Colonel Charles Bourg

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cc: Ho.

10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON SW1A 2AA

THE PRIME MINISTER

26 September 1988

Dear Monsieur Reuter,

Thank you for the excellent arrangements made for my visit to Luxembourg. I know what a great deal of work is involved and am most grateful to all those who contributed to making my short stay such a happy and worthwhile one.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Dalrymple

Monsieur Jacques Reuter

Reuter



10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON SW1A 2AA

THE PRIME MINISTER

26 September 1988

Dear Monsieur Walin,

I was delighted to be able to pay a visit to the Abbey of Echternach and am most grateful to you for making that possible. It is a great monument as well as a place of beauty and prayer - and the historical association through Saint Willibrord with our own country made the occasion all the more an experience.

I am most grateful for your courtesy and hospitality and send you my best wishes.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Walker

Monsieur l'Abbe Theo Walin

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10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON SW1A 2AA

THE PRIME MINISTER

26 September 1988

Jean Bonsein Dupont

I am most grateful to you and your colleagues for enabling me to see the Astra ground station during my visit to Luxembourg, and for the very lucid explanation of the work being done there. I was heartened to find Britain and Luxembourg working together on this impressive project and wish it every success.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Thatcher

Maitre Jean Dupont

EC

King of Spain



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cc FWO

10 DOWNING STREET

LONDON SW1A 2AA

THE PRIME MINISTER

25th September 1988.

Sir,

It was a great honour and a delight to pay an official visit to Spain and to receive such a warm welcome.

The lunch which you, Sir, so kindly gave was a particular pleasure and I wish we could have had longer to talk about the current issues of our time. The question of Gibraltar did not dominate the visit although of course we discussed it in some detail. I was glad to have made the speech at Bruges before I came so that my viewpoint on European matters was clearly set out.

The visits which Your Majesty and The Queen made to the United Kingdom are from

Still remembered here as outstandingly
successful and involved an affection and
admiration rarely seen on these occasions.

I know that The Queen is very much
looking forward to Her own visit to Spain
next month. It will be of the highest-
importance and significance in our bilateral
relations. I am sure it will be a tremendous
success.

My husband joins me in thanking
you once again Sir for your great
kindness and hospitality.

I remain, Sir,

Your faithful and devoted servant

Nayana Thakur

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PRIME MINISTER

I think you ought to write in your own hand to the King of Spain. I attach some paper. I suggest something on the following lines:

"Sir,

It was a very great honour to have paid the first ever visit to Spain by a British Prime Minister, and the warmth of the welcome we received made a very great impression. The lunch which you, Sir, so kindly gave for us was a particular pleasure and I was most grateful for the opportunity to hear your views on many current issues.

The visits which you and The Queen made to the United Kingdom are still remembered here as outstandingly successful and reflect the tremendous affection and respect in which you are held in Britain. I know that Her Majesty is very much looking forward to Her own visit to Spain next month, which will be of highest importance and significance in our relations. I am sure it will be a great success.

My husband joins me in thanking you once again, Sir, for your great kindness and hospitality.

I remain,

Sir,

Your faithful and devoted servant"

Charles Powell

24 September 1988

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BRITISH EMBASSY,
BRUSSELS.

FROM THE AMBASSADOR

22 September 1988

C D Powell Esq
No. 10 Downing Street
London SW1A 2AA

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Dear Charles,

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Lydwine and I are most grateful for the splendid photograph and kind inscription which the Prime Minister left as a memento of her visit to 17 rue Ducale, which we much enjoyed. I hope you will all come again, even if you may find Belgian politicians less than irresistibly attractive.

You may like to know that when I spoke briefly to King Baudouin after the Royal Air Force Association window presentation ceremony on Wednesday morning, he made a special point of telling me how much he had appreciated the fact that the Prime Minister had made time to call on him. He had greatly enjoyed the conversation with a "most able and effective statesman" who was "subtle minded" as well as of firm convictions.

Yours

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Peter Petrie

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SUGGESTED THANK-YOU LETTERS FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

✓ Rector J Lukaszewski
Rector of the College of Europe
College of Europe
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8000 Bruges

✓ Sir P C Petrie CMG
Ambassador
British Embassy
Brussels

Lady Petrie



PS/Prime Minister (3 copies)

THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO MADRID: OFFICIAL DINNER

1. Our programme note no. 7 (further copy attached) listed the guests at tonight's dinner who will be on the same table as the Prime Minister and Mr Thatcher, and one or two others of special interest.

2. We now have the full list from the Office of the President of the Government:

- Mr & Mrs Felipe González
- Mr & Mrs Francisco Fernández Ordóñez
- Mr & Mrs Joaquin Almunia, Minister for Public Administration and for the Civil Service, effectively Minister for the Regions.
- Rosa Conde, Government spokesman.
- The Spanish Ambassador and Mrs Puig de la Bellacasa.
- Mr & Mrs Pedro Solbes, State Secretary for EC Affairs.
- Mr & Mrs Apolonio Ruiz Ligeró, newly appointed State Secretary for Trade.
- Professor and Mrs Juan Manuel Rojo, State Secretary for University Education and Research who will have been with you at the visit to the University.
- Mr & Mrs Roberto Dorado, Cabinet Secretary.
- Mr & Mrs Fernando Perpiña-Robert, Political Director
- Mr Manuel Olivencia, Spain's Commissioner General for Expo '92.
- Mr Alvaro Espina, Secretary General for Employment.
- Mr & Mrs Juan Antonio Yáñez, Director for International Affairs in the President's Office.
- Mr Nicolás Martínez Fresno, Head of Government Protocol.
- Mr Fermín Zelada, Director General for European Affairs in the Foreign Ministry (who was at the airport with the Foreign Minister on your arrival).

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- Mr Juan Pablo Fusi, Director of the National Library, Historian, Biographer of Franco and former fellow of St Anthony's College, Oxford.
- Mr Abel Caballero, MP of the Socialist Party and former Minister of Transport.
- Mr Gonzalo Robles, MP for Alianza Popular and FCO scholar in Oxford this summer.
- Mr Luis Mardones, MP from the Canary Islands.
- Mr Julio Feo, former Head of the President's Office, now in the Private Sector.
- Mr Alberto Oliart, co-Chairman (with Hugh Thomas) of the Anglo-Spanish Conference; former Defence Minister.
- Mr José Angel Sánchez Asiain, President of the Bank of Bilbao.
- Mr Jaime Carvajal, President of Ford España.
- Mr Pedro Toledo, President of the Bank of Vizcaya.
- Mr Juan Luis Cebrián, Editor of Spain's main newspaper "El País".
- Mr Joan Tapia, Editor of the Barcelona-based newspaper "La Vanguardia".
- Miss Nuria Espert, actress who performed in a Lorca play in London in 1987.
- Mr Gonzalo Torrente Ballester, writer.
- Mr José Carreras, tenor, who recently underwent treatment for leukaemia.

22 September 1988.

cc:	Mr Ingham	Minister
	Mr Gray	Mrs Walker
	Miss Charman	CC
	Mrs Crawford	Mrs Christopher
	HMA	Mr Butler-Madden
	Lady Nicholas	IO

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Miss Davis - or

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO MADRID:
"THANK YOU" LETTERS

1. We suggest that the Prime Minister writes five thank you letters, to the following:-

- ① (1) Excmo Sr D Felipe González Márquez,
Presidente del Gobierno,
Presidencia del Gobierno,
Palacio de la Moncloa,
Madrid.

(for inviting her to Spain and the official dinner;
it would be nice if she could mention the names
of Sr Nicolás Martínez Fresno and
Sr Arturo Laclaustra Beltrán, who have both
put a great deal of work into the visit).

- King of Spain
(2) Su Majestad D Juan Carlos I de Borbon y Borbon
Palacio de Zarzuela
Madrid.
(for lunch).

- ② (3) Excmo Sr D Felix Pons Irazazabal,
Presidente del Congreso de los Diputados,
Congreso de los Diputados,
Floridablanca, s/n,
Madrid.
(for the visit to Congress).

- ③ (4) Excmo Sr D Gustavo Villapalos Salas,
Rector de la Universidad Complutense de Madrid,
Ciudad de la Universidad,
Madrid.

(for the visit to the University: it would be
very nice if the Prime Minister's letter could
mention the names of the three people who have
organised her visit, that is:

Professor Guillermo Calleja, the Deputy Rector for
International Relations,

Sr José Iturmendi, The Dean of the Law Faculty, and

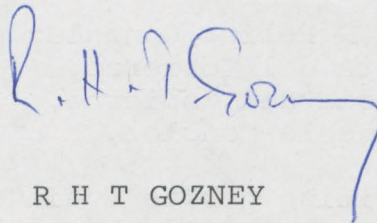
Professor Miguel Alario, Dean of the Chemistry Faculty).

- ④ (5) Excmo Sr D Alfonso Pérez Sánchez,
Director del Museo Nacional del Prado,
Paseo del Prado,
Madrid.

(for the visit to the Prado Museum: it would be
nice if she could mention Sra Dña Manuela Mena,
Sr Pérez's deputy, who took charge of the arrangements).

2. We also suggest that Mr Powell might write to
Ilmo Sr D Juan Antonio Yáñez Barneuvo García,
Director Internacional, Presidencia del Gobierno,
Palacio de la Moncloa, Madrid.

3. The Ambassador plans to write to the Head of
Sr González's Security.



R H T GOZNEY

21 September 1988

cc: HMA)
IO) f.i.
AAO)

Major Pearson

CDP

Miss Parkin

Mr Kerr

PROPOSED LIST OF THANK YOU LETTERS FROM PRIME MINISTER

✓ Monsieur le Président du Gouvernement et Ministre d'Etat
Jacques SANTER

✓ Monsieur le Vice-Président du Gouvernement et
Ministre des Affaires Etrangères Jacques POOS

✓ Maître Jean Dupont, Président de la Société Européenne des
Satellites

From Private Secretary

✓ Monsieur Jacques REUTER, Chef du Protocole
Ministère des Affaires Etrangères

✓ Lt Col Charles BOURG, Directeur des Opérations,
Gendarmerie Grand-Ducale

✓ Col Armand BRUCK, Commandant de l'Armée

Monsieur Georges CALTEUX, Directeur des Sites et Monuments

✓ Monsieur l'Abbe Theo WALIN, Curé Doyen à Echternach

From Mr Thatcher

Monsieur Edouard THEIN, General Manager,
Morganite Luxembourg SA

From Mr Bernard Ingham

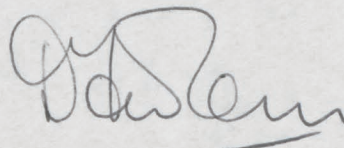
Monsieur André CLAUDE, Conseiller de Gouvernement,
Service Information et Presse

From HM Ambassador

Capitaine Pierre REULAND, Gendarmerie Grand-Ducale

Monsieur GALLÉ, Colux

Monsieur Yves SPAUTZ, Deputé Adjoint du Protocole,
Ministère des Affaires Etrangères



D F G Farr

20 September 1988



AMBASSADE DE BELGIQUE

London, the 20th of September 1988

Dear Prime Minister,

I am very much distressed not to be with you in Bruges, nor even, indeed, in Heathrow to see you off.

As Charles Powell will have told you, I am, at this very moment, escorting King Baudouin's brother, Prince Albert of Belgium, his wife, Princess Paola, and an official trade delegation in London.

My mind and heart will be with you during your stay in Bruges and Brussels, two continental cities where affection for your country has been unflinching during our long common history.

May I assure you of the fact that if my compatriots' vision on the future of Europe may differ from the one prevalent in this country, this in no way detracts from their warm feelings to your country.

Our governments have fought for British entry into the Community knowing full well the differences in national sensitivities and the difference of our respective vantage points.

You will speak this evening and tonight to true friends.

Yours sincerely,

J.-P. van Bellinghen
Ambassador

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



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

20 September 1988

Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's visit to Spain

I enclose a complete set of programme notes for the Prime Minister's visit to Spain, copies of which have also been sent directly to Paul Gray by fax from Madrid. A guest list for the Ambassador's lunch is included.

How ever,

L Parker

(L Parker)
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
PS/No 10 Downing Street

attachment
was flashed
across this am -
the letter is just
for the record.



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

19 September 1988

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Dear Charles

Prime Minister's visit to Belgium,
Luxembourg and Madrid

I enclose detailed programme notes for the Prime Minister's visit to Luxembourg, a guest list for the lunch at Echternach and a list of participants for the financial seminar in Luxembourg.

I forwarded programme notes for the visit to Belgium under cover of my letter of 15 September, and will send those for Spain tomorrow morning.

Yours ever

Bosher

(R N Peirce)
Private Secretary

programme notes filed
on briefing file.

C D Powell Esq
PS/No 10 Downing Street

CCPC



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

19 September 1988

Dear Charles

Prime Minister's visit to Spain

Thank you for your letter of 16 September confirming that you are content with Mr Thatcher's programme in Madrid. I understand that Mr Thatcher will not now undertake a programme in Belgium. I therefore enclose background notes for the visits on Mr Thatcher's separate programme in Luxembourg and Madrid only. I also enclose a combined programme for his visit to Belgium, Luxembourg and Spain.

Yours ever

Bob Peirce

(R N Peirce)
Private Secretary

*background notes filed
on briefing file.*

C D Powell Esq
PS/No 10 Downing Street

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*cc limited
cf DC*

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TELNO 317
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FOR MISS DAVIS, CONFERENCE SECTION

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: CAR TELEPHONE NUMBERS

PRIME MINISTER CAR 1 - 017 270 640
AMBASSADOR

MR POWELL CAR 2 - 017 250 280 (OSTEND-BRUGES)

 CAR 3 - 017 250 180 (BRUGES-LAEKEN)

SIR D HANNAY CAR 4 - 017 250 170

MISS CHARMAN CAR 7 - 017 431 910

IN ADDITION, THE MOBILE PHONE WILL BE AVAILABLE IN CAR 5 ON THE JOURNEY BRUGES-LAEKEN AND LAEKEN-RESIDENCE. THIS NUMBER IS: 017 360 940.

TO DIAL ANY OF THE ABOVE NUMBERS FROM THE UK, DIAL:
010 32 17 PLUS NUMBER

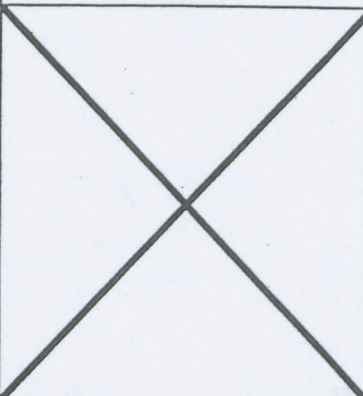
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FOR MISS DAVIS, CONFERENCE SECTION

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: IDD TELEPHONE NUMBERS IN AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE.

1. THE FOLLOWING IDD TELEPHONE NUMBERS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED AT THE RESIDENCE:

MR POWELL'S ROOM - 512 4864
PRIVATE OFFICE - 512 9797/512 6322

TO DIAL FROM THE UK, DIAL: 010 32 2 PLUS NUMBER.

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ESSD	7
PROTOCOL	7
SED	7
PLANNERS	3
PS	7
PS/MRS CHALKER	1
SIR J FRETWELL	1
MR RATFORD	2
MR KERR	1
MR HERVEY	1
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10 DOWNING STREET
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16?
17 Sep.

Dear Charles

Sorry to trouble you.

Ref. "Admin Arrange-
ments for the Visit to
Belgium etc" para 21 (b)
on p. 7.

In 9 years and count-
less trips I have NEVER
taken any 'Subsistence'
and do NOT re-call

TOP HOUSE STREET
1881-1882

Being any reference
to Subsistence in res-
pect of myself in
previous Admin Memo-
randa.

If the Press get hold
of this use will get
unfavourable comment
or Questions in the House

Please ask Miss
B.D. Davis NOT to

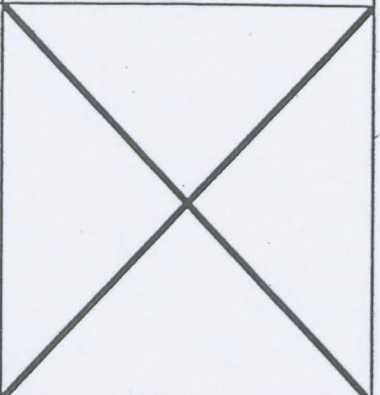
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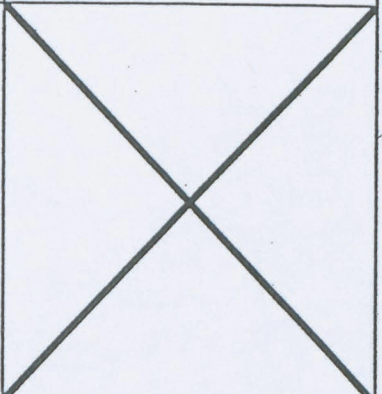
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From the Private Secretary

16 September 1988

PRIME MINISTER'S VISITS OVERSEAS

Mr. Thatcher has noted that in the note of Administrative Arrangements for the visit to Belgium etc (para 21 on page 7) there is a reference to his subsistence. He pointed out that he has never taken any subsistence in nine years of overseas trips and does not recall the question of subsistence for him having been mentioned in earlier Administration Arrangements (I am not sure he is absolutely right on this point). He thinks it would be extremely damaging if there was any suggestion in the press that he did take subsistence.

I should be grateful if you could ask Protocol and Conference Department to ensure that in future there is no reference in these documents to subsistence for Mr. Thatcher.

(C. D. POWELL)

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

DFC



10 DOWNING STREET

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From the Private Secretary

16 September 1988

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO BELGIUM: MR. THATCHER

Mr. Thatcher now has to attend a private funeral on the afternoon of Tuesday 20 September and will not be able to travel with the Prime Minister on the VC10 to Ostend that afternoon. Instead he will take a commercial flight, BA 388, arriving in Brussels at 2200 hours. This means that he will not attend the speech in Bruges or the dinner which was being organised for him in Brussels. I have already warned our Ambassador of this and the necessary administration arrangements are in hand. This letter is simply for the sake of good order and discipline!

(C. D. POWELL)

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

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CHARLES POWELL

The Flight Mr Thatcher will take
on Tuesday next 20 September is:

DEP. Heathrow	2000	BA 388
ARR. Brussels	2200	

Patricia is arranging a car to
meet him in Brussels.

Joy

JOY ROBILLIARD

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From the Private Secretary

16 September, 1988.

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO SPAIN

Thank you for your letter of 14 September about Mr. Thatcher's programme in Madrid. He is well content with this.

(C.D. Powell)

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

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Mr. Powell

1. This is fine

2. I am NOT concerned
with "Security"; I AM

concerned that I

have a good "Team
leader"

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG AND SPAIN,
20-23 SEPTEMBER 1988

I am writing to confirm details of the Prime Minister's forthcoming visit to Belgium, Luxembourg and Spain.

The Party will leave London on the 20 September arriving in Belgium that afternoon. Daytime accommodation will be available in the Bruges Belfrey and overnight accommodation will be in the Ambassador's Residence. No 10 Private Offices will be set up in both places.

They will depart for Luxembourg on the morning of 21 September where daytime accommodation will be available in the Ambassador's Residence and where the Private Office will be set up.

They will then move on to MADRID that evening where overnight accommodation will again be in the Ambassador's Residence and where the Private Office will again be set up.

They will return to London on the evening of 23 September.

BRAHMs secure speech equipment will be available for use at Brussels, Luxembourg and Madrid and will be installed on demand. Secure facsimile will also be available at these three places but

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may only be used for material up to Secret. These communications are additional to those which would normally be available at the relevant Embassy. There will not be any secure telegraph communications available for these short duration flights.

The Party will include two Duty Clerks, Mr D Kerr and Miss P Parkin, and two Garden Room Girls, Mrs L Outred Rhodes and Mrs D Scola. They are all Gamma briefed, cleared for access to Category III material and will man the Private Offices where they are being set up. The two Duty Clerks will act as COMSOs during working hours and Mr C D Powell, the Private Secretary, during silent hours.

As usual, intelligence material relating to the visit will be selected by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, while threat related intelligence material should be sent to us for passing to 10 Downing Street, who will decide whether it should be forwarded. Any Comint 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. They will also carry out regular safehand runs during the day between the Embassy Communications Centres and the No 10 Private Offices.

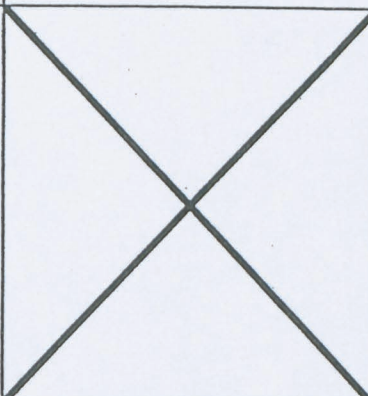
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From the Private Secretary

15 September 1988

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO SPAIN

I have seen Madrid telegram number 726 on the request from the Leader of the Christian Democrat Party to call on the Prime Minister. I agree that we should turn down this and other requests on the grounds that the Prime Minister will be meeting representatives of all parties during her visit to the Congress. The Embassy might wish to consider, however, whether there is any way of including Senor Ruperez and Senor Suarez - whom the Prime Minister knows - in a lunch or reception, for instance the Ambassador's lunch on the second day; so that the Prime Minister has a chance to talk to them. But I realise this may not be possible.

C. D. POWELL

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

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Joy

Would you please
establish that
Mr. Thatcher is
content with these
engagements.

C.D.P.
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15 September 1988

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG AND SPAIN:
20-23 SEPTEMBER 1988

Reference: 2G/3151 dated 17 August 1988.

1. This revised note describes the communications arrangements for the subject visit, they are additional to those communications which would normally be available at the relevant Embassy.

VC10 COMMUNICATIONS

2. Secure communications are not being installed for these short duration flights.

TELEPHONES

3. International Direct Dial (IDD) telephones will be installed in the temporary Private Offices - set up at each location - as follows:

BRUGES	- 1 x IDD telephone
BRUSSELS	- 2 x IDD telephones
LUXEMBOURG	- 2 x IDD telephones
MADRID	- 2 x IDD telephones
	- 1 x Private Wire

In both Brussels and Madrid an additional IDD telephone will be installed in the bedroom allocated to Mr C Powell.

CELLULAR RADIO TELEPHONES

4. Cellular telephones will be available for use by the Private Office at the following locations: Brussels, Luxembourg and Madrid.

BRAHMS SECURE SPEECH

5. This will be available for installation, at Brussels, Luxembourg and Madrid.

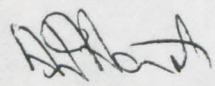
SECURE FACSIMILE

6. This will be available at Brussels, Luxembourg and Madrid. In view of the very short stay in Bruges the secure facsimile will not be installed. The system may be used for material up to and including Confidential, with occasional use of Secret.

WORD PROCESSORS

7. Two portable WPs, complete with printers will be provided for use in the Private Offices.

8. Annex A is provided as a summary and quick reference of the communications that will be available during the subject visit.



A J HART
Telecommunications Secretariat

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Annex A to 2G/3151
dated 15 September 1988

COMMUNICATIONS SUMMARY

1. AIRBORNE COMMUNICATIONS

Secure communications will not be installed in the aircraft for this visit.

2. GROUND COMMUNICATIONS

Transport	Date/Time (See Notes)		Location	Facilities
	ARR	DEP		
	<u>20 SEPTEMBER</u>			
AIR	- 1620	1425	LHR OSTEND	
CAR	1655	1825	BRUGES	1 X IDD
AIR	- 1755	1720 -	OSTEND BRUSSELS	3 X IDD, BRAHMS AND SECURE FAX CELLULAR RADIO
	<u>21 SEPTEMBER</u>			
AIR	- 0920	0830 1830	BRUSSELS LUXEMBOURG	2 X IDD, BRAHMS AND SECURE FAX CELLULAR RADIO
AIR	2035	-	MADRID	3 X IDD, BRAHMS AND SECURE FAX 1 X PW CELLULAR RADIO
	<u>23 SEPTEMBER</u>			
AIR	- 2145	2045 -	MADRID LHR	

- NOTES: 1. Times stated are local and are to be confirmed.
2. Zulu time = UK local minus 1 hour
Zulu time = European local minus 2 hours

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cc PK



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

14 September 1988

Dear Charles

Prime Minister's Visit to Spain

Thank you for your letter of 12 September with your comments on the Prime Minister's programme. We are asking the Embassy to make the arrangements you suggested.

I now enclose the latest programme for Mr Thatcher (Madrid telno 710), and would welcome your views on this also. We have already asked Madrid to consider your earlier suggestion that Mr Thatcher need not join the Prime Minister for the walkabout from the Congress.

Tolson

R N Peirce

(R N Peirce)
Private Secretary

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO SPAIN 21-23 SEPTEMBER

SUMMARY

1. THE LEADER OF A SPANISH OPPOSITION PARTY (THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS) HAS WRITTEN TO ME TO ASK IF HE MAY CALL ON THE PRIME MINISTER WHILE SHE IS IN MADRID. REQUESTS FROM THE LEADERS OF OTHER PARTIES (THERE ARE SEVERAL) MAY FOLLOW IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. I SUGGEST THAT THESE REQUESTS BE TURNED DOWN, ON THE GROUNDS THAT SHE WILL BE MEETING REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL PARTIES DURING HER VISIT TO THE CONGRESS, AND THAT THE CALL ON HER BY HERNANDEZ MANCHA OF ALIANZA POPULAR (AP), WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN ARRANGED, IS A SPECIAL CASE AS AP HAS INTERNATIONAL LINKS WITH THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY.

DETAIL

2. JAVIER RUPEREZ LEADS THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY, FORMERLY THE POPULAR DEMOCRATIC PARTY. THE PARTY IS THIRD EQUAL IN TERMS OF SIZE OF REPRESENTATION IN CONGRESS:

SOCIALIST PARTY (FELIPE GONZALEZ)	184 MPS
POPULAR ALLIANCE (ANTONIO HERNANDEZ MANCHA)	67 MPS
CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (JAVIER RUPEREZ)	21 MPS
DEMOCRATIC AND SOCIAL CENTRE (ADOLFO SUAREZ) PARTY	21 MPS
CATALAN GROUP (JORDI PUJOL)	19 MPS
LIBERAL PARTY (ANTONIO SEGURADO)	9 MPS
UNITED LEFT (JULIO ANGUIITA)	7 MPS
BASQUE GROUP (XAVIER ARZALLUS)	4 MPS
MIXED GROUP	13 MPS

3. JAVIER RUPEREZ IS THE SECOND LEADER OF AN OPPOSITION PARTY TO

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ASK FOR A CALL ON THE PRIME MINISTER DURING HER VISIT, A CALL BY HERNANDEZ MANCHA HAVING BEEN REQUESTED AND AGREED SOME TIME AGO. RUPEREZ'S PARTY WON THEIR 21 SEATS AT THE LAST GENERAL ELECTION WHEN THEY FORMED A COALITION WITH ALIANZA POPULAR AND THE LIBERAL PARTY. THE COALITION HAS SINCE BROKEN UP AND IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT THEY WILL WIN AS MANY SEATS AGAIN IF THEY STAND ALONE AT THE NEXT ELECTION. RUPEREZ IS A HIGHLY INTELLIGENT AND ARTICULATE POLITICIAN, WHO WAS SPAIN'S FIRST AMBASSADOR TO NATO AND WHO SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH.

4. A CALL ON THE PRIME MINISTER OF, SAY, 15 MINUTES COULD BE FITTED IN BEFORE LUNCH ON 22 SEPTEMBER OR ON THE EVENING OF 22 SEPTEMBER BETWEEN THE RETURN TO THE RESIDENCE FROM THE WALKABOUT AND DEPARTURE FOR THE OFFICIAL DINNER AT THE MONCLOA. BUT WHILE THE PRIME MINISTER MIGHT FIND RUPEREZ WORTH TALKING TO, I RECOMMEND AGAINST/AGAINST ACCEPTING HIS REQUEST BECAUSE ACCEPTANCE WOULD VERY LIKELY LEAD TO REQUESTS FROM ADOLFO SUAREZ (TO WHOSE PARTY CONGRESS IN MADRID MRS THATCHER CAME IN 1978), SEGURADO (A MEDIOCRE POLITICIAN): AND PERHAPS ALSO PUJOL OF THE CATALAN PARTY (WHOS WAS VERY DISAPOINTED NOT TO CALL ON THE PRIME MINISTER DURING HIS CATEGORY I SPONSORED VISIT TO BRITAIN IN 1987) AND ARZALLUS OF THE BASQUES. AT PRESENT WE COULD REFUSE REQUESTS FROM ANY OR ALL OF THESE PARTY LEADERS ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAS A TIGHT PROGRAMME IN MADRID AND THAT THE CALL BY HERNANDEZ MANCHA, LEADER OF THE LARGEST OPPOSITION PARTY WHICH IS THE SISTER PARTY OF THE CONSERVATIVES, (BOTH PARTIES IN THE EUROPEAN DEMOCRATIC GROUP IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND BOTH MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN DEMOCRATIC UNION HAS LONG BEEN ARRANGED AND IS A SPECIAL CASE. WE CAN ALSO POINT TO THE MEETING PRESIDED OVER BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONGRESS AT WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER WILL MEET THE PARLIAMENTARY SPOKESMEN OF ALL THE PARTIES REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 2 ABOVE.

4. GRATEFUL FOR A RESPONSE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

5. PLEASE ADVANCE TO POWELL, NO 10.

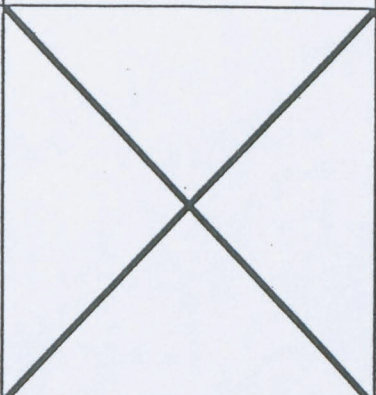
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PRIME MINISTER

I attach a copy of your programme for Belgium, Luxembourg and Spain. Paul will be doing your hair on Tuesday morning before you leave, but you will probably want to have a comb-out while you are abroad. I would suggest that Thursday morning would be the best time. Content for me to arrange this?

Tessa

Yes

TESSA GAISMAN

13 September 1988

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From the Private Secretary

13 September 1988

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO SPAIN

I have now been able to consult the Prime Minister about the question of a possible visit to the Aquascutum shop while she is in Madrid taking account of the advice from our Embassy. She has agreed that we should not pursue this proposal.

Charles Powell

Bob Peirce Esq
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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cc PE

12 September 1988

Charles Powell Esq
No 10 Downing Street

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Dear Charles,

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Many thanks for your letter of 11 August about the possibility of involving Tristan Garel-Jones in the Prime Minister's programme in Madrid.

Tristan has been in Madrid again recently and I talked to him a couple of times. We agreed that it was not worth his while coming out specially for the one or two social or semi-social events which we will be organising during the Prime Minister's visit. However it is possible that he will be here in any case that week, in which case I may involve him in one or two events such as the opening of the Consulate General and my lunch for the Prime Minister, both Friday 23 September.

looking forward to seeing you,
Yours truly,
Neil

Lord N Gordon Lennox



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From the Private Secretary

12 September 1988

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO LUXEMBOURG

Lyn Parker wrote to me on 9 September about Mr. Thatcher's programme in Luxembourg. The revised arrangements are acceptable. I think that Mr. Thatcher will wish to be present for the Prime Minister's press conference (he normally sits off to one side).

C. D. POWELL

R. N. Pierce, Esq.,
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PRIME MINISTER

VISIT TO SPAIN

We have looked into the possibility of your visiting the Aquascutum shop during your visit to Madrid. Before reaching a decision, you may like to take account of the following. The Aquascutum shop is a very small boutique within the main, and very large, branch of a chain store. With the exception of raincoats and overcoats, all the Aquascutum goods are manufactured in Spain by an Italian company under licence.

Given the small scale of the venture and the fact that most of the goods are not British made, the Embassy would not themselves recommend a visit. But if you would nonetheless like to go, they will do their best to arrange it.

Would you wish to pursue this?

CDP

As it is not in its
own shop - I think we will not
go - the chain store would
get more publicity than Aquascutum
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From the Private Secretary

12 September 1988

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO SPAIN

I have seen Madrid telegram 696 and 697 about the Prime Minister's programme in Madrid. You may find it helpful to have some comments.

I am in general content with the proposals set out in Madrid telegram 696. My main worry is about the visit to the University. According to the reconnaissance team, the University itself is not an attractive site, and the proposed discussion with faculty members is likely to be stilted and rather boring. In the light of this, I would much prefer to reduce the length of the visit to the University from the present ninety minutes to a maximum of one hour, with the focus very much on the opening of the CAD/CAM exhibition. I hope this change can still be managed even at this late stage. The extra time should be used to give the Prime Minister longer back at the Residence before lunch.

On two minor points, I do not think it would be necessary for Mr. Thatcher to interrupt his programme to join the Prime Minister at the Congress for the walkabout; and I will consult the Prime Minister about the Aquascutum shop when she returns from Scotland.

Mr. Gray should be included in all programme events where possible with the exception of the talks with the Spanish Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition. That means he should come to the University, the Congress and the Spanish Government's dinner on the first day, as well as the Consulate-General, the department store and the Prado Museum on the second day. I will go to the Zarzuela Palace for the lunch on the first day, attending the separate lunch with the Head of Protocol.

C. D. POWELL

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9 September 1988

Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's Visit to Luxembourg: 21 September

In his letter of 24 August ^{offtop} Andy Bearpark asked if Mr Thatcher's programme could be altered to allow at least 45 minutes at Morgante Luxembourg SA. I attach a telegram from Luxembourg containing a revised programme on these lines.

We had initially agreed that Mr Thatcher would accompany the Prime Minister to all her afternoon engagements. There have however been some programme changes since then. The Embassy propose that Mr Thatcher attend the visit to Astra and the financial seminar, but we are not sure whether he would wish to be present at the press conference. If not, we suggest that the time is left free.

*Yours ever,
L Parker*

(L Parker)
Private Secretary

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From the Private Secretary

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG AND SPAIN

Lyn Parker wrote to me on 8 September about living and working accommodation during the Prime Minister's visit to Belgium, Luxembourg and Spain. The arrangements are acceptable with the exception of Madrid where Mr. Ingham will need to be closer to the Ambassador's residence, so should presumably be at the Monte Real Hotel.

I agree that the members of the delegation listed in Lyn Parker's letter should be guests of the Spanish Government.

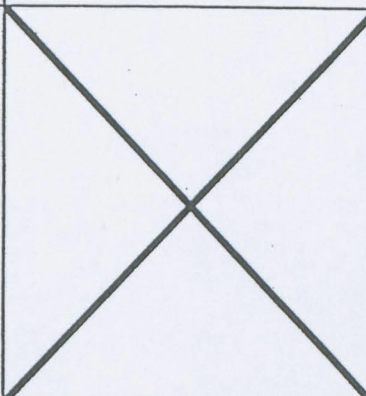
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BARROW'S TELELETTER OF 25 AUGUST : PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO
LUXEMBOURG : PROGRAMME FOR MR THATCHER

1. IN THE LIGHT OF YOUR COMMENTS WE HAVE RECAST MR THATCHER'S
TIMINGS AS FOLLOWS:-

1035 DEPART LUXEMBOURG FOR CAPELLAN.
1050 VISIT MORGANITE LUXEMBOURG SA.
1135 DEPART CAPELLAN FOR LUXEMBOURG.
1150-1245 MEETING AT RESIDENCE WITH BRITISH AND LUXEMBOURG
BUSINESS REPS.

2. THE NEW TIMINGS ARE CLEARLY VERY TIGHT. IT MAY BE POSSIBLE
TO MAKE A SLIGHTLY EARLIER START FOR CAPELLAN AND WE HAVE WARNED
MORGANITE ACCORDINGLY. THE BUSINESS REPS WILL BE ASKED TO ASSEMBLE
AT THE RESIDENCE BY 1145 HOURS AT THE LATEST.

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PRIME MINISTER

cc: Mr. Thatcher

VISIT TO BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG AND SPAIN

You and Mr. Thatcher may wish to have over the weekend the attached copies of the programme for your visit to Belgium, Luxembourg and Spain as it at present stands. Mr. Thatcher's programme is still not in final form. You will also see that we have not yet fixed the visit to Aquascutum in Madrid, but I have asked the Embassy in Madrid to try if at all possible to fit this in.

Charles Powell

8 September 1988

Mr. Thatcher

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG AND SPAIN
20-23 SEPTEMBER 1988

OUTLINE PROGRAMME FOR MR THATCHER

local time

Tuesday 20 September

1415 Depart London Heathrow
 1610 Arrive Ostend Airport
 Photocall
 1625 Depart by car for Bruges
 1655 Arrive Bruges Belfrey
 Met by Prime Minister, Mr Wilfred Martens
 1700 Formal Opening of Academic Year
 1725 Prime Minister addresses College
 1800 Meet British students of the College and
 (briefly) attend reception
 1820 Depart for Brussels by road
 [Separate Programme]
 1930 Arrive Residence to change
 2020 Depart Residence for dinner hosted by
 Lady Petrie
 Guests: Leading British businessmen (8)
 midnight approx Return to Residence
 Overnight at Residence

Wednesday 21 September

0815 Leave for Abellag Airport
 0840 Take off for Luxembourg
 0930 Arrive Luxembourg Airport.
 Met by Prime Minister, Jacques Santer
 [Separate Programme]
 1035 Depart Luxembourg for Capellen
 1050 Visit Morganite
 Luxembourg s.a.
 1135 Return to Residence
 ?1145 Meeting at Residence with representatives of
 Luxembourg Chapter of British Chamber of
 Commerce for Belgium and Luxembourg, British

Businessmen's Club and British business interests
 [Rejoin Prime Minister]
 1245 Leave for Echternach
 1315 Lunch given by M. Santer
 1450 Visit town of Echternach
 1530 Leave for Betzdorf
 1545 Visit SES Installations at Betzdorf (Astra)
 1630 Leave for Chateau de Senningen
 1650 Meet members of Luxembourg financial and banking centre.
 1750 Prime Minister's press conference
 1835 Leave for Luxembourg Airport
 1845 Depart for Madrid
 2050 Arrive Barajas Airport, Madrid.
 Met by Sr. Fernandez Ordonez, Spanish Foreign Minister
 2100 approx Leave airport and drive to Residence
 2115 Arrive Residence
 2135 approx Supper at Residence

Thursday 22 September

[Separate Programme]
 1010 Leave Residence for the factory of BP Solar on the northern outskirts of Madrid
 1030 Arrive BP Solar. This is an impressive and successful factory producing photo-voltaic panels for electricity generation in remote locations
 1145 Depart BP Solar
 [Rejoin Prime Minister]
 1220 Arrive at University of Madrid Law Faculty to meet up with the Prime Minister again
 Met at the Law Faculty by:
The Rector of the University
The Dean of the Law Faculty

Discussion with University lecturers who have been working on collaborative projects with British Universities

- 1245 Leave Law Faculty for University Science area
- 1250 Arrive Science area. Inagurate CAD/CAM, the mobile exhibition of British computer-aided design and manufacturing systems
- 1330 Walk (or, if hot, drive) to the University's Electron Microscopy Centre (300 yards away) for a short visit
- 1350 approx Leave University Science area
- 1415 If Sr Gonzalez and his wife give lunch, it will be for the Prime Minister and you. If the Speaker of the Congress hosts lunch you might find that you could spend your time more profitably by having lunch with representatives of the British business community. This would be hosted by the Commercial Counsellor or Austin Rover (see below)
- Late afternoon You would not be involved in a visit to the Congress or the call by the Spanish Foreign Minister at the Residence. You could, if you wished, make a visit to a British commercial interest at, say, 1800 hours. (It will have to be at this late hour because lunches in Spain tend to go on until about 1700 hours.) One candidate for a late afternoon visit would be the Austin Rover Distribution Centre on the eastern outskirts of Madrid. If you are attracted by this idea, and if you are not being given lunch by Sr Gonzalez and his wife, then we could suggest that Austin Rover host a lunch with you somewhere near their Distribution Centre. Afterwards you could visit their premises and if you have time

call on the small but highly efficient pharmaceutical factory owned by Boots (called Liade) which is nearby.

1900 Return to Residence

1915 Arrive Residence
[Rejoin Prime Minister]

1945 Talk with representatives of the British business community at the Residence

2050 Depart Residence for the Moncloa

2100 Official dinner at the Moncloa (dark suits).
The toasts will be extended to short speeches of a maximum of 10 minutes.

Friday 23 September

1000 Leave Residence

1015 Arrive at New British Consulate General. Met by:
President of the Madrid British Ladies Association
President of the Madrid St. George's Guild
Minister and Consul General

1020 Inaugurate New British Consulate General, Prime Minister unveiling plaque

1030 Short briefing on British consular work in Spain

1040 Meet a few Spaniards who are specially important to our consular work and a further (very small) group of representatives of the British community.
Coffee

1100 Leave Consulate General

1110 Arrive at the main department store of the group "Galerias Preciados", a chain recently bought by Mountleigh. Met by:
Lord Raynor and others from London
Mr. Peter Carr, Director General of Galerias Preciados
Prime Minister will inaugurate the first Marks and Spencer shop in Spain which will be

within the Galerias Preciados store

1135 Leave Galerias Preciados for a walk about in the Calle de Preciados (Preciados Street) a pedestrian precinct which runs from the Galerias Preciados store to the square which is the centre of Madrid (Puerta Del Sol)

1200-1400 ?

1400 Arrive Zarzuela Palace for lunch with the King and Queen of Spain. Sr Felipe Gonzalez and his wife will also be present.

1600 Leave Zarzuela Palace

1610 Arrive Residence

1650 Leave Residence

1700 Arrive Prado Art Museum

1745 approx Return from Prado Art Museum to Residence

1800 Arrive Residence

1900 Reception at the Residence to meet leading Spaniards not included elsewhere in the programme

2015 Leave Residence for airport

2045 Leave Barajas for London

2150 ETA LHR (Southside)

PRIME MINISTER

cc: Mr. Thatcher

VISIT TO BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG AND SPAIN

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C.D.P.

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Charles Powell

8 September 1988

Prime Minister

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG AND SPAIN:
20-23 SEPTEMBER 1988

PROGRAMME

Local Time.

Tuesday 20 September

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- 1610 Arrive Ostend Airport
Photocall
- 1625 Depart by car from Bruges
- 1655 Arrive Bruges Belfrey
Met by Prime Minister Mr. Wilfried Martens
- 1700 Formal opening of Academic Year.
- 1725 Address College
- 1800 Meet British Students of the College and (briefly)
attend reception.
- 1820 Depart for Brussels by road
- 1925 Arrive Laeken Palace, Brussels
- 1930 Meet King Baudouin
- 2000 Leave Laeken Palace for Residence
- 2010 Arrive Residence to change
- 2050 Working Dinner at Residence with Prime Minister
Martens.

Wednesday 21 September 1988

- 0815 Leave for Abelag Airport
- 0840 Take off for Luxembourg
- 0930 Arrive Luxembourg Airport.
Met by Prime Minister, Jacques Santer.
- 0950 Audience with Grand Duc Heritier (Crown Prince Henri).
- 1015 Leave for National Monument of Luxembourg Solidarity.
- 1020 Wreath-laying Ceremony at Monument.
- 1035 Meeting with M. Santer, President of the Government and Minister of State.
- 1120 M. Poos, Vice President of the Government and Minister of Foreign Affairs joins meeting.
- 1215- Meeting with Mme Colette Flesh, President of the
1235 Democratic Party.
- 1245 Leave for Echternach
- 1315 Lunch given by M. Santer
- 1450 Visit town of Echternach
- 1530 Leave for Betzdorf
- 1545 Visit SES Installations at Betzdorf (ASTRA)
- 1630 Leave for Chateau de Senningen
- 1650 Meet members of Luxembourg financial and banking community.

- 1750 Press conference
- 1835 Leave for Luxembourg airport
- 1845 Depart for Madrid
- 2050 Arrive Barajas Airport, Madrid.
Met by Sr. Fernandez Ordonez, Spanish Foreign Minister.
- 2100 Leave airport and drive to Residence
approx
- 2115 Arrive Residence
- 2135 Supper at Residence
approx

Thursday 22 September

- 1010 Leave Residence
- 1015 Official welcome at the Prime Minister's Office
(Moncloa). Military honours and National Anthems.
- 1030 First session of taks with Sr. Felipe Gonzalez
approx.
- 1215 Leave Moncloa Palace
approx
- 1220 Arrive University of Madrid
Discussion with University lecturers who have been
working on collaborative projects with British
Universities.
- 1245 Leave Law Faculty for University Science area
- 1250 Arrive Science area. Inaugurate CADCAM, the exhibition

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of British computer-aided design and manufacturing systems.

1330 Walk (or, if hot, drive) to the University's Electron Microscopy Centre.

1350 Leave University Science area
approx

1415 Lunch with:
Either Sr. Felipe Gonzalez and his wife at a restaurant; or
the Speaker of the Congress, Sr. Felix Pons, at Congress.

1615 Return to Residence
approx

1700 Possible call by the Spanish Foreign Minister, at the Residence.

1730 Leave Residence for Congress

1745 Arrive at Congress for:
(a) A call on the Speaker (Felix Pons)
(b) Visit to the debating chamber
(c) A round table discussion with the Speaker and a senior representative of each of the different parties represented in Parliament (not more than 10).

1900 Return to Residence

1915 Arrive Residence

1945 Talk with representatives of the British business community.

2050 Depart Residence for the Moncloa

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2100 Official dinner at the Moncloa (dark suits).
Toasts will be extended to short speeches of a maximum
of 10 minutes.

Friday 23 September

0900 Meeting with the leader of Alianza Popular, Antonio
Hernandez Mancha, at the Residence.

1000 Leave Residence

1015 Arrive at New British Consulate General.
Met by:
President of the Madrid British Ladies Association
President of the Madrid St. Georges Guild
Minister and Consul General

1020 Inaugurate New British Consulate General, unveiling
plaque.

1030 Short briefing on British consular work in Spain.

1040 Meet a few Spaniards important to our consular work and
a (very small) group of representatives of the British
community.

Coffee

1100 Leave Consulate General

1110 Arrive at the main department store of the group
"Galerias Preciados", a chain recently bought by
Mountleigh.
Met by: Lord Rayner and others from London
Mr. Peter Carr, Director General of
Galerias Preciados
Inaugurate the first Marks and Spencer shop in Spain

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which will be within the Galerias Preciados store.

- 1135 Leave Galerias Preciados for a walk about in the Calle de Preciados (Preciados Street), a pedestrian precinct which runs from Galerias Preciados store to the square which is the centre of Madrid (Puerta Del Sol).
- 1200 Leave Puerta Del Sol by car
- 1210 Arrive at Moncloa Palace
- 1215 Second and final session of discussions with the Spanish Prime Minister
- 1315 Joint press conference at the Moncloa.
- 1350 Leave Moncloa Palace
- 1400 Arrive Zarzuela Palace for lunch with the King and Queen of Spain.
(Sr. Felipe Gonzalez and his wife will also be present).
- 1600 Leave Zarzuela Palace
- 1610 Arrive Residence
- 1650 Leave Residence
- 1700 Arrive Prado Art Museum
- 1745 Return from Prado Art Museum to Residence
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- 1800 Arrive Residence
- 1900 Reception at the Residence to meet leading Spaniards not included elsewhere in the programme

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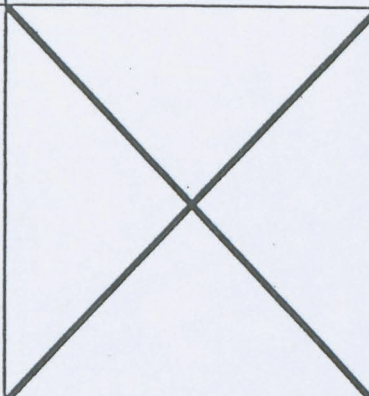
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2045 Leave Barajas for London

2150 ETA London Heathrow

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Dear Charles,

You may wish to know that Delors has passed on to David Hannay his great regret that he will not be able to attend the Prime Minister's speech at Bruges. Delors asked particularly that we should pass this on to Number 10.

Yours ever,

L Parker

(L Parker)
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
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8 September 1988

From the Private Secretary

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO SPAIN

I have seen a copy of Madrid telegram 687 about the handling of the Prime Minister's talks with the Spanish Prime Minister. I think that the Prime Minister will be well content with the sequence envisaged.

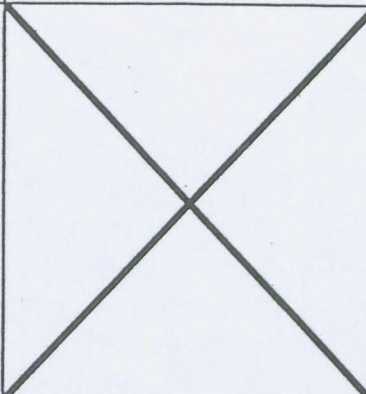
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From the Private Secretary

8 September 1988

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG

Thank you for your letter of 8 September about participation in various events in Luxembourg during the Prime Minister's visit.

The suggestions set out in Luxembourg telegram number 307 are right as regards the call on the Crown Prince and the meetings with Ministers and officials. For the other events mentioned, Mr. Gray should also take part. The proposed attendance at the Government lunch is correct.

Charles Powell

Lyn Parker, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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8 September 1988

Dear Charles,

The Prime Minister's visit to Belgium and
Luxembourg: 20-21 September

I attach telegrams from Luxembourg detailing their suggestions for which members of the official party and the Embassy might accompany the Prime Minister during her various engagements. We would be grateful for your comments on their proposals.

For the dinner in Brussels with Belgian Ministers we are working on the basis that only the Prime Minister, the Ambassador and yourself would attend. Would you like us to include any other members of the Prime Minister's party?

Yours ever

(L Parker)
Private Secretary

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT : PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAMME

1. THE MFA WISH TO KNOW WHICH MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIAL DELEGATION WILL ACCOMPANY THE PM DURING HER ENGAGEMENTS. GRATEFUL FOR CONFIRMATION THAT WHAT FOLLOWS IS CORRECT:

CALL ON CROWN PRINCE :
MR POWELL
MR INGHAM AND MISS CHARMAN (FOR PHOTO CALL ONLY).

WAR MEMORIAL :
MR THATCHER
MR POWELL
MR INGHAM
MISS CHARMAN.

TETE-A-TETE WITH M SANTER AND MEETING WITH MESSRS SANTER, POOS AND OFFICIALS :
MR POWELL
MR INGHAM AND MISS CHARMAN (FOR PHOTO CALLS ONLY).

MEETING WITH MME FLESCHE:
MR POWELL.

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SEE MY TELNO 303.

SES BETZDORF AND CHATEAU DE SENNINGEN:
MR THATCHER
MR POWELL
MR INGHAM
MISS CHARMAN.

2. THE ABOVE ASSUMES THAT GRAY WILL BE IN CHARGE OF THE PRIVATE OFFICE EXCEPT DURING THE ECHTERNACH LUNCHEON AND THAT MRS CRAWFORD WILL REMAIN AT THE RESIDENCE EXCEPT FOR ATTENDANCE AT THE SAME EVENT.

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3. I SHALL ACCOMPANY MRS THATCHER THROUGHOUT THE PROGRAMME BUT WILL NOT OF COURSE BE PRESENT DURING THE MEETINGS WITH THE CROWN PRINCE AND M. SANTER.

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO SPAIN 21-23 SEPTEMBER

1. I CALLED YESTERDAY ON JUAN ANTONIO YANEZ, THE SPANISH PRIME MINISTER'S PRIVATE SECRETARY, TO DISCUSS THE VISIT. ZELADA, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EUROPE IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY (WHO WILL BE IN LONDON ON 8 SEPTEMBER FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH RATFORD) WAS ALSO PRESENT. I HAD EARLIER TAKEN THE NO. 10 RECONNAISSANCE TEAM TO THE SPANISH PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE FOR MORE DETAILED DISCUSSIONS ON THE PROGRAMME.

2. YANEZ SAID THAT FELIPE GONZALEZ WAS NOT THINKING IN TERMS OF A SET AGENDA FOR HIS TALKS WITH MRS THATCHER BUT HE WAS SURE IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF BOTH SIDES HAD A VERY CLEAR IDEA IN ADVANCE OF THE MAIN SUBJECTS TO BE COVERED, AND THE SHAPE THE DISCUSSIONS MIGHT TAKE. AS HE HAD EXPLAINED TO ME IN JULY (MY TELNO 520) HE SAW EVERY ADVANTAGE IN BOTH PRIME MINISTERS STARTING THEIR DISCUSSIONS WITH AN EXCHANGE ON THE POLITICAL/ECONOMIC SITUATION IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES. HE BELIEVED THAT A CONSIDERABLE AREA OF COMMON GROUND WOULD EMERGE. HE THOUGHT THAT THIS WOULD BE THE PLACE FOR A DISCUSSION OF TERRORISM, PARTICULARLY AS IT AFFECTED EACH, AND THE EFFORTS OF EACH GOVERNMENT TO COUNTER IT. FELIPE GONZALEZ AND OUR OWN PRIME MINISTER WERE, AFTER ALL, THE TWO HEADS OF WESTERN GOVERNMENTS MOST DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM WHICH WAS PERHAPS THE TOP PRIORITY TASK FOR EACH.

3. YANEZ SUGGESTED THAT THE DISCUSSION MIGHT THEN TURN TO BILATERAL QUESTIONS, REFLECTING THE SIGNIFICANCE WHICH WAS ATTACHED TO THE VISIT AS THE FIRST ONE EVER PAID BY A BRITISH PRIME MINISTER TO SPAIN. HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE RIGHT TO LOOK AT THE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP IN ITS HISTORICAL FRAMEWORK, TO REVIEW HOW IT HAD DEVELOPED OVER THE COURSE OF THE LAST FEW YEARS, AND TO NOTE HOW IT HAD NOW ENTERED INTO A NEW AND MORE POSITIVE AND COOPERATIVE PHASE WITH THE ANGLO/SPANISH PARTNERSHIP IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND NATO ETC. THIS MIGHT BE THE PLACE FOR A MENTION OF THE ANGLO/

[Hugh Thomas baby]

SPANISH CONFERENCE (TO BE HELD IN SALAMANCA IN NOVEMBER) AND THE FUTURE OF ANGLO/SPANISH PARLIAMENTARY LINKS, WHICH WERE STARTING TO DEVELOP. HE THOUGHT THAT BOTH PRIME MINISTERS MIGHT WANT TO SAY SOMETHING ABOUT THE PHENOMENON OF HOOLIGANISM. FELIPE GONZALEZ ? WOULD AS WE KNEW CERTAINLY WANT TO MENTION THE SEVILLE EXHIBITION OF 1992, EXPRESSING THE STRONG HOPE THAT BRITAIN WOULD AGREE TO PARTICIPATE IN IT. HAVING THUS SET THE DISCUSSION OF BILATERAL TOPICS WITHIN THIS BROAD FRAMEWORK, AND IN A FORWARD LOOKING SENSE, THE TWO LEADERS MIGHT TURN TO THE ONLY REAL DIFFICULTY REMAINING BETWEEN US - NAMELY GIBRALTAR. FOR WHAT YANEZ SAID ABOUT THIS, SEE MIFT.

4. FOLLOWING THE LINES OF HIS TALK WITH ME IN JULY (MY TELNO 520) YANEZ ENVISAGED THAT FELIPE GONZALEZ WOULD NEXT WISH TO DISCUSS SECURITY QUESTIONS - NATO AND THE SPANISH CANDIDATURE OF WEU, AND OF COURSE EAST/WEST RELATIONS. AS TO EC ISSUES, HE THOUGHT THAT A TOPIC OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO FELIPE GONZALEZ WOULD BE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMUNITY'S EXTERNAL RELATIONS. IN A SENSE, THE EC HAD FOR SOMETIME PAST BEEN CONCENTRATING ON ITS OWN INTERNAL PROBLEMS. NOW THAT ITS ATTENTION WAS FOCUSSING MORE ON EXTERNAL MATTERS, BRITAIN AND SPAIN - AS THE TWO MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY WHOSE HISTORY HAD INVOLVED THEM MOST WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD - HAD A PARTICULAR CONTRIUBUTION TO MAKE, AND WERE PERHAPS MORE AWARE THAN THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE NEED TO LOOK OUTWARD. THE DISCUSSION WOULD NO DOUBT COVER THE EC RELATIONSHIP WITH THE USA, (WITH EFTA A CAUSE OF SPECIAL CONCERN TO SPAIN) AND WITH THE CMEA.

5. DISCUSSION OF 'SOCIAL SPACE' WOULD ALSO BE VERY USEFUL, AND WOULD NO DOUBT TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE COMMISSION PAPER ON THE SUBJECT WHICH YANEZ UNDERSTOOD WOULD BE ISSUED IN THE COURSE OF THIS WEEK. THERE HAD BEEN A TENDENCY FOR THE NORTHERN AND LATIN COUNTRIES IN THE COMMUNITY TO SEE THIS QUESTION IN A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE, AND HE INSTANCED THE GREATER TENDENCY OF THE LATTER TO RELY ON LEGISLATION, RATHER THAN BARGAINING, IN MATTERS AFFECTING RELATIONS BETWEEN EMPLOYERS AND LABOUR. BUT HE WAS INCLINED TO THINK THAT WE MIGHT HAVE MORE IN COMMON OVER OUR RESPECTIVE APPROACHES THAN MET THE EYE, AND THAT DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE PRIME MINISTERS MIGHT BRING THIS OUT.

6. FINALLY, IF TIME ALLOWED, THERE WERE A NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS WHICH HIS PRIME MINISTER MIGHT WANT TO COVER: EG RECENT DEVELOPMENTS OVER IRAN/IRAQ AND ANGLO/NAMIBIA: THE SITUATION IN THE SAHARA AND PERHAPS CYPRUS, UPON WHICH THE BRITISH WERE PARTICULARLY WELL PLACED TO COMMENT.

MR POWELL

I have done you a programme each for the Prime Minister and Mr Thatcher. There are things I haven't included whilst we await advice from Madrid, like the visit to Aquascutum and a walkabout with Snr. Gonzalez at Moncloa.

NO
Mr Thatcher's programme still has some spaces. In submitting it you may want to take out some of the questions on Thursday afternoon and submit them in minute form. I leave them in the programme only so that you and he can see how the day's shaping up. My only questionmark is the 0900 hours meeting with Snr. Mancha. Will Mr Thatcher attend the meeting? You might also feel there's too much detail in his programme. I simply thought he might be keen to have a bit of background (and in any case he's not weighed down with red boxes!) Apologies though if you want to give him the bare bones.

Protocol Department's version of the programmes matches this one.

Derek

Derek Kerr

7 September 1988

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From the Private Secretary

7 September 1988

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO LUXEMBOURG:
LUXEMBOURG GOVERNMENT LUNCH

I have seen Luxembourg tel. no. 303 about attendance at the Luxembourg Government lunch in Echternach and am content with what is proposed.

CHARLES POWELL

Lyn Parker Esq
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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From the Private Secretary

2 September 1988

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG AND SPAIN:
VC10 SEATING PLAN

Thank you for your letter of 1 September with the seating plan for the VC10 on the Prime Minister's visit to Belgium, Luxembourg and Spain. This is in order.

I agree that those named in your letter should remain on the VC10 for the Ostend-Brussels leg.

Charles Powell

Stephen Wall Esq
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From the Private Secretary

1 September 1988

See Stephen.

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO SPAIN

Thank you for your letter of 31 August about the Prime Minister's visit to Spain. I agree that we should propose to the Spaniards an informal walkabout with the Spanish Prime Minister in the gardens of the Moncloa Palace on the morning of Thursday 22 September. I also agree that it would be helpful if the visit to the University could be made rather more interesting.

We have now had a new proposal. Aquascutum Menswear Departments will open in the El Corte Ingles Stores in Madrid and Barcelona in early September. Aquascutum have asked whether the Prime Minister could make a very brief visit to the Department in Madrid. The Prime Minister would like to help if possible. Could you please consult the Embassy urgently whether this is feasible.

Yours sincerely,
Chris Rieu

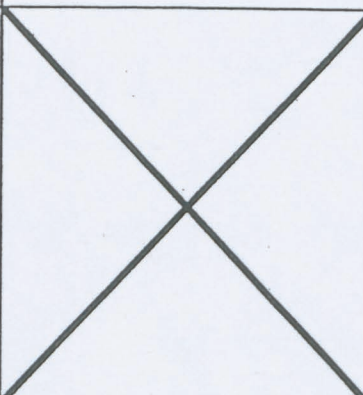
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From the Private Secretary

30 August, 1988.

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO LUXEMBOURG

Thank you for your letter of 26 August about the programme for the Prime Minister's visit to Luxembourg.

As regards Mr. Turkel, since this is an official rather than a political visit, I do not think that it would be appropriate to ask the Luxembourgers to include him in any official entertainment.

I am content with what you propose for participation in the meetings except that for the wider session with Luxembourg Ministers the Prime Minister would want only HM Ambassador and me. I have no comments on the proposed agenda.

(C.D. Powell)

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31 August 1988

Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's Visit to Spain

In your letter of ¹⁰ August, you commented that you felt that, as a whole, the programme for the Prime Minister's visit to Spain lacked colour. In consultation with Madrid, we have been examining ways of brightening it up.

We have come up with two proposals, neither of which has yet been discussed with the Spaniards. These are:-

(a) An informal walkabout with the Spanish Prime Minister in the gardens of the Moncloa Palace on arrival at Moncloa on the morning of Thursday 22 September. The occasion would be covered by TV and press photographers.

(b) An informal 'occasion' for TV and the press at lunch with the Spanish Prime Minister on Thursday 22 September (if the Spanish Prime Minister in the event offers lunch to Mrs Thatcher).

The Spaniards are accustomed to arranging informal walkabouts in the Moncloa gardens for their most important foreign visitors and may be more receptive to this idea.

We are also looking at the possibility of making the University visit more interesting. The Foreign Secretary thinks that Friday's programme has plenty of variety and that it is day one (Thursday) which needs enlivening.

James Stephen Wall

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from The Lord Rayner

28 Aug. 1988.

Your Home Minister,

Thank you so much for the magnificent laurel you gave to the sponsors of the Michael step in Michael. Know all too well of your hectic schedule on such days and the need for you to be in the lead on so many issues it is truly remarkable that you found not only the time but the enthusiasm for our modest endeavour.

The sales have far exceeded our expectation and your contribution undoubtedly did a great deal to ensure success.

Please accept my warmest thanks and

appreciation. It was in the U.S.A last week
where I believe we have the beginnings of a
substantial business

Needless to say it was a great
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to Baker Street. My colleagues and the
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you for both at your heart and you left
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Yours
J. Smith

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from The Lord Rayner

28th August 1988

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Dear Prime Minister,

Thank you so much for the magnificent launch you gave to the opening of the St Michael shop in Madrid. Knowing all too well of your hectic schedule on such trips and the need for you to be in the lead on so many issues it is truly remarkable that you found not only the time but the enthusiasm for our modest endeavours.

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Yours ever,

Derek

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26 August 1988

Dear Charles

The Prime Minister's Visit to Luxembourg: 21 September

Thank you for your letter of 11 August to Lyn Parker. Our Ambassador in Luxembourg has recently received an enquiry from Mr Turkel, Acting Chairman of the Luxembourg branch of Conservatives Abroad, who would like to meet the Prime Minister during her visit. I understand that he met Mrs Thatcher at the European Parliament in 1975. We could ask the Luxembourgers to include him in the guest list for lunch if you felt that this was appropriate.

We envisage that HM Ambassador would accompany the Prime Minister throughout the programme except for the meeting with the Crown Prince which will be deux, and the one with Santer which the Luxembourgers wish to limit to the Prime Ministers and a note-taker from each side. For the following session the Prime Ministers would be joined by Poos, Foreign Minister, and senior Luxembourg officials including M. Wagner, the Luxembourg Ambassador in London. We propose that Mr Ingham, HM Ambassador and perhaps the Head of Chancery join on the UK side.

The Luxembourgers have proposed that the talks cover:

- (i) European Questions
- (ii) Bilateral Relations
- (iii) International Subjects

We expect that item (iii) would include Defence issues, International Economic and Trade matters, East/West Relations, and perhaps Cooperation against Drug Trafficking as well as topical issues such as Afghanistan, Arab/Israel and South Africa. We would be grateful for your comments on this agenda. We propose to send over the briefing letter by 16 September. (We would propose to send separate Belgium briefing by the same date. There would be no set agenda for these talks although we expect Terrorism and The Gulf to feature prominently as well as EC issues and Defence matters).

Yours ever
R N Peirce

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From the Private Secretary

24 August 1988

**PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO BELGIUM,
LUXEMBOURG AND SPAIN**

Thank you for your letter of 23 August to Andy Bearpark about the delegation for the Prime Minister's visit to Belgium, Luxembourg and Spain. The list in your letter is correct as is the assumption about the protocol order.

(C. D. POWELL)

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From the Private Secretary

24 August 1988

**VISIT TO LUXEMBOURG:
MR THATCHER**

Mr Thatcher has now had a chance to consider the programme proposed in Luxembourg tel no 285 of 17 August. He has asked if it would be possible for him to depart for Capellen slightly earlier to allow him at least 45 minutes at Morganite. I should be grateful if this could be considered.

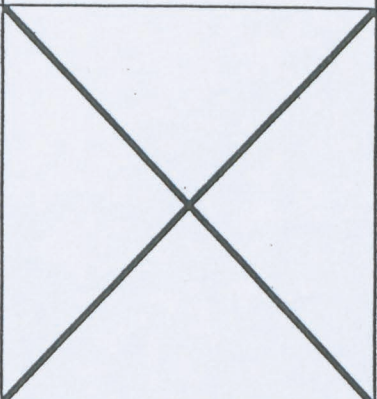
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~~MR THATCHER~~

VISIT TO LUXEMBOURG 21 SEPTEMBER

Our Embassy in Luxembourg have suggested the following programme for the period in the morning of 21 September during which you will not be accompanying the Prime Minister:

- 1035 Depart Luxembourg for Capellen
- 1055-1125 Visit Morganite Luxembourg SA
- 1125 Depart Capellen for Luxembourg
- 1145 Meeting at Ambassador's residence with representatives of Luxembourg Chapter of British Chamber of Commerce for Belgium and Luxembourg, British businessmen's club and British business interests. This will involve about eight people who will describe their activities to you. There should be time for general discussion and a drink before departure at 1245 for Echternach.

I would be grateful to know if you are content with this?

Jim

1. Yes content
 2. Could I ask: Start to Capellen earlier and have at least 45 mins. at Morganite
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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

17th August, 1988

Dear Prime Minister.

At the beginning of September Aquascutum Menswear Departments will open in the El Corte Ingles Stores in Madrid and Barcelona.

I very much hope that the timetable during your September visit to Spain will allow you to go to their prestigious Store in Madrid, so that you can see our Department there.

We are confident that it will make a major contribution to our growing business in the rapidly expanding Spanish economy.

Please accept my very best wishes for a most successful trip.

Yours Sincerely.

James Stokes.

James Stokes
VICE CHAIRMAN

The Prime Minister
The Rt.Hon. Margaret Thatcher

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17th August, 1988.

Jean Charles.

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Thank you for your letter of 16th August, which has been laid before The Queen. Her Majesty has been pleased to give her approval to the Prime Minister's proposal to visit Belgium on 20th September, Luxembourg on 21st September and Spain from 21st to 23rd September.

*James
Robert.*

(ROBERT FELLOWES)

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YOUR TELNO 52 : PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO LUXEMBOURG : PROGRAMME
FOR MR THATCHER

1. WE NOW PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMME FOR THE PERIOD IN THE
MORNING DURING WHICH MR THATCHER WILL NOT BE ACCOMPANYING THE PRIME
MINISTER :

1035 DEPART LUXEMBOURG FOR CAPELLEN
1055-1125 VISIT MORGANITE LUXEMBOURG SA
1125 DEPART CAPELLEN FOR LUXEMBOURG
1145 MEETING AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE WITH REPRESENTATIVES
OF LUXEMBOURG CHAPTER OF BRITISH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR
BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG, BRITISH BUSINESSMEN'S CLUB AND
BRITISH BUSINESS INTERESTS. THIS WILL INVOLVE ABOUT 8
PEOPLE WHO WILL DESCRIBE THEIR ACTIVITIES TO MR
THATCHER. THERE SHOULD BE TIME FOR GENERAL DISCUSSION
AND A DRINK BEFORE DEPARTURE AT 1245 FOR ECHTERNACH.

2. GRATEFUL FOR MR THATCHER'S APPROVAL.

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From the Private Secretary

16 August 1988

The Prime Minister intends to visit Belgium on 20 September, Luxembourg on 21 September and Spain on 21-23 September. I should be grateful if you would seek The Queen's permission for the Prime Minister to be absent from the country on these dates.

CHARLES POWELL

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

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From the Private Secretary

11 August 1988

Many thanks for your letter of 2 August about the possibility of involving Tristan Garel-Jones in the Prime Minister's programme in Madrid.

I have discussed this with the Prime Minister. As you know, she makes a practice (and a virtue) of not taking Ministers on visits overseas and would not therefore wish Tristan to be listed as part of the official delegation or given any official role in the visit. If he happened, for his own reasons, to be in Madrid at the time the Prime Minister was there and wished to join some of the social or semi-social events I am sure the Prime Minister would be content. But I think they must be the events which we are organising rather than those organised by the Spaniards, otherwise it will look as if he is a member of the official delegation. I am happy to leave it to you to decide which events would be suitable within these general guidelines.

(C. D. POWELL)

His Excellency Lord Nicholas Gordon Lennox, K.C.M.G., L.V.O.

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From the Private Secretary

11 August 1988

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO LUXEMBOURG

Thank you for your letter of 11 August proposing two further amendments to the Prime Minister's programme in Luxembourg. It is now a very tight squeeze, and we shall leave it to the reconnaissance team to judge whether it is really feasible. But, subject to their views, I agree to the additions proposed.

C. D .POWELL

Lyn Parker, Esq.
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Dear Charles,

The Prime Minister's visit to Luxembourg: 21 September

Since we were last in touch about the Prime Minister's visit to Luxembourg, two points have cropped up concerning the programme:

- / (a) As you will see from the enclosed telegram, Santer has suggested a 30-minute Press Conference in the afternoon. This could be fitted in after the meeting with financiers. (We have alerted the No 10 Press Office to the proposal.)
- (b) We have also just learnt that Bollendorff, the President of the Chamber of Deputies, will be away at the time of the visit. We have therefore deleted the proposed call on him from the morning programme and propose to replace it with a 15-minute stopover at the Embassy immediately before lunch. This will be the only opportunity for the Prime Minister to look in at the Embassy.

/ The changes are shown on the enclosed revised programme. It would be helpful to know if you agree in principle, in advance of the recce visit on 26 August.

Yours ever,

L Parker

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HMA'S T/L OF 29/7 TO HEAD OF WED : MEDIA MATTERS DURING PRIME
MINISTER'S VISIT

1. SPAUTZ (DEPUTY HEAD OF PROTOCOL, MFA) TELEPHONED THIS MORNING
TO SEEK OUR VIEWS ON A FORMAL PRESS CONFERENCE. SANTER IS KEEN TO
HAVE ONE AND HAS PROPOSED AN ALTERATION TO THE DRAFT PROGRAMME (OUR
TELNO 273 TO FCO) AS FOLLOWS:-

1545 VISIT SES INSTALLATIONS AT BETZDORF (NO CHANGE)
1630 DEPART FOR CHATEAU DE SENNINGEN
1650 MEET MEMBERS OF LUXEMBOURG FINANCIAL AND BANKING CENTRE
1750 MEETING ENDS - PRESS CONFERENCE AT CHATEAU DE SENNINGEN
1820 DEPART FOR LUXEMBOURG AIRPORT (NO CHANGE)
1830 DEPART FOR MADRID (NO CHANGE)

IF ACCEPTABLE, THIS REVISED PROGRAMME WOULD MEAN OMITTING THE
AFTERNOON VISIT TO THE EMBASSY.

2. SPAUTZ ADDED THAT LUXEMBOURG SIDE WOULD PREFER NOT (NOT) TO
HAVE PRESS (SPECIALIST OR GENERAL) PRESENT AT MEETING WITH MEMBERS
OF FINANCIAL AND BANKING COMMUNITY AS THEIR PRESENCE WOULD INHIBIT
BUSINESSMEN FROM TALKING FRANKLY.

3. PARA 4 OF OUR TELNO 277 (NOT TO ALL). ARTICLE IN
'REPUBLICAIN LORRAIN' WAS PICKED UP BY 'LUXEMBOURGER WORT' ON
4/8. AGAIN, NO PRECISE DATE FOR THE VISIT WAS QUOTED.

4. IN VIEW OF HIS OWN DEPARTURE ON HOLIDAY ON 13/8, SPAUTZ HAS
ASKED FOR YOUR REACTION TO PROPOSAL IN PARA 1 ABOVE BY FRIDAY 12/8
IF POSSIBLE.

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO LUXEMBOURG: 21 SEPTEMBER 1988

DRAFT PROGRAMME

- 0930 Arrive Luxembourg Airport. Met by Luxembourg Prime Minister with Military Honours.
- 0950 Audience with Grand-Duc Heritier (Crown Prince Henri).
- 1015 Leave for National Monument of Luxembourg Solidarity.
- 1020 Ceremony at Monument.
- 1035 Meeting with M Jacques Santer, President of the Government and Minister of State.
- 1120 Mr Jacques Poos, Vice-President of Government and Minister of Foreign Affairs, joins meeting with officials.
- 1210 Call on Mme Colette Flesch, President of the Democratic Party.
- 1230 Return to Embassy. Re-joined by Mr Thatcher.
- 1245 Leave for Echternach.
- 1315 Lunch given by M Santer.
- 1450 Visit the town of Echternach.
- 1530 Leave for Betzdorf.
- 1545 Visit Ses Installations at Betzdorf (ASTRA).

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1630 Leave for Chateau de Senningen.

1650 Meet members of Luxembourg financial and banking centre.

1750 Meeting ends - Press Conference at Chateau de Senningen.

1820 Leave for Luxembourg Airport.

1830 Departure for Madrid.

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From the Private Secretary

10 August 1988

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO SPAIN

Thank you for your letter of 9 August about the Prime Minister's visit to Spain, responding to my comments on your earlier letter. I am reassured that there is no question of student demonstrations and am grateful to the adjustment to the programme on 22 September to allow the Prime Minister adequate time to change for dinner. I think we shall have to leave a decision on the walkabout until we have the report from the reconnaissance team.

I still feel that the programme as a whole lacks colour. This may be unfair; and I accept that we want the visit to pass off quietly. But it may be worth asking our Ambassador to think one last time whether there is any further event which might be included in the programme, possibly one involving both the Prime Minister and the Spanish Prime Minister undertaking something together (other than their official talks and lunch). It seems to me the main message we want to get over from this visit is that Britain and Spain can work together just like any other two major European countries, despite the Gibraltar problem.

As regards the inscription for the Marks and Spencer shop, I have no objection to what is proposed, although I think "Prime Minister of the United Kingdom" would be better.

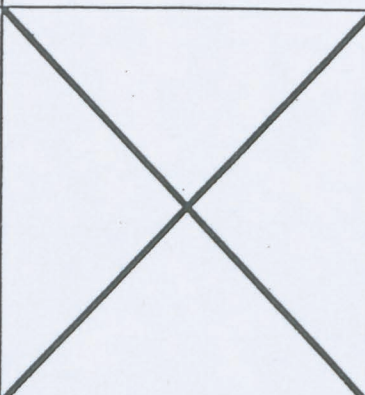
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FROM C D POWELL (PM'S PARTY SYDNEY)

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO MADRID

I HAVE SEEN LYN PARKER'S LETTER OF 3 AUGUST AND ACCOMPANYING PAPERS ABOUT THE REVISED PROGRAMME FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO MADRID. I HAVE A NUMBER OF COMMENTS:

- BEFORE WE REACH A DECISION ON A VISIT TO THE UNIVERSITY WE SHALL NEED A THOROUGH ASSESSMENT OF WHETHER STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS ARE LIKELY. THERE IS NO POINT IN WALKING INTO THESE UNNECESSARILY. I SHALL BE GRATEFUL FOR THE VIEW OF HM AMBASSADOR IN MADRID.
- THERE IS NOT ENOUGH TIME IN THE REVISED PROGRAMME FOR THE PRIME MINISTER TO GET READY FOR DINNER ON 22 SEPTEMBER. THE PROGRAMME MUST FINISH AT 2000 HOURS AT THE LATEST.
- WE SHALL ALSO NEED A SECURITY ASSESSMENT BEFORE COMMITTING OURSELVES TO THE WALKABOUT IN THE CALLE DE PRECIADOS.
- I AM SURE THAT MR THATCHER WOULD LIKE TO VISIT THE BRITISH COUNCIL IF THIS CAN BE FITTED INTO THE PROGRAMME. I AM CONFIDENT THAT HE WOULD ALSO BE PREPARED TO DO THE BUSINESSMEN'S LUNCH AND THE AUSTIN ROVER VISIT IF NOT INVOLVED IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S PROGRAMME.

WE CANNOT THEREFORE FINALISE THE PROGRAMME UNTIL WE HAVE HAD FURTHER COMMENTS ON THESE POINTS FROM HM AMBASSADOR IN MADRID.

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4 August 1988

From the Private Secretary

Dear Lyn,

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO MADRID

I have seen Lyn Parker's letter of 3 August and accompanying papers about the revised programme for the Prime Minister's visit to Madrid. I have a number of comments:

- Before we reach a decision on a visit to the university we shall need a thorough assessment of whether student demonstrations are likely. There is no point in walking into these unnecessarily. I shall be grateful for the view of HM Ambassador in Madrid.
- There is not enough time in the revised programme for the Prime Minister to get ready for dinner on 22 September. The programme must finish at 2000 hours at the latest.
- We shall also need a security assessment before committing ourselves to the walkabout in the Calle de Preciados.
- I am sure that Mr Thatcher would like to visit the British Council if this can be fitted into the programme. I am confident that he would also be prepared to do the Businessmen's Lunch and the Austin Rover visit if not involved in the Prime Minister's programme.

We cannot therefore finalise the programme until we have had further comments on these points from HM Ambassador in Madrid.

Charles Powell
(CHARLES POWELL)

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From the Private Secretary

4 August 1988

Dear Lyn.

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO BELGIUM

I have seen your letter of 29 July saying that the Prime Minister need not be accompanied by Mr. Thatcher to her meeting with the King. I am grateful for this clarification. I agree that there should be a photocall at the Palace.

yours sincerely,
Charles Powell

(CHARLES POWELL)

Lyn Parker, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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MISS MORRIS

I attach three letters from Lyn Parker to Charles. One of 29 July concerning an invitation from President Moi, another of 29 July and one of 3 August concerning the September visit. I should be grateful for instructions in due course as to what Charles wishes to be done with each of these.

P. A. BEARPARK

3 August 1988

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3 August 1988

Dear Chester,

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Prime Minister's Visit to Madrid: 21-23 September 1988

In the light of my letter to 27 June enclosing a revised draft programme for the Prime Minister's visit to Madrid and your reply of 28 June, our Ambassador has now put forward a number of suggested amendments reflecting the outcome of further contacts with the Spanish Prime Minister's Office and the organisers of the various events included in the programme (Madrid telno 586, of which I enclose a copy).

Our Ambassador has also produced proposals for Mr Thatcher's programme, as requested in your letter of 11 July (Madrid telno 592, of which I also attach a copy).

I should be grateful for your comments.

Yours ever,
L Parker

(L Parker)
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MADRID TELNOS 480 AND 520: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO SPAIN :
21 - 23 SEPTEMBER

1. WE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT WITH THE OFFICE OF THE SPANISH PRIME MINISTER AND THE ORGANISERS OF THE VARIOUS EVENTS WHICH SHE WILL ATTEND. AS A RESULT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF AMENDMENTS (MOSTLY SMALL) TO THE PROGRAMME AS SET OUT IN MY FIRST TUR. THE REVISED PROGRAMME LOOKS AS FOLLOWS:-

WEDNESDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER

2035 (APPROX): ARRIVE BARAJAS AIRPORT, VIP RECEPTION AREA. MET BY:
SR FERNANDEZ ORDONEZ, THE SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER,
SR MARTINEZ FRESNO, HEAD OF GOVERNMENT PROTOCOL,
ME.

2045 (APPROX): LEAVE AIRPORT FOR DRIVE TO RESIDENCE.

2100: ARRIVE RESIDENCE.

2120 (SAY): IN HOUSE BRIEFING OVER SUPPER AT THE RESIDENCE.

THURSDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER

1010: LEAVE RESIDENCE.

1015: OFFICIAL WELCOME AT THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (MONCLOA). MILITARY HONOURS AND NATIONAL ANTHEMS.

1030 (APPROX): FIRST SESSION OF TALKS WITH SR FELIPE GONZALEZ.

1215 (APPROX): LEAVE MONCLOA PALACE.

1220: ARRIVE UNIVERSITY OF MADRID, (VERY CLOSE).
MET AT THE LAW FACULTY BY:
THE RECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY,
THE DEAN OF THE LAW FACULTY.

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DISCUSSION WITH UNIVERSTIY LECTURERS WHO HAVE BEEN WORKING ON COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS WITH BRITISH UNIVERSITIES.

1245: LEAVE LAW FACULTY FOR UNIVERSITY SCIENCE AREA (VERY CLOSE BY).

1250: ARRIVE SCIENCE AREA. INAUGURATE CADCAM THE MOBILE EXHIBITION OF BRITISH COMPUTER-AIDED DESIGN AND MANUFACTURING SYSTEMS, SPONSORED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY, IN A SMALL PARK ADJACENT TO THE FACULTIES OF PHYSICS AND CHEMISTRY.

1330: WALK (OR, IF HOT, DRIVE) TO THE UNIVERSITY'S ELECTRON MICROSCOPY CENTRE 300 YARDS AWAY FOR A SHORT VISIT.

1350 (APPROX): LEAVE UNIVERSITY SCIENCE AREA.

1415: LUNCH WITH:
EITHER SR FELIPE GONZALEZ AND HIS WIFE AT A RESTAURANT
OR THE SPEAKER OF THE CONGRESS, SR FELIX PONS, AT CONGRESS.

1615 (APPROX): RETURN TO RESIDENCE.

1700: POSSIBLE CALL ON THE PRIME MINISTER BY THE SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER, AT THE RESIDENCE.

1730: LEAVE RESIDENCE FOR CONGRESS.

1745: ARRIVE AT CONGRESS FOR:-
(A) A CALL ON THE SPEAKER, (FELIX PONS).
(B) VISIT TO THE DEBATING CHAMBER.
(C) A ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION WITH THE SPEAKER AND A SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE OF EACH OF THE DIFFERENT PARTIES REPRESENTED IN PARLIAMENT, (NOT MORE THAN 10 IN ALL).

1900: LEAVE CONGRESS TO RETURN TO RESIDENCE.

1915: ARRIVE RESIDENCE.

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1945: TALK WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BRITISH BUSINESS COMMUNITY AT THE RESIDENCE.

2050: DEPART RESIDENCE FOR THE MONCLOA.

2100: OFFICIAL DINNER AT THE MONCLOA (DARK SUITS). THE TOASTS WILL BE EXTENDED TO SHORT SPEECHES OF A MAXIMUM OF 10 MINUTES. TELEVISION CAMARAS WILL BE PRESENT ON ARRIVAL AND FOR THE TOASTS.

FRIDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER

0900: MEETING WITH THE LEADER OF ALIANZA POPULAR, ANTONIO HERNANDEZ MANCHA, AT THE RESIDENCE.

1000: LEAVE RESIDENCE.

1015: ARRIVE AT NEW BRITISH CONSULATE GENERAL. MET BY:-
PRESIDENT OF THE MADRID BRITISH LADIES ASSOCIATION.
PRESIDENT OF THE MADRID ST GEORGES GUILD.
MINISTER AND CONSUL GENERAL.

1020: INAUGURATE NEW BRITISH CONSULATE GENERAL, UNVEILING PLAQUE.

1030: SHORT BRIEFING ON EXTENT AND INCREASE IN BRITISH CONSULAR WORK IN SPAIN.

1040: MEET A FEW SPANIARDS WHO ARE SPECIALLY INPORTANT TO OUR CONSULAR WORK AND A FURTHER (VERY SMALL) GROUP OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BRITISH COMMUNITY.
COFFEE.

1100: LEAVE CONSULATE GENERAL.

1110: ARRIVE AT THE MAIN DEPARTMENT STORE OF THE GROUP 'GALERIAS PRECIADOS', A CHAIN RECENTLY BOUGHT BY MOUNTLEIGH. MET BY:-
LORD RAYNOR AND OTHERS FROM LONDON.
MR PETER CARR, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF GALERIAS PRECIADOS.
INAUGURATE THE FIRST MARKS AND SPENCER SHOP IN SPAIN - WHICH WILL BE WITHIN THE GALERIAS PRECIADOS STORE.

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1135: LEAVE GALERIAS PRECIADOS FOR A WALK ABOUT IN THE CALLE DE PRECIADOS (PRECIADOS STREET) A PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT WHICH RUNS FROM THE GALERIAS PRECIADOS STORE TO THE SQUARE WHICH IS THE CENTRE OF MADRID (PUERTA DEL SOL).

1200: LEAVE PUERTA DEL SOL BY CAR.

1210: ARRIVE AT MONCLOA PALACE.

1215: SECOND AND FINAL SESSION OF DISCUSSIONS WI THE SPANISH PRIME MINISTER.

1315: JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE MONCLOA.

1350: LEAVE MONCLOA PALACE.

1400: ARRIVE ZARZUELA PALACE FOR LUNCH WITH THE KING AND QUEEN OF SPAIN. SR FELIPE GONZALEZ AND HIS WIFE WILL ALSO BE PRESENT.

1600: LEAVE ZARZUELA PALACE.

1610: ARRIVE RESIDENCE.

1650: LEAVE RESIDENCE.

1700: ARRIVE PRADO ART MUSEUM.

1745 (APPROX): RETURN FROM PRADO ART MUSEUM TO RESIDENCE.

1800: ARRIVE RESIDENCE.

1900: RECEPTION AT THE RESIDENCE TO MEET LEADING SPANIARDS NOT INCLUDED ELSEWHERE IN THE PROGRAMME.

2015: LEAVE RESIDENCE FOR AIRPORT.

2045: LEAVE BARAJAS FOR LONDON.

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YOUR TELNO 99 TO BRUSSELS: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO BELGIUM,
LUXEMBOURG AND SPAIN IN SEPTEMBER 1988

1. TUR ASKED US TO SUGGEST A SEPARATE PROGRAMME FOR MR THATCHER.
2. OUR SUGGESTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

WEDNESDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER: AS FOR THE PRIME MINISTER.

THURSDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER:

1010: LEAVE RESIDENCE FOR THE FACTORY OF BP SOLAR ON THE
NORTHERN OUTSKIRTS OF MADRID.

1030: ARRIVE BP SOLAR. THIS IS AN IMPRESSIVE AND SUCCESSFUL
FACTORY PRODUCING PHOTO-VOLTAIC PANELS FOR ELECTRICITY
GENERATION IN REMOTE LOCATIONS.

1145: DEPART BP SOLAR.

1220: ARRIVE AT UNIVERSITY OF MADRID LAW FACULTY TO LINK UP
WITH THE PRIME MINISTER AGAIN.

1220-1350 AS FOR THE PRIME MINISTER.

1415: IF SR GONZALEZ AND HIS WIFE GIVE LUNCH, IT WILL BE FOR
THE PRIME MINISTER AND MR THATCHER. IF THE SPEAKER OF
THE CONGRESS HOSTS LUNCH WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT MR
THATCHER WOULD SPEND HIS TIME MORE PROFITABLY BY HAVING
LUNCH WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BRITISH BUSINESS
COMMUNITY. THIS WOULD BE HOSTED BY THE COMMERCIAL
COUNSELLOR OR AUSTIN ROVER (SEE BELOW).

LATE
AFTERNOON: MR THATCHER WOULD NOT BE INVOLVED IN A VISIT TO THE
CONGRESS OR THE CALL BY THE SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER AT
THE RESIDENCE. HE COULD, IF HE WISHED, MAKE A VISIT TO A
BRITISH COMMERCIAL INTEREST AT, SAY, 1800 HOURS. (IT
WILL HAVE TO BE THIS LATE BECAUSE LUNCHEES IN SPAIN TEND

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TO GO ON UNTIL ABOUT 1700 HOURS.) OUR CANDIDATE FOR A LATE AFTERNOON VISIT WOULD BE THE AUSTIN ROVER DISTRIBUTION CENTRE ON THE EASTERN OUTSKIRTS OF MADRID. IF MR THATCHER IS ATTRACTED BY THIS IDEA, AND IF HE IS NOT BEING GIVEN LUNCH BY SR GONZALEZ AND HIS WIFE, THEN WE COULD SUGGEST THAT AUSTIN ROVER HOST A LUNCH FOR MR THATCHER, SOMEWHERE NEAR THEIR DISTRIBUTION CENTRE. AFTERWARDS HE COULD VISIT THEIR PREMISES AND HE WOULD ALSO HAVE TIME, IF HE WISHED, TO ALSO CALL ON THE SMALL BUT HIGHLY EFFICIENT PHARMACEUTICAL FACTORY OWNED BY BOOTS (CALLED LIADE) WHICH IS NEARBY.

EVENING: AS FOR THE PRIME MINISTER.

FRIDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER

MORNING UNTIL

1200: AS FOR THE PRIME MINISTER.

1200-1400 THERE IS ANOTHER GAP HERE BUT MR THATCHER WILL HAVE HAD A FAIRLY SOLID COUPLE OF HOURS AT THE CONSULATE GENERAL, THE MARKS AND SPENCER STORE AND ON THE WALKABOUT (ASSUMING THAT HE WILL WANT TO TAKE PART IN ALL THREE OF THESE EVENTS AS WE WOULD RECOMMEND). BEFORE THE LUNCH WITH THE KING AND QUEEN, THEREFORE, HE MIGHT LIKE JUST TO GO BACK TO MY RESIDENCE, WHICH IS ON THE WAY. IF NOT WE COULD ARRANGE ANOTHER CALL, PERHAPS ON THE BRITISH COUNCIL WHOSE DIRECT ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING OPERATION IS A THRIVING COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE.

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AND EVENING: AS FOR THE PRIME MINISTER.

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2. THE REASONS FOR THE SUGGESTED CHANGES ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

(A) THE FIRST SESSION OF TALKS WITH SR GONZALEZ IS NOW SCHEDULED TO LAST ABOUT 1 HOUR AND 45 MINUTES, ON THE BASIS OF REVISED ADVICE FROM HIS OFFICE.

(B) DTI SPONSORSHIP OF A TOUR OF SPAIN BY THE CADCAM EXHIBITION WAS ONLY AGREED IN MID JULY. WE IMMEDIATELY SPOKE TO THE UNIVERSITY TO ASK IF THEY WOULD FIND SPACE IN THEIR SCIENCE AREA. THEY WERE DELIGHTED WITH THE IDEA AND HAVE HELPED US TO LOCATE A GOOD SITE. IT IS IN THE HEART OF THE UNIVERSITY COMPLEX. THE RECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY AND ALL HIS SENIOR STAFF ARE VERY KEEN THAT THEY SHOULD HAVE A BRIEF OPPORTUNITY TO WELCOME THE PRIME MINISTER TO THE UNIVERSITY BEFORE SHE OPENS THE CADCAM EXHIBITION. HENCE THE ADDITION OF A 25 MINUTE SLOT AT THE LAW FACULTY FOR THE RECTOR TO SAY A FEW WORDS OF WELCOME AND THE PRIME MINISTER TO SAY A (VERY) FEW WORDS IN REPLY, AND FOR MADRID UNIVERSITY LECTURERS WHO ARE INVOLVED WITH THE ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES IN BRITAIN TO HAVE A SHORT DISCUSSION WITH THE PRIME MINISTER. THE UNIVERSITY - ONE OF THE LARGEST IN EUROPE - IS CURRENTLY FORGING EXTENSIVE LINKS WITH BRITISH UNIVERSITIES.

(C) AFTER INAUGURATION OF THE CADCAM EXHIBITION WE HAVE INSERTED A BRIEF VISIT TO THE ELECTRON MICROSCOPY CENTRE. THIS IS THE PRIDE OF THE UNIVERSITY SCIENCE FACULTIES, HOUSING ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL ELECTRON MICROSCOPES IN EUROPE. WHAT THEY DO IS EXTREMELY INTERESTING AND THE HEAD OF THE CENTRE IS AN ARTICULATE AND ENTHUSIASTIC SPANISH SCIENTIST WHO SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH AND WHO HAS WORKED IN BRITAIN.

(D) IN ANY CASE TIMING IS A LITTLE EASIER BEFORE LUNCH ON THE FIRST DAY BECAUSE THE KING HAS SWITCHED HIS LUNCH FOR THE PRIME MINISTER FROM DAY ONE TO DAY TWO.

(E) THE SPANISH PRIME MINISTER'S STAFF CANNOT YET TELL US WHETHER SR GONZALEZ AND HIS WIFE WILL GIVE A SMALL LUNCH FOR THE PRIME

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MINISTER AND MR THATCHER IN A RESTAURANT ON DAY ONE (IN ADDITION TO HOSTING THE OFFICIAL DINNER THE SAME EVENING) OR WHETHER THE SPEAKER WILL BE THE HOST FOR LUNCH AT CONGRESS.

(F) IF THE LUNCH ON DAY ONE IS WITH THE SPEAKER OF CONGRESS THEN IT WOULD TAKE PLACE WITHIN THE PARLIAMENT BUILDING AND IT WOULD MAKE SENSE FOR THE PRIME MINISTER TO VISIT THE DEBATING CHAMBER AND HOLD A ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION WITH THE SPEAKER AND SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PARTIES IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE LUNCH. IF THIS HAPPENS, WE SHALL SUGGEST THAT A CALL BY THE SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER AT THE RESIDENCE IS POSTPONED FROM 1700 TO 1800 OR 1830.

(G) WE HAD ORIGINALLY PLANNED FOR MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH BUSINESS COMMUNITY TO BE PRESENT AT THE INAUGURATION OF THE CADCAM EXHIBITION. UNDER THE REVISED SUGGESTIONS THE UNIVERSITY WILL BE MUCH MORE INVOLVED IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO CADCAM AND THEIR SCIENCE AREA AND THERE IS UNLIKELY TO BE THE RIGHT SORT OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HER TO TALK TO RESIDENT BRITISH BUSINESSMEN. WE HAVE THEREFORE SUGGESTED INSERTING A TALK WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BRITISH COMMUNITY, AT THE RESIDENCE, IN THE EARLY EVENING BEFORE THE PRIME MINISTER GOES TO THE MONCLOA PALACE FOR THE OFFICIAL DINNER.

(H) FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE PRADO ART MUSEUM THE KEY PERSON IS MANUELA MENA, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR, WHO IS ON LEAVE THIS MONTH. WE SHALL TALK TO HER WHEN SHE RETURNS. A VISIT TO THE PRADO ART MUSEUM WHILE IT IS STILL OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (UP TO 1900 HRS) IS LESS THAN IDEAL, BECAUSE THE PRADO MUSEUM DOES NOT/NOT CLOSE ITS DOORS TO THE PUBLIC WHEN VIPS ARE VISITING. BUT A VISIT DURING PUBLIC HOURS CAN BE MADE (AND WAS, FOR EXAMPLE, BY THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES). THE ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE TO POSTPONE MY RECEPTION BY AN HOUR, TO ALLOW THE PRIME MINISTER TO VISIT THE PRADO AT 1900, WHEN THE PUBLIC LEAVE. BUT THIS WOULD DELAY HER DEPARTURE FROM MADRID BY AN HOUR.

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BRITISH EMBASSY.
MADRID.

Prime Minister
It is the third
approach which I have

2 August 1988

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received about Tristan
being associated with
your visit to Madrid.

May we have
word - we really
can't have Sean Charles,
him officially
but are things
be could
do not

Do you want to person it?
It would look a bit odd.

CDP
10/8

1. We are very much looking forward to your visit here in September. In preparing for it, there is one point on which I would like your views.
2. I expect you see a certain amount of Tristan Garel-Jones. As you may know, he spent much of his youth in Spain where his late parents started a very successful English Language School. He is married to a Spaniard and spends as much of his vacations here as he can.
3. Tristan has from the start been immensely helpful to me, both in terms of introducing me to Spaniards in politics (he has a pretty wide acquaintance here) and in helping me out with VIP visitors who we send back to the UK. Thus, the other day he laid on at short notice a dinner party for Felipe Gonzalez's two leading advisers (whom you subsequently met), and introduced them to an interesting group of MPs at his house. When he was here the other day, we talked about the Prime Minister's visit, and we both wondered whether there might be any possibility of his attaching himself to your party for its duration. I said I would ask you what you thought.
4. I was not of course thinking that Tristan should take on any official role during the visit, and I think it would look odd, to the Spaniards no less to us, if he were to sit in on the Prime Minister's talks with Felipe Gonzalez. But I believe he would be an asset to the party on some other occasions: notably at the University of Madrid, at the meeting with Congress, at the breakfast session with the Leader of the Opposition, at the visit to "Galerias Preciados", and at the small reception I am giving on the last evening for a group of Spaniards whom the Prime Minister would not otherwise meet. The point is not just that Tristan speaks fluent Spanish, but that as he is someone the Prime Minister sees often and is unique among our Ministers in having current

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knowledge of the political scene in both countries, it could be helpful to have him on board. I would certainly welcome it. Would you let me know what you think? Tristan will be in Spain until late August, when he will no doubt be in touch with me again. He (and I) would of course understand if you felt the idea to be a non-starter, but seen from here it is a good one.

Yours ever,

Trinity

Lord N Gordon Lennox



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29 July 1988

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Dear Charles,

The Prime Minister's Visit to Belgium

In your letter of 26 July you asked whether Mr Thatcher should be included in the call on The King. The normal practice is that King Baudouin has a tête a tête with the visiting Head of Government. The Belgians intend following this practice for the Prime Minister's visit. The King speaks passable English. Unless you see any objection, the Belgians will arrange a photocall at the Palace.

Yours ever,

(L Parker)
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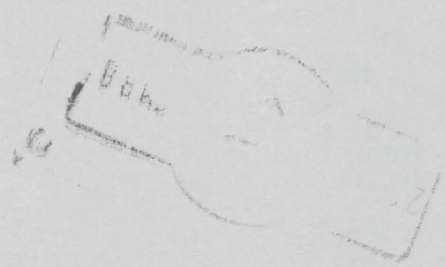
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From the Private Secretary

28 July 1988

**PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO
BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG AND SPAIN**

Thank you for your letter of 27 July suggesting a Cabinet Office engineer should be added to the Prime Minister's party for this visit.

I agree.

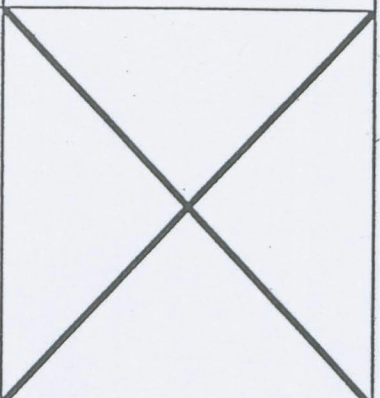
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27 July 1988

Dear Charles

Prime Minister's Visit to Spain

Before Sr Yanez visited the UK earlier this month, he suggested an agenda for the talks between the Prime Minister and Sr Gonzalez in September. In the event, the agenda was not discussed when he called on you. We now therefore need to go back to the Spaniards with our views on his proposals.

The agenda proposed by the Spaniards is as follows:

- (a) the state of the two nations
- (b) EC issues
- (c) security and defence issues
- (d) East/West
- (e) bilateral relations (including Gibraltar)
- (f) Expo '92

This seems to us to cover the right ground. We would prefer not to discuss Expo 92 until after the results of this year's PES round are known, but do not see how it can be avoided, given the importance attached by the Spaniards to this event.

The Prime Minister might, however, wish to add to the agenda the question of drugs cooperation, not least since we are currently negotiating a bilateral agreement to trace, freeze and confiscate the assets of drug traffickers, which we hope to sign towards the end of this year.

If you are content, we will ask the Ambassador to agree with the Spaniards an agenda incorporating this amendment, while making it clear that we may wish to add further items nearer the time.

Yours ever

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From the Private Secretary

27 July 1988

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO SPAIN

Thank you for your letter of 27 July about the agenda for the Prime Minister's talks with Sr. Gonzalez during her visit to Spain in September. This matches closely what I agreed with Sr. Yanez and is perfectly acceptable. I agree that we should add the question of drugs co-operation.

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From the Private Secretary

27 July 1988

**PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO LUXEMBOURG:
WREATH**

Thank you for your letter of 26 July about the wreaths for the Prime Minister to lay in Luxembourg. I agree with what you propose.

(C. D. POWELL)

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From the Private Secretary

26 July 1988

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO LUXEMBOURG

I have seen Luxembourg tel. no. 271 about the Prime Minister's visit to Luxembourg. I think that the Prime Minister would be content to go ahead with the proposed meeting with the financial sector along the lines set out in that telegram. I should be grateful if the arrangements could be made accordingly.

(CHARLES POWELL)

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TO IMMEDIATE FOO

TELNO 272

OF 261500Z JULY 88

INFO ROUTINE BRUSSELS, MADRID

MY TELNO 271 : PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO LUXEMBOURG

SUMMARY

1. ROUND-UP OF LUXEMBOURG PROPOSALS FOR THE PROGRAMME AND ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGMENTS.

DETAIL

2. MIFT CONTAINS A SUMMARY TRANSLATION OF THE PROGRAMME PRODUCED BY THE MFA AFTER MY DISCUSSION WITH KASEL LAST WEEK. FOLLOWING ARE DETAILED COMMENTS.

STATUS OF VISIT : IT IS DESCRIBED AS AN OFFICIAL VISIT. HENCE MILITARY HONOURS AT THE AIRPORT.

CALL ON THE CROWN PRINCE : I HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THE PRINCE WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO THE PRIME MINISTER ABOUT UK TRADE AND ECONOMY WITH A VIEW TO THE TRADE MISSION HE IS LEADING TO THE UK IN NOVEMBER.

WREATH-LAYING : THE PRIME MINISTER WILL LAY A WREATH AT THE NATIONAL MONUMENT BUT THE CHURCHILL MEMORIAL HAS BEEN DROPPED. ONLY ONE POPPY WREATH IS NOW NEEDED (PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT TO SEE REF. PARA. 18 OF MY TELNO 260).

THE TALKS : WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE. KASEL SUGGESTED MINISTERS PLUS FOUR A SIDE AS SUITABLE NUMBERS FOR THE EXTENDED MEETING. THERE WILL BE PHOTOGRAPHS.

CALLS ON BOLLENDORFF/FLESCH : PROTOCOL DEMANDS THAT BOTH MEETINGS LOOK THE SAME LENGTH BUT BOTH ARE IN THE SAME PLACE AND IT MAY IN PRACTICE BE POSSIBLE TO CUT THE BOLLENDORFF MEETING A BIT SHORT.

ECHTERNACH : THERE WILL BE 90 GUESTS. A SHORT EXCHANGE OF SPEECHES SEEMS INEVITABLE. WE WILL CONFIRM.

CALL AT THE EMBASSY : 25 MINUTES ARE ALLOWED IN WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER COULD TOUCH BASE WITH HER PRIVATE OFFICE, VISIT THE EMBASSY OFFICES NEXT DOOR OR MEET EMBASSY STAFF AT EITHER PLACE. GRATEFUL TO KNOW IN DUE COURSE WHAT WOULD SUIT BEST.

MEETING WITH BANKERS : SEE MY TELNO 271 ASKING CONFIRMATION THAT PROPOSALS ARE ACCEPTABLE. SENNINGEN IS 5 MINUTES DRIVE FROM THE AIRPORT.

GIFTS/PHOTOS : WE AGREED TO HAVE ONLY ONE SUBSTANTIAL EXCHANGE OF GIFTS I.E. BETWEEN PRIME MINISTERS. AT SUCH OCCASIONS LUXEMBOURG

USUALLY OFFERS PORCELAIN FROM VILLERDY AND BOCH OR AN OLD ENGRAVING. SANTER HIMSELF IS FOND OF MUSIC, BUT SAID TO BE TOO BUSY TO PURSUE HOBBIES. MY OWN SUGGESTIONS FOR A SUITABLE GIFT WOULD BE A PRESENTATION LEATHER BOUND SET OF SHORTER OXFORD ENGLISH DICTIONARY, GROVES DICTIONARY OF MUSIC, OR SOME DAITHNESS GLASS (SANTER IS SPENDING HIS SUMMER HOLIDAY IN UK VISITING CAMBRIDGE, SW ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND. CONTINGENCY GIFTS SHOULD BE FORESEEN FOR 9 DRIVERS PLUS A FEW SPARES. WE WILL ADVISE ON DISTRIBUTION OF PHOTOS WHEN WE HAVE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT WHO WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE PROGRAMME.

MR THATCHER'S PROGRAMME : WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT MR THATCHER WILL NOT BE EXPECTED TO ACCOMPANY THE PRIME MINISTER IN THE CALL ON THE CROWN PRINCE. THIS FOLLOWS NORMAL PRACTICE. MR THATCHER WILL BE FREE TO FOLLOW A SEPARATE PROGRAMME FROM 09.50 UNTIL 12.45 WHEN THE PARTY LEAVES LUXEMBOURG FOR ECHTERNACH. FOR OUR SUGGESTIONS SEE MY TELNOS 265 AND 269.

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MIPT : PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO LUXEMBOURG : 21 SEPTEMBER 1988

DRAFT PROGRAMME

0930 ARRIVE LUXEMBOURG AIRPORT. MET BY LUXEMBOURG PRIME
MINISTER WITH MILITARY HONOURS.

0950 AUDIENCE WITH GRAND-DUC HERITIER (I.E. CROWN PRINCE HENRI).

1015 LEAVE FOR NATIONAL MONUMENT OF LUXEMBOURG SOLIDARITY.

1020 CEREMONY AT MONUMENT.

1035 MEETING WITH M. JACQUES SANTER, PRESIDENT OF THE GOVERNMENT
AND MINISTER OF STATE.

1120 MR JACQUES POOS, VICE-PRESIDENT OF GOVERNMENT AND MINISTER
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, JOINS MEETING WITH OFFICIALS.

1210 CALL ON M. LEON BOLLENDORFF, PRESIDENT OF CHAMBER OF
DEPUTIES.

1225 CALL ON MME COLETTE FLESCH, PRESIDENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC
PARTY.

1245 LEAVE FOR ECHTERNACH.

1315 LUNCH GIVEN BY M. SANTER.

1450 VISIT THE TOWN OF ECHTERNACH.

1530 LEAVE FOR BETZDORF.

1545 VISIT SES INSTALLATIONS AT BETZDORF (ASTRA).

1630 DEPART FOR LUXEMBOURG

1645 VISIT BRITISH EMBASSY.

1710 LEAVE FOR CHATEAU DE SENNINGEN.

1720 MEET MEMBERS OF LUXEMBOURG FINANCIAL AND BANKING CENTRE.

1820 LEAVE FOR LUXEMBOURG AIRPORT.

1830 DEPARTURE FOR MADRID.



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From the Private Secretary

26 July 1988

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG

Thank you for your letter of 25 July about the programme for the Prime Minister and Mr. Thatcher in Belgium and Luxembourg.

Belgium

The outline programme for the Prime Minister in Brussels tel. no. 237 is very much on the right lines. I think that the Prime Minister would probably welcome more than twenty minutes to change after the meeting with King Baudouin, so the dinner might start at 2040. As regards attendance at the dinner, I am content to be guided by the advice in Brussels tel. no. 239: we might as well use the opportunity to try to influence the Belgian Government as a whole, not just Mr. Martens. Incidentally on our side, Nigel Wicks will not be coming: it will be one of the other Private Secretaries.

I think Mr. Thatcher should return from Bruges with the Prime Minister and go direct to the Residence (although are we sure he should not attend the call on the King?) I am sure he would welcome the opportunity to meet British businessmen over dinner.

Luxembourg

Mr. Thatcher should certainly attend the wreath laying. Whether he should take part in the call on the Grand Duke is a matter for local Protocol. He would not attend the meetings with Ministers. For the rest, I think he would welcome a selection of items involving contact with local British businesses (i.e. (b) in your letter). The order of priority between the proposals would be (i), (iii), (vi), (ii), (iv) and (v).

I hope this is some help.

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From the Private Secretary

26 July 1988

**PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO
BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG AND SPAIN**

You will wish to note that the second Private Secretary accompanying the Prime Minister on her visit to Belgium, Luxembourg and Spain will be Mr. Paul Gray.

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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM NOW REPEATED TO YOU AT REQUEST OF WED
WAS RECEIVED FROM LUXEMBOURG AS TELNO 271 OF 221610Z JULY:

BEGINS.

MY TEL 264 : PM'S VISIT TO LUXEMBOURG

SUMMARY

REQUEST URGENT INSTRUCTIONS ON ACCEPTABILITY OF LATEST IDEAS FOR
MEETING WITH FINANCIAL SECTOR.

DETAIL

1. I AM GRATEFUL FOR TELEPHONED INSTRUCTIONS FROM WED AND SPOKE
TO KASEL ACCORDINGLY. PROGRAMME IS SHAPING UP NICELY. I AM WAITING
FOR FAIR COPY TO BE PRODUCED IN LIGHT OF OUR CONVERSATION AND WILL
FORWARD IT WITH COMMENTS EARLY NEXT WEEK.

2. BEFORE WE GO ANY FURTHER I WOULD HOWEVER BE GRATEFUL FOR
CONFIRMATION THAT NO 10 ARE HAPPY WITH HOW THE PROPOSED MEETING WITH
THE FINANCIAL SECTOR IS SHAPING UP. (HAVING FAILED TO CONTACT
POWELL BY PHONE, I AM SENDING THIS TEL INSTEAD). SINCE WE VETOED A
VISIT TO A FARM, THIS HAS EMERGED AS THE MAIN EVENT FOR THE SECOND
HALF OF THE AFTERNOON (AFTER VISITING ASTRA). PRIME MINISTER SANTER
HAS NOW GIVEN HIS BLESSING TO AN HOURS MEETING WITH 40 OR SO BANKERS
ETC AT THE CHATEAU OF SENNINGEN. ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE PUT IN THE
HANDS OF MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND/OR BANKERS ASSOCIATION - PROBABLY
EARLY NEXT WEEK BEFORE EVERYONE GOES ON HOLIDAY. KASEL SUGGESTED
THE MEETING MIGHT TAKE THE FORM OF :

- AN INTRODUCTION TO LUXEMBOURG AS A FINANCIAL CENTRE BY SANTER AS
MINISTER OF FINANCE.

- SHORT INTERVENTIONS BY LEADING BANKERS ON SPECIAL ASPECTS.

- MRS THATCHER'S COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS IN BOTH DIRECTIONS.

- A FINAL DRINK TOGETHER.

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3. KASEL POINTED OUT THAT BANKERS WOULD WANT TO HEAR MRS THATCHER'S VIEWS ON EUROPEAN MONETARY QUESTIONS INCLUDING EMS.

4. MY OWN VIEW IS THAT A MEETING OF THIS KIND COULD BE A GREAT SUCCESS IF CAREFULLY HANDLED. KASEL SAID THAT NOTHING SIMILAR HAD BEEN ARRANGED FOR PREVIOUS VISITORS. BUT IF THERE ARE ANY DOUBTS AT THE LONDON END, WE MUST CERTAINLY CALL A HALT STRAIGHT AWAY.

5. A SUBSIDIARY QUESTION IS WHETHER ANY FINANCIAL JOURNALISTS MIGHT ATTEND. SENNINGEN IS VERY SECLUDED AND IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO KEEP THE PRESS OUT, BUT NEWS OF WHAT WAS SAID WOULD CLEARLY CIRCULATE ANYWAY.

6. GRATEFUL FOR INSTRUCTIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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Dear Charles

Prime Minister's Visit to Luxembourg: Wreaths

Our Embassy in Luxembourg have confirmed that the Prime Minister will lay wreaths at the War Memorial and the Churchill Memorial during her visit to Luxembourg.

The Embassy recommend poppy wreaths with red, white and blue ribands with the wording "The Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland", printed in gold.

If you agree, an order will be placed with the Royal British Legion and wreaths and ribands taken out on the RAF VC10.

Yours ever,

L Parker

(L Parker)
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
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25 July 1988

Dear Charles,

The Prime Minister's visit to Belgium and Luxembourg
20-21 September

I enclose copies of four telegrams from Brussels about the Prime Minister's programme in Belgium on 20 September, which follows the broad lines agreed earlier. We should welcome your comments, particularly your views on the working dinner with Martens, which seems to be expanding rather rapidly.

The first of the Brussels telegrams makes suggestions for Mr Thatcher's separate programme in Belgium. We have also had suggestions from Luxembourg. We assume that he would attend the wreath-laying in the morning of 21 September but not the calls on the Crown Prince, Santer (and Poos), Mme Flesch and Bollendorff. This would leave a little over 2½ hours altogether. The alternatives for this are:-

- (a) A visit to ARBED Steel Company. ARBED is a major force in the Luxembourg economy employing some 8% of the country's workforce. It has close links with British Steel in the research field. In particular they have collaborated on a Quenching and Self-Tempering Process (QSP). The Ambassador recently visited ARBED's Differdange plant (which can roll the biggest steel beams in the world) and the nearby research centre at Esch. Both are in the south of the country about 20 minutes drive from Luxembourg. This visit could fill the whole morning and Mr Thatcher could rejoin the party at Echternach.
- (b) A selection from the following items, which would introduce Mr Thatcher to local British and other businessmen:-
- (i) a joint meeting with members of the Luxembourg Chapter of the British Chamber of Commerce in Belgium and Luxembourg and the British Businessmen's Association. This would probably last between 45 minutes and one hour;
- (ii) a visit to TSB's branch. This was opened in January and is the only British bank operating here. Duration: 45-60 minutes;

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(iii) visit Morganite Luxembourg SA, a small factory producing carbon and graphite for bearings, pistons etc. This is a joint venture involving Morganite Special Carbons Ltd. It has 60 staff (although none are British). Duration: 30 minutes plus 30 minutes total travel time;

(iv) visit Konsbruck British House, a clothing retailer in the City centre selling exclusively British merchandise - Burberry, Pringle etc. Duration: 15 minutes;

(v) visit British Shop which sells exclusively a range of British products (books, groceries etc). Duration: 15 minutes;

(vi) a private meeting with invited British businessmen to discuss the financial centre and their role in it (assuming nothing similar figures in the Prime Minister's). Duration 45-60 minutes.

(c) The Luxembourg Government would be happy to arrange a programme of more general interest.

I should be grateful for an indication of Mr Thatcher's views.

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L Parker

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YOUR TELNO 82: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO BELGIUM

1. FOLLOWING IS DRAFT OUTLINE PROGRAMME FOR PRIME MINISTER ON WHICH WE ARE WORKING FOR PLANNING PURPOSES. COMMENTS ARE IN MY 2 IFTS. A SEPARATE PROGRAMME FOR MR THATCHER IS AT PARA 3 BELOW.

DRAFT OUTLINE PROGRAMME

2. TUESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

16.20 ARRIVE OSTEND AIRPORT
MET BY GOVERNOR VANNESTE OF WEST FLANDERS AND AMBASSADOR.

16.25 DEPART BY CAR FOR BRUGES.

16.55 ARRIVE BRUGES BELFREY.
MET BY PRIME MINISTER MR WILFRED MARTENS,
MR FRANK VAN ACKER MAYOR OF BRUGES,
MR DANIEL COENS, PRESIDENT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL OF THE
COLLEGE OF EUROPE,
PROFESSOR J LUKASZEWSKI RECTOR OF THE COLLEGE OF EUROPE.

1700 FORMAL OPENING OF ACADEMIC YEAR.

1725 PRIME MINISTER'S ADDRESS.

1800 PRIME MINISTER ESCORTED TO RECEPTION HALL (SAME BUILDING)
TO MEET BRITISH STUDENTS OF THE COLLEGE OF EUROPE AND BRIEFLY TO
ATTEND RECEPTION.

1820/ DEPART FOR BRUSSELS BY ROAD.
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1925 ARRIVE LAEKEN PALACE BRUSSELS.

1930 MEET KING BAUDOUIN.

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2000 LEAVE LAEKEN PALACE FOR RESIDENCE.
2010 ARRIVE RESIDENCE.
2030 WORKING DINNER AT RESIDENCE WITH PRIME MINISTER MARTENS.

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 21

0805 LEAVE FOR ABELAG AIRPORT
0830 TAKE OFF FOR LUXEMBOURG

3. MR THATCHER'S PROGRAMME WILL BE THE SAME AS THE PRIME MINISTER'S UNTIL 1820 ON 20 SEPTEMBER. WHEN THE PRIME MINISTER LEAVES, MR THATCHER COULD HAVE A BRIEF SIGHT-SEEING TOUR OF BRUGES OR HE CAN RETURN TO BRUSSELS, DIRECT TO THE RESIDENCE WHILE THE PRIME MINISTER CALLS ON THE KING.

THIS WOULD BE FOLLOWED AT 2015/2030 BY DINNER AT A GOOD BRUSSELS RESTAURANT, EG (MAISON DE CYGNE, DUC D'AREMBOURG) WITH LADY PETRIE AND A FEW LEADING BRITISH BUSINESSMEN (EG: BP, JONES LANG WOOTON, DE KEYSER THORNTON, WIGGINS TEAPE AND THEIR WIVES).

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MIPT: YOUR TELNO 82: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO BELGIUM
COMMENT ON DRAFT PROGRAMME

TRAVEL

1. WE HAVE EXPLORED THE VARIOUS ROAD/AIR ALTERNATIVES AND CONCLUDED THAT IT WOULD BE BEST IF THE PRIME MINISTER AND HER PARTY TRAVELLED FROM BRUGES TO BRUSSELS BY ROAD (55 MINUTES). WITH A DEPARTURE FROM BRUGES AT 1820/1825, THIS WOULD ENABLE THE PRIME MINISTER TO HAVE A 30 MINUTE CALL ON THE KING AT LAEKEN PALACE, - FOLLOWED BY THE WORKING DINNER AT THE RESIDENCE AT 2030. THE PRIME MINISTER'S PLANE WOULD FLY DIRECT FROM OSTEND TO ABELAG MILITARY AIRPORT BRUSSELS FOR THE NIGHT.

FORMAL OPENING SESSION AND RECEPTION AT BRUGES

2. THE SPEECH AND RECEPTION WILL NOW BE IN SEPARATE HALLS IN THE SAME BUILDING - THE BRUGES BELFRY, WHICH PROVIDES A MORE SECURE AS WELL AS CONVENIENT VENUE. THE AUDIENCE FOR THE SPEECH IS LIKELY TO BE ABOUT 1,000. THERE WILL BE EXTENSIVE MEDIA COVERAGE WITH TV CAMERAS ABLE TO TAKE THE SPEECH LIVE IN THE HALL. AMONG THOSE INVITED WILL BE BOTH THE BILATERAL DIPLOMATIC CORPS AND THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES AND AMBASSADORS TO THE EC AS WELL AS SOME NATO NOTABILITIES. THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION, LEADING COMMISSION OFFICIAL AND MEPS, AS WELL AS LEADING FIGURES IN BELGIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD BE AMONG THE GUESTS. THERE WILL BE SOME 10 BRITISH STUDENTS AT THE COLLEGE IN SEPTEMBER, AND A BRIEF SLOT IN THE PROGRAMME IS BEING RESERVED FOR THE PRIME MINISTER TO MEET THEM BEFORE GOING ON TO THE RECEPTION.

CALL ON THE KING

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3. BECAUSE OF THE TENSE POLITICAL SITUATION (WHICH MEANS THAT PARLIAMENT AND MINISTERS ARE CONTINUING WORK UNTIL MID-AUGUST) THE KING HAS NOT YET SET THE TIME OF HIS OWN DEPARTURE ON HOLIDAY, NOR MADE ANY FIRM PLANS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER. BY AGREEMENT WITH HIS PRIVATE SECRETARY, A SLOT IS BEING TENTATIVELY RESERVED FOR MRS THATCHER AT 1930 ON 20 SEPTEMBER. BUT THE PALACE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CONFIRM WHETHER OR NOT A CALL WILL TAKE PLACE UNTIL THE KING'S DEPARTURE ON HOLIDAY.

WORKING DINNER

4. WE HAVE AGREED WITH PRIME MINISTER MARTEN'S OFFICE THAT THE WORKING DINNER WITH MRS THATCHER SHOULD BEGIN AT 2030 AT THE AMBASSADORS RESIDENCE. THIS ALLOWS TIME BOTH FOR MRS THATCHER TO CALL ON THE KING AND FOR MR MARTENS TO DRIVE BACK FROM BRUGES. IF THE CALL ON THE KING DOES NOT TAKE PLACE, MRS THATCHER MAY WISH TO SPEND A LITTLE LONGER AT THE RECEPTION AND WOULD ALSO HAVE MORE TIME AVAILABLE BEFORE DINNER. (SEE MIFT).

5. WE ARE COMMENTING SEPARATELY TO DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED ABOUT PRESS COVERAGE AND A NUMBER OF ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS.

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MIPT: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO BELGIUM, WORKING DINNER WITH MR
MARTENS

SUMMARY

1. PROPOSALS FOR PRIME MINISTER'S WORKING DINNER. INSTRUCTIONS
REQUESTED.

DETAIL

2. PRIME MINISTER MARTEN'S OFFICE PREFER THAT THE WORKING DINNER
SHOULD TAKE PLACE AT THE RESIDENCE. RELEVANT FACTORS IN
DECIDING WHOM ELSE TO INVITE ARE THAT:

A) THE DINNER WILL OFFER AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PM TO GET ACROSS
VIEWS TO THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT ON KEY ISSUES ON DEFENCE AND
SECURITY, EAST/WEST AND WESTERN ECONOMIC RECOVERY APART FROM EC
QUESTIONS.

B) SINCE BELGIAN MINISTERS ARE RIVALS FROM DIFFERENT POLITICAL
PARTIES, THEY DO NOT COMMUNICATE INFORMATION BETWEEN THEMSELVES.

C) MARTEN'S 8TH GOVERNMENT IS A COALITION IN WHICH HE IS OBLIGED
TO SHARE A SUBSTANTIAL DEGREE OF POWER WITH HIS DEPUTY PRIME
MINISTERS FROM OTHER COALITION PARTIES.

3. THESE FACTORS MILITATE AGAINST INVITING MARTENS ALONE. CLAES
(FLEMISH SOCIALIST MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS) AND WATHELET
(FRANCOPHONE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT MINISTER OF JUSTICE WHO DEALS
BOTH WITH THE CASE AGAINST IRA TERRORIST PATRICK RYAN AND THE
HEYSEL FOOTBALL FANS' TRIAL: HE IS ALSO MINISTER FOR THE MIDDLE
CLASSES, IE SMALL OR MEDIUM ENTERPRISES) BOTH OF WHOM SPEAK
ENGLISH WOULD BE THE MOST USEFUL OF THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTERS
FOR PURPOSE (A). TO THIS WE SHOULD ADD COEME (FRANCOPHONE

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SOCIALIST MINISTER OF DEFENCE) AND OF COURSE TINDEMANS. PRIME MINISTER MARTENS' OFFICE HAVE TOLD US THAT THEY WOULD LEAVE GUESTS TO US. WHILE THERE ARE DELICATE QUESTIONS OF BELGIAN POLITICAL BALANCE INVOLVED IN ANY CHOICE, WE SHOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR DISCRETION TO PROCEED ALONG THESE LINES ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT MRS THATCHER WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY HER PRINCIPAL PRIVATE SECRETARY AND MR POWELL IN ADDITION TO THE AMBASSADOR MAKING OUR NUMBERS UP TO A MINIMUM OF 4.

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MY TELNO 238: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO BELGIUM: CALL ON KING

1. THE PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE KING HAS CONFIRMED MRS THATCHER
WILL HAVE AN AUDIENCE OF THE KING AT 19.30 ON 20 SEPTEMBER.
PROGRAMME ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE AS SET OUT IN MY TELNO 237.

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From the Private Secretary

21 July 1988

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO LUXEMBOURG

Thank you for your letter of 21 July about the Prime Minister's visit to Luxembourg. I gave you my comments on the telephone. In summary they are:

- (i) All right if we must.
- (ii) I agree no Vianden.
- (iii) There is no point in a ten minute press conference. Either we have a proper one or none at all.
- (iv) I do not think either of these are worthwhile doing. Luxembourg farms are pretty much like any other farm, only even more boring. A short meeting with leading lights from the financial sector is not worthwhile: if there is a meeting it would need to be a proper one.
- (v) I do not think the Prime Minister would mind laying two wreaths.

We will do our best to fit in Wagner for a few minutes in the week beginning 12 September. I will write you further about this.

(C. D. POWELL)

Lyn Parker, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.



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Charles,

Lyn Parker has phoned
me re the attached to say
that the Ambassador in
Luxembourg has a meeting with
the trip organisers at 3p.m
today ∴ it would be a
great help if Lyn could
have your initial thoughts on
this by about 2.30 p.m.

Lyn realises this is a
busy day for you & will
understand if this is
impossible.

Sue
21.7.88

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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21 July 1988

C/O 21/7

Dear Charles,

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Thank you for your reply of 14 June to Tony Galsworthy's letter of the same day about the Prime Minister's visit to Luxembourg. We have been pursuing discussion with the Luxembourgers and would now be grateful for your views on the following points:-

- (i) The Luxembourg MFA now advise us that a call on M Bollendorff is necessary in protocol terms if the Prime Minister is to call on Mme Flesch. Both calls could be short and at the Chamber of Deputies so that little time would be lost.
- (ii) We could square this with the time constraints by dropping the trip to Vianden (which might in any case be a little difficult). The Luxembourgers' wish to show the Prime Minister something on the cultural side would then be met by a brief tour of Echternach.
- (iii) The Luxembourgers have suggested including a 10 minute press conference. As the local press is very thin on the ground, this would mainly be for visiting press, who should have plenty of other opportunities to cover the visit. We assume that the Prime Minister would not want to give a press conference as such.
- (iv) With these revisions there would still be time for one other short event. Possibilities for this include a meeting with leading lights from the Financial Sector or a visit to a farm. We are looking into this in more detail.
- (v) The programme currently includes two wreath-laying ceremonies, one at a War Memorial (probably "The Golden Lady"), one at the Churchill Memorial Statue. Is the Prime Minister content with this, or are two such events over-doing it? If one has to go, it would probably have to be the Churchill Memorial.

In his letter Tony Galsworthy also passed on a request from the Luxembourg Ambassador (M Wagner) for a call on the Prime Minister before her visit. Your reply said that you would look at the possibility of such a call.



We now have more information on M Wagner's plans. If a call were possible he wonders whether it might take place during the week beginning 12 September (as he intends returning from summer leave on 10 September). If this timing does not suit he would be happy to return early from holiday for a call during the week beginning 5 September. Is it possible at this stage to offer him any steer?

Yours ever,

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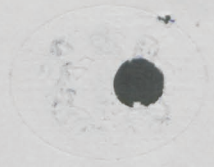
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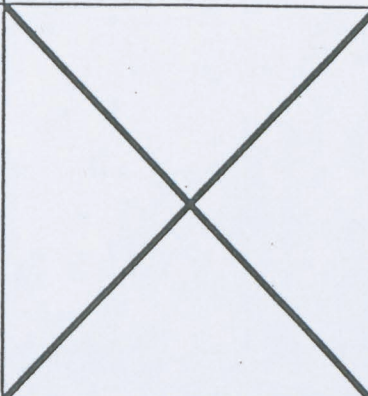
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From the Private Secretary

14 July 1988

Thank you for your letter of 27 June, inviting the Prime Minister to open the new Marks and Spencer shop in your Madrid store during her forthcoming visit to Spain.

I am pleased to tell you that provisional arrangements have been made for the Prime Minister to perform the opening ceremony at 1115 on Friday 23 September. The Embassy in Madrid will be contacting you shortly to discuss arrangements, if indeed they have not already done so.

May I take this opportunity to wish you every success with this new venture.

C. D. POWELL

Peter Carr, Esq.

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14 July 1988

Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's Visit to Spain: Galerías Preciados

Thank you for your letter of 30 June, enclosing one from Mr Peter Carr, asking the Prime Minister to inaugurate a new Marks and Spencers shop in his department store in Madrid.

/ I enclose a draft reply, which informs Mr Carr that the inauguration has been pencilled into the Prime Minister's programme. As you will remember, this engagement was included in the revised programme proposed in Madrid telno 480. We have asked the Embassy in Madrid to make the necessary arrangements, as you suggested.

I am copying this letter to Jeremy Godfrey at DTI.

Yours ever,
L Parker

(L Parker)
Private Secretary

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10 Downing Street

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Thank you for your letter of 27 June, inviting the Prime Minister to open the new Marks and Spencer shop in your Madrid store during her forthcoming visit to Spain.

I am pleased to tell you that provisional arrangements have been made for the Prime Minister to perform the opening ceremony at 11.15am on Friday 23 September. The Embassy in Madrid will be contacting you shortly to discuss arrangements, if indeed they have not already done so.

May I take this opportunity to wish you every success with ^{this} ~~the~~ new ~~shop~~ venture?

EMJ.

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From the Private Secretary

13 July 1988

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO SPAIN

I have seen a copy of Madrid telegram no. 539 proposing language for a plaque to be placed on the wall of the waiting room of the new British Consulate General in Madrid. I am content with the wording.

Charles Powell

Lyn Parker, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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From the Private Secretary

11 July 1988

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG AND SPAIN:
SEPTEMBER 1988

I have consulted Mr. Thatcher who tells me that he will accompany the Prime Minister on her visits to Belgium, Luxembourg and Spain in September. I should be grateful if our posts in Luxembourg and Spain could be asked to prepare separate engagements for him, centred on visits to British business, at times when he will not be accompanying the Prime Minister on her programme.

Charles Powell

Lyn Parker, Esq.,
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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO SPAIN: OPENING OF THE NEW
BRITISH CONSULATE GENERAL IN MADRID

1. WE HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE INAUGURATION OF THE NEW CONSULATE GENERAL IN MADRID, WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER IS DUE TO UNDERTAKE ON 23 SEPTEMBER. WE FAVOUR A PLAQUE, IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH, ON THE WALL OF THE WAITING ROOM OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL, CARRYING THE FOLLOWING INSCRIPTION, (WITH A SPANISH VERSION BELOW):

"THIS BRITISH CONSULATE GENERAL WAS OPENED ON 23 SEPTEMBER 1988 BY THE BRITISH PRIME MINISTER, THE RIGHT HONOURABLE MRS MARGARET THATCHER, PC FRS MP."

2. GRATEFUL TO KNOW IF THIS WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE. IF THE IDEA IS ACCEPTABLE WE NEED TO ORDER THE PLAQUE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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M. Powell

VISIT TO BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG AND SPAIN

As I think you know, the Prime Minister will be visiting Belgium, Luxembourg and Spain from 20-23 September inclusive. I cannot remember whether we have yet asked you whether you will accompany the Prime Minister. It would be helpful to know your wishes in the matter as our various Embassies are beginning to ask.

CDP

C. D. POWELL

11 July 1988

Yes
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From the Private Secretary

Ack |

30 June 1988

I attach a copy of a letter the Prime Minister has received from Mr. Peter Carr of Galerias Preciados in Madrid.

I should be grateful for your advice and for a draft reply which I might send to Mr. Carr, to reach me by Thursday 14 July please.

I am copying this letter and enclosure to Jeremy Godfrey (Department of Trade and Industry).

(CHARLES POWELL)

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

Ad

P. A. E. Carr
Galerías Preciados
María de Molina, 54
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Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher
Prime Minister
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Peter A. E. Carr

Consejero Director General

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Madrid, 27th June 1988

Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
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Dear Prime Minister,

Galerías Preciados is a department store group (like Debenhams) owned by the British property company Mountleigh Group Plc.

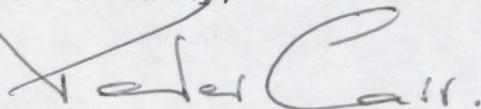
In September 1988 we will open the first Marks and Spencer in Spain in our store in central Madrid.

The British Embassy have informed me that you are expecting to be in Madrid during September and I would be delighted if you could find time in your busy schedule to perform the official opening of the new shop.

There is nothing more British than department stores and Marks and Spencer -and two British companies working together in both the national and corporate interest provides an appropriate occasion for involvement at the highest level.

I do hope you will be able to help us -we are all looking forward to your visit and that of the Queen later in October.

Yours sincerely,



Peter A. E. Carr
Consejero Director General

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From the Private Secretary

28 June 1988

Dear Tony,

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO SPAIN

The Prime Minister had a word in Hanover yesterday evening with Senor Gonzalez about her proposed visit to Spain in September.

The Prime Minister said that she hoped her visit would not be an embarrassment to Senor Gonzalez. Their politics were very different and she was accustomed to speak her mind. Senor Gonzalez said that of course the Prime Minister should come and feel free to say whatever she wished. The Prime Minister continued that she did not want Gibraltar to be a source of dissension during the visit. Senor Gonzalez said that no doubt the press would wish to make trouble but he and the Prime Minister should agree on a line for dealing with that. On the substance, the most pressing need was to bring Mr Bossano into closer co-operation with both governments.

The Prime Minister asked what she ought to do during her visit. Senor Gonzalez said there would be the usual round of talks and protocol events. The Prime Minister said that she would very much like to do a walkabout and meet people on the street. Senor Gonzalez said that this would be arranged: the Prime Minister was a highly respected figure in Spain. The Prime Minister said that she was anxious that the visit should be a success to prepare the way for the Royal Visit. She was much looking forward to it.

Charles Powell

A.C. Galsworthy, Esq., CMG.,
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From the Private Secretary

28 June 1988

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO MADRID

Thank you for your letter of 27 June about the programme for the Prime Minister's visit to Madrid. Your letter crossed with my account of the Prime Minister's exchange with Senor Gonzalez's on this subject in Hanover. The suggestions look very much on the right lines. In particular, as you will have seen from my letter, the Prime Minister would like to do a walk about in Madrid and Senor Gonzalez evidently approved this. I think our Ambassador should now go ahead and make arrangements on the lines proposed.

CHARLES POWELL

Lyn Parker, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Dear Charles

Prime Minister's Visit to Madrid : 22-23 September 1988

Thank you for your letter of 26 May. ^{*at top*} In the light of your comment that the proposed engagements on the second day looked unexciting, Nicky Gordon Lennox has had a further look at the programme and come up with the enclosed revised draft. I should be grateful for any further comments you may have. Subject to these, I hope we can proceed with planning on the basis of the revised draft programme.

*Yours ever,
L Parker*

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FCO TELNO 177: THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO SPAIN 21-23 SEPTEMBER

1. WE HAVE THOUGHT FURTHER ABOUT THE PROGRAMME, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE SPANISH PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND WITH THE OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER OF CONGRESS. WE SUGGEST A SLIGHTLY REVISED PROGRAMME ON THE FOLLOWING LINES:-

WEDNESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

2030 APPROX: ARRIVE BARAJAS AIRPORT.
MET BY THE HEAD OF PROTOCOL OF THE SPANISH PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE.

2100 APPROX: ARRIVE MY RESIDENCE.
LATER IN-HOUSE BRIEFING OVER SUPPER AT THE RESIDENCE.

THURSDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER

1010 LEAVE RESIDENCE.

1015 OFFICIAL WELCOME AT THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (MONCLOA PALACE). MILITARY HONOURS AND NATIONAL ANTHEMS.

FIRST SESSION OF TALKS WITH FELIPE GONZALEZ. HIS STAFF SUGGEST THAT THIS MIGHT CONTINUE FOR A LITTLE OVER TWO HOURS.

1245 LEAVE MONCLOA.

1250 INAUGURATE THE DTI'S MOBILE EXHIBITION OF BRITISH COMPUTER-AIDED MANUFACTURING SYSTEMS (CAD/CAM), PROBABLY SOMEWHERE IN THE AREA OF THE UNIVERSITY. IT IS NOT FAR FROM THE MONCLOA. MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH BUSINESS COMMUNITY, INCLUDING THE BRITISH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, WILL BE PRESENT.

1400 LUNCH WITH THE KING AT HIS RESIDENCE (THE ZARZUELA PALACE). FELIPE GONZALEZ AND HIS WIFE WILL ALSO BE THERE.

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1600 APROX. RETURN TO RESIDENCE.

1700 POSSIBLE CALL ON THE PRIME MINISTER BY THE SPANISH
FOREIGN MINISTER, AT THE RESIDENCE.

1730 LEAVE RESIDENCE FOR CONGRESS.

1745 ARRIVE AT CONGRESS FOR:-

 (A) A CALL ON THE SPEAKER, (FELIX PONS, WHOM MRS
 THATCHER HAS MET IN LONDON).

 (B) VISIT THE DEBATING CHAMBER.

 (C) A ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION WITH THE SPEAKER AND A
 SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE OF EACH OF THE DIFFERENT PARTIES
 REPRESENTED IN PARLIAMENT. (NOT MORE THAN ABOUT 10 IN
 ALL)

1900 LEAVE CONGRESS AND RETURN TO RESIDENCE.

2050 DEPART RESIDENCE FOR THE MONCLOA.

2100 OFFICIAL DINNER AT THE MONCLOA (DARK SUITS). THE
 SPANIARDS SUGGEST THAT THE TOASTS ARE EXTENDED INTO
 SHORT SPEECHES OF A MAXIMUM OF 10 MINUTES. TELEVISION
 CAMERAS WOULD BE PRESENT ON ARRIVAL AND FOR THE
 TOASTS.

FRIDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER

0900 MEETING WITH THE LEADER OF ALIANZA POPULAR,
 ANTONIO HERNANDEZ MANCHA, AT THE RESIDENCE.

1000 LEAVE RESIDENCE.

1015 INAUGURATE NEW BRITISH CONSULATE GENERAL AND MEET SOME
 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BRITISH COMMUNITY.

1115 VISIT TO ONE OF THE STORES OF GALERIAS PRECIADOS, THE
 CHAIN RECENTLY BOUGHT BY MOUNTLEIGH, TO INAUGURATE THE
 FIRST MARKS AND SPENCER SHOP IN SPAIN.

1200 WALKABOUT IN A NEARBY SQUARE.

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1220 LEAVE CITY CENTRE FOR MONCLOA.

1230 SECOND AND FINAL SESSION OF DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SPANISH PRIME MINISTER.

1330 JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE MONCLOA.

1430 EITHER A PRIVATE LUNCH IN A RESTAURANT WITH FELIPE GONZALEZ, OR A SMALL LUNCH HOSTED BY FELIX PONS (SPEAKER TO CONGRESS).

1700 VISIT TO THE PRADO ART MUSEUM.

1900 RECEPTION AT THE RESIDENCE TO MEET LEADING SPANIARDS NOT INCLUDED ELSEWHERE IN THE PROGRAMME.

2015 LEAVE RESIDENCE.

2045 LEAVE BARAJAS AIRPORT FOR LONDON.

2. THE REASONS FOR THE SUGGESTED CHANGES ARE A FOLLOWS:-

(A) ON THE FIRST MORNING FELIPE GONZALEZ' STAFF BELIEVE THAT A FULL MORNING OF TALKS FROM, SAY, 1030 - 1345, WOULD BE TOO LONG. IF THE TALKS CONTINUE UNTIL 1245 THERE WILL NOT BE TIME FOR A VISIT TO CONGRESS BEFORE LUNCH THE WITH THE KING. WE HAVE THEREFORE SUGGESTED INSERTING THE INAUGURATION OF THE CADCAM EXHIBITION AT THIS POINT.

(B) IF IT PROVES DIFFICULT TO INCLUDE THE BRITISH BUSINESS COMMUNITY AT CADCAM WE SHALL BE SUGGESTING TO YOU THAT THE PRIME MINISTER MIGHT HAVE 30 MINUTES OR SO WITH THEM AT THE RESIDENCE LATER IN THE DAY.

(C) THE SPANISH PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE ARE NOT AT ALL HAPPY AT MY GIVING A RECEPTION AT THE RESIDENCE BEFORE FELIPE GONZALEZ HAS HIMSELF HOSTED SPANISH HOSPITALITY FOR THE PRIME MINISTER. THEREFORE THEY HAVE ASKED US TO MOVE ANY RECEPTION WHICH I MIGHT GIVE TO THE SECOND DAY. THIS LEAVES THE FIRST AFTERNOON AND EARLY EVENING, FOLLOWING A POSSIBLE CALL BY SR FERNANDEZ ORDONEZ ON THE PRIME MINISTER AT THE RESIDENCE, CLEAR FOR A VISIT TO CONGRESS.

(D) WE UNDERSTAND THAT MOUNTLEIGH HAVE BEEN LOBBYING AT YOUR END

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FOR MRS THATCHER TO OPEN THEIR FIRST MARKS AND SPENCER SHOP IN SPAIN. I RATHER LIKE THIS IDEA. MARKS AND SPENCER ARE WELL KNOWN TO MANY SPANIARDS FROM THEIR VISITS TO BRITAIN AND THE OCCASION SHOULD BE A HIGH PROFILE ONE.

(E) TO LIVEN UP THE ENGAGEMENTS ON THE SECOND DAY WE COULD INCLUDE EITHER A WALKABOUT OR A VISIT TO A MARKET. I THINK THE FORMER WOULD BE BETTER, FOR TWO REASONS: A WALKABOUT WOULD BE EASIER TO COVER FOR THE TELEVISION CREWS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS, AND A VISIT BY A SENIOR POLITICIAN TO A MARKET IS APPARENTLY ASSOCIATED CLOSELY WITH FRAGA, THE FORMER LEADER OF ALIANZA POPULAR AND FRANCO'S INTERIOR MINISTER.

(F) FELIPE GONZALEZ HAS NOT YET BEEN CONSULTED ABOUT HOSTING A PRIVATE LUNCH ON THE SECOND DAY. SHOULD THIS PROVE DIFFICULT FOR ANY REASON, THE SPEAKER OF CONGRESS HAS SAID HE WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO GIVE A LUNCH, WHICH WOULD BE QUITE INFORMAL, WITH A SMALL GROUP OF SPANIARDS.

(G) FELIPE GONZALEZ' STAFF COMMENTED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER'S ENGAGEMENTS OUTSIDE OF THE TALKS AND VISIT TO CONGRESS ARE ORIENTATED VERY MUCH TOWARDS BRITISH COMMERCIAL AND CONSULAR INTEREST. THEY WOULD BE HAPPY FOR HER PROGRAMME TO INCLUDE THESE ITEMS BUT WOULD ALSO LIKE HER TO VISIT SOMETHING SPANISH. THE OBVIOUS CHOICE IS THE PRADO ART MUSEUM WHICH, AS ONE OF THE FOREMOST ART MUSEUMS IN THE WORLD, IS A SOURCE OF GREAT PRIDE TO THE SPANIARDS.

(H) IF THE PRIME MINISTER CAN SPARE TIME, I WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE HER TO MEET A SELECTION OF IMPORTANT SPANIARDS TO WHOM SHE WOULD NOT HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO TALK EARLIER IN THE PROGRAMME. THE EARLIEST I COULD DO THIS WOULD BE AT 1900 ON FRIDAY AND WHICH WOULD MEAN LEAVING MY HOUSE AT 2015 FOR A 2045 TAKE OFF.

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From the Private Secretary

23 June 1988

Thank you for your letter of 13 June to the Prime Minister asking whether she would be prepared to meet some of your members during her visit to Madrid in the Autumn.

The Prime Minister wishes to do all she can to support the efforts of British businessmen during her visit to Spain; but it is not yet clear how much time she will have left after her official talks with the Spanish Prime Minister and other engagements. May I suggest, therefore, that you keep in touch with the British Embassy who will be able to let you know what the possibilities are as the programme is worked out.

C. D. POWELL

J. D. Munro, Esq.

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22 June 1988

Dear Charles, or.

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Thank you for your letter of 14 June enclosing a copy of one from the National President of the British Chamber of Commerce in Spain asking whether the Prime Minister would be prepared to meet the members of the Chamber during her visit to Madrid.

We have consulted HM Ambassador in Madrid who recommends against the creation of a slot in the Prime Minister's programme specifically for the British Chamber of Commerce. It appears that those active in the Chamber (including Mr Munro, who works for Laing) tend to come from the middle management of UK and Spanish companies, and there is a heavy bias towards the invisibles sector. This does not make them a suitably representative or high level group of businessmen for a meeting with the Prime Minister.

An alternative might be for Mr Munro, and perhaps others from the Chamber, to be invited to one of the commercially oriented events which are being planned. But until we have a clearer idea of the form these might take it may be best to send a non-committal reply. I enclose a draft.

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Private Secretary

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Thank you for your letter of 13 June to the Prime Minister asking whether she would be prepared to meet some of your members during her visit to Madrid in the autumn.

The Prime Minister wishes to do all she can to ^{support} back the efforts of British businessmen during her visit to Spain; but it is not yet clear how much time she will have left after her official talks with the Spanish Prime Minister and other engagements. May I suggest, therefore, that you keep in touch with the British Embassy who will be able to ^{let you know} advise you of the possibilities as the programme ^{is} ~~becomes~~ firms up? ^{are} ~~is~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~worked~~ ~~out~~.

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From the Private Secretary

14 June 1988

Dear Mr.

I enclose a copy of a letter to the Prime Minister from the National President of the British Chamber of Commerce in Spain asking whether she could meet the members of the Chamber during her visit to Madrid. You will wish to obtain the views of HM Ambassador in Madrid.

*Yours sincerely,
C. D. Powell*

(C. D. POWELL)

Lyn Parker, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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From the Private Secretary

14 June 1988

Dear Mr. Munro,

I am replying on behalf of the Prime Minister to your letter about her forthcoming visit to Madrid in which you suggest that she should meet members of the British Chamber of Commerce in Spain. Her visit will be a very brief one but I have passed your letter to our Ambassador in Madrid to see whether or not there is any possibility of working a meeting into the programme.

*Yours sincerely,
Chris Powell*

(C. D. POWELL)

Mr. James D. Munro



Foreign and Commonwealth Office
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14 June 1988

Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's Visit to Belgium and Luxembourg:
20-21 September

Thank you for your letter of 10 May. I enclose a draft outline programme and (map) for the Prime Minister's visit to Belgium and Luxembourg.

Belgium: 20 September

The College of Europe have secured Bruges Town Hall for the opening ceremony. The proceedings (including a 45 minute speech by the Prime Minister) would start at 1700 and last about 75 minutes. Immediately thereafter there would be a 45 minute reception. If the Prime Minister chose to leave this early (as President Mitterrand did last year) time might be found for a courtesy call on King Baudouin before dinner in Brussels.

The dinner might then start at 2030. Sir Peter Petrie has been in touch with Mr Martens's office about this. One point which has arisen is whether the dinner would be with Mr Martens alone or with some of his key colleagues. We assume that the Prime Minister's normal preference would be to keep numbers to a minimum but in the coalition politics of Belgium there could be advantage in including some senior Ministers, particularly the socialists, so that they are exposed to our arguments. Mr Martens's position, while short of cohabitation, is much weaker than in his previous Governments.

Luxembourg: 21 September

The flight from Brussels to Luxembourg takes approximately 50 minutes. We suggest that the Luxembourg programme start at 0900. The departure for Madrid could be at 1800 allowing for arrival shortly after 2000.

As agreed the Prime Minister's programme would include:

i) An audience at the Grand Ducal Palace.
As the Grand Duke will be absent this would be with Crown Prince Henri.

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From the Private Secretary

14 June 1988

Dear Tom,

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG:
20/21 SEPTEMBER

Thank you for your letter of 14 June about the programmes for the Prime Minister's visit to Belgium and Luxembourg.

Belgium

I note that the College of Europe have secured Bruges Town Hall which is certainly a marvellous setting but will have quite serious implications for security. We shall have to ensure that all the proper steps are taken to control admission including ticket only entrance.

You suggest that the Prime Minister should speak for 45 minutes. I know that she would regard this as much too long and it would be better to budget for a speech of not more than 30 minutes at the outside.

You are right to suggest that the Prime Minister would like the dinner to be as small as possible although I agree that it would be wise to have one or two of M. Martens' colleagues.

Luxembourg

I think it is a bit much to expect the Prime Minister to leave Brussels as early as envisaged in your letter. Let us put the start of the Luxembourg programme back to 0930. If necessary, departure from Luxembourg could similarly be slipped by half an hour. The programme proposals look generally acceptable although it would certainly be helpful if Mr. Bollendorff could be included in the guest list for the lunch rather than have a separate call. A visit to Vianden is acceptable if it could be fitted in to the overall time allowed for the visit.

Announcement

I think it would be all right to announce the College of Europe occasion in August but could you please check nearer the time. We will look at the possibility of a courtesy call by the Luxembourg Ambassador.

your sincerely
(C. D. POWELL)

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

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ii) Laying a wreath at the war memorial.

This is the usual custom for visiting leaders of allies. There is also a memorial to Sir Winston Churchill in the centre of Luxembourg city which the Prime Minister might like to visit.

iii) Substantive talks with M Santer.

Coalition sensitivities come into play here also as M Poos (Deputy Prime Minister, Foreign Minister and Minister for Economic Affairs) is of a different party to M Santer. The Luxembourgers propose that the two Prime Ministers (plus perhaps one official) might have talks for 45 minutes and then be joined by M Poos and officials for a further 45 minutes of talks.

iv) Lunch.

This would be held in the Hall of Mirrors in the Abbey at Echternach, which was founded by an English Saint (Willibrord who brought Christianity to Luxembourg). This is the best-known Anglo-Luxembourg link before modern times. The lunch might be the occasion for an exchange of short speeches. The guest list could include Lord MacKenzie Stuart who will be retiring as President of the European Court of Justice in early October.

v) an Anglo-Luxembourg Project.

Much the most important example of forward looking cooperation between Britain and Luxembourg is the ASTRA satellite project. The satellite due to be launched in November will be used for direct broadcast television services. British companies hold a capital share of over 10% and British Telecom has an option on 11 of the 16 transponders. Mr Rupert Murdoch has recently announced that he will take four of the remaining 5 transponders. The Luxembourgers see the project as symbolic of their high-technology aspirations and would be delighted to arrange a visit to the ground station. There is of course a rival project - British Satellite Broadcasting - but we do not see this as an obstacle, given the Anglo-Luxembourg dimension of Astra and the UK policy of liberalisation and competition in the field of telecommunications.

The Luxembourgers have also recommended calls by the Prime Minister on Mme Colette Flesch (leader of the right wing Liberal opposition) and M Leon Bollendorff (President of the Chamber of Deputies). These might last for 20 minutes each and could be fitted into the morning's programme. The Foreign Secretary had a useful talk with Mme Flesch when he visited Luxembourg earlier this year. If the Prime Minister preferred, M Bollendorff might be included in the guest list for lunch rather than a separate call. (This would make possible a later start from Brussels.)

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The Luxembourgers have also suggested that the Prime Minister might wish to visit Vianden in the North of the country. This is considered one of the most beautiful of towns in Luxembourg. It has royal links with the UK as William III of Orange was also Count of Vianden. HM The Queen visited it during the State Visit in 1976.

Announcement

The Rector of the College of Europe is keeping to himself news of the attendance of the Prime Minister at the opening ceremony but he will obviously wish to engineer publicity nearer the time. The deadline for printing invitations etc is August. We hope that the visits can be announced by then.

Finally, the Luxembourg Ambassador (Mr Jean Wagner), who has not yet met the Prime Minister, has requested a short courtesy call in September. He will be in Luxembourg for the Prime Minister's visit. If the diary rules out such a call, we recommend that he be invited to some suitable function at No 10 before the visit.

*Lucy ever
Tangram*

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1245 Depart for Echternach

1315 Lunch in Halls of Mirrors of Echternach
Abbey

1515 Visit Vianden

1615 Visit ASTRA Ground Station at Betzdorf

1745 Return Luxembourg

1800 Depart for Madrid

PM Tows

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British Chamber of Commerce in Spain
Cámara de Comercio Británica en España

Madrid, 13 June 1988

The Rt. Hon. Mrs. Thatcher, MP,
No. 10 Downing Street,
London,
SW1A 2AA.

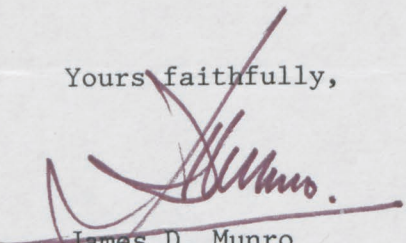
Dear Prime Minister,

Re: Visit to Madrid, Spain

The British Chamber of Commerce in Spain represents over 1,000 companies in all sections of commercial activity involving our two countries. It is the largest British Chamber in continental Europe and one of the most active and flourishing.

We are obviously aware of your forthcoming visit to Madrid and would be most pleased if you could find the time to meet briefly with some of our Members. We do realise that it may not be possible for you to address a gathering but at the same time feel that some recognition of those involved in the "leading-edge" of promoting U.K.-Spanish commercial activity would be tremendously encouraging.

Yours faithfully,


James D. Munro
National President



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26 May 1988

From the Private Secretary

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO MADRID: 22/23 SEPTEMBER 1988

Thank you for your letter of 25 May proposing an outline programme for the Prime Minister's visit to Madrid. I think that the Prime Minister would be content with this. She would certainly consider two sessions of talks with Senor Gonzalez as enough. The engagements proposed on the second day, however, look rather unexciting and I should be grateful if you could ask the Embassy to think again about them. Would there, for instance, be anything to be said for a walkabout by the Prime Minister in Madrid or a visit to a market?

The Prime Minister will be prepared to do an interview for Spanish national television before her departure and give a joint interview to a small group of journalists from leading Spanish newspapers. I shall ask our Press Section to put in hand the arrangements for this.

I will remind the Prime Minister to mention the visit to Sr. Gonzalez when she sees him in Hanover.

CHARLES POWELL

Lyn Parker, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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25 May 1988

Dear Charles,

Yes

2 sessions

Conservative Minister

Does this seem

Agree on the right lines?
 Agree the proposed interview

Prime Minister's Visit to Madrid: 22-23 September 1988

Thank you for your letter of 10 May. Now that the Prime Minister has agreed to travel to Spain from Luxembourg on the evening of Wednesday, 21 September, we can begin to consider the programme she might undertake in Madrid.

[Two must surely be enough]

I attach an outline programme suggested by Nicky Gordon Lennox. The Spanish have proposed three sessions of talks with Sr Gonzalez, the last of which would be shorter than the other two and would be followed by a joint press conference. You may well feel that it would be better to have two sessions: a main substantive session at the beginning of the visit and a brief closing meeting along the lines currently proposed. As is customary for such visits to Spain, there would be a private lunch with the King, an official dinner hosted by Sr Gonzalez and a visit to Parliament. A call on the conservative opposition leader, Sr Mancha, is also included in the programme.

We shall be letting you have suggestions for a separate programme for Mr Thatcher. The Spaniards would naturally include him in the invitations to lunch with the King and dinner with Sr Gonzalez. The proposed programme for the Prime Minister does not include a separate major speech (the Prime Minister's speech in Bruges two days before the visit will no doubt be well covered in the Spanish press). However, the toasts made at the official dinner could be expanded into short speeches if both sides thought this a good idea.

It will be important to ensure positive and balanced press coverage of the visit. Nicky Gordon Lennox has suggested that Mrs Thatcher grant an interview to the Spanish National Television Channel TVE, and one to a small group of journalists from leading Spanish newspapers. He advises against giving an interview to only one newspaper, on the grounds that this would cause ill-feeling among the rest and create problems for the Embassy's relationship with the press in the run-up to the visit. If the Prime Minister does not wish to see a group of journalists, the best alternative would be an interview with the national news agency EFE.

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The Prime Minister might wish to take advantage of the European Council in Hanover on 27-28 June to have a word with Sr Gonzalez in the margins about the visit. In particular, she might wish to say that we want to avoid Gibraltar's becoming an issue (the Spaniards would almost certainly be receptive to the suggestion that Gibraltar should be handled in a low key way).

Yours ever,

L Parker

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO MADRID 22-23 SEPTEMBER

DRAFT PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

EVENING Arrive in Madrid
Briefing at the Residence over supper or, if the Prime Minister has eaten on the plane, a drink.

THURSDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

1000 Official welcome at the Prime Minister's office (the Moncloa Palace). This will probably take place in the garden of the Palace with military honours and national anthems. (The Spanish Government always welcome Heads of Government in this way, rather than at the airport.)

1030 approx First session of talks with Sr Gonzalez.

1215 approx Visit to Parliament. The reception of an EC or NATO Head of Government normally involves a short meeting with the speaker, a visit to the debating chamber and then a meeting with the various party spokesmen and some other leaders of the Congress.

1400 approx Private lunch with the King at the Zarzuela Palace, (20 minutes from central Madrid) (at which Sr Gonzalez and his wife might also be present but which would not include other ministers or dignatories).

1630 or 1700 Possible call on the Prime Minister at the British Residence by the Foreign Minister Sr Fernandez Ordonez.

1730 or 1800 Second session of talks with Sr Gonzalez at the Moncloa Palace.

2000 Reception at the Residence (The Embassy would invite around 40-50 Spaniards from various fields).

2130 Official dinner at the Moncloa Palace for about 50 guests hosted by Sr Gonzalez. (Dark suits). There would be toasts, which could be extended into short speeches of 5-10 minutes. There could be live TV coverage of the latter.



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FRIDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

0900-1200

a) Meeting with the leader of Alianza Popular (Antonio Hernandez Mancha).

b) Opening of the new offices of the Consulate General.

c) Inauguration of a DTI mobile exhibition of British computer-aided manufacturing systems (CADCAM).

d) Depending on time available, discussion with heads of major British companies in Spain.

1230

Concluding session of talks with Sr Gonzalez at the Moncloa Palace. (Following his weekly Cabinet meeting.)

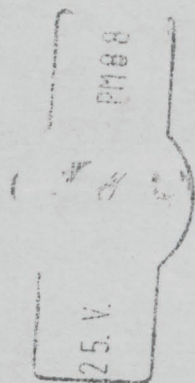
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Joint press conference at the Moncloa Palace.

1400

Sr Gonzalez might well invite the Prime Minister to a private lunch in a restaurant with just two or three other people to finish her visit. If not, depart.

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10 May 1988

From the Private Secretary

Dear Lyn.

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO LUXEMBOURG AND SPAIN

Thank you for your letter of 9 May about the difficulties which arise over the timing of the Prime Minister's speech at the College of Europe in Bruges, given the coincidence with the ceremony being conducted by King Baudouin in Brussels.

I have discussed this further with the Prime Minister. Rather reluctantly, she is prepared to travel from London to Bruges on the afternoon of Tuesday 20 September and to deliver the speech in Bruges in the late afternoon or early evening. She would then travel on to Brussels for a working supper with Mr. Martens and spend the night at the Embassy. She would leave early the next morning from Brussels for Luxembourg, carry out the sort of programme envisaged in your letter and depart that evening for Madrid. I hope that we can avoid too late an arrival, to leave time for a briefing supper at the Embassy. She would then carry out her programme in Spain on 22 and 23 September, returning to London that evening.

I should be grateful if you could now start to make arrangements for a programme built around these points.

Yours sincerely,

CHARLES POWELL

Lyn Parker, Esq.,
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9 May 1988

Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's visit to Luxembourg

Thank you for your letter of 28 April¹⁹⁸⁸ about the invitation to the Prime Minister from the College of Europe to speak there in September. We have come across a snag in the idea of making the Bruges speech on the way to Luxembourg. King Baudouin of the Belgians will be dedicating a window to the RAF in Brussels on the morning of 21 September. We believe that it would be odd for the Prime Minister to be in another part of Belgium while this major Anglo/Belgian event was in progress. Logistics would rule out the possibility of the Prime Minister attending both events and then carrying out a programme in Luxembourg.

We therefore propose that the Prime Minister should consider going to Luxembourg first, and then to Bruges. HM Ambassador suggests that the programme in Luxembourg might run from 1000 - 1700 (departing from London Heathrow at 0740). This could include:

- an audience with Crown Prince Henri (in the Grand Duke's absence);
- laying a wreath at the War Memorial;
- a substantive meeting with Santer;
- lunch with notable Luxembourgers and possibly some senior representatives of EC institutions;
- possible meeting with Luxembourg deputies or a visit to an Anglo-Luxembourg project.

The flight from Luxembourg to Ostend and onwards travel to Bruges would take approximately 1 hour 30 minutes. The College of Europe speech could therefore start shortly after 1830, lasting (perhaps with questions) until 2000. The Prime Minister could then travel direct to Madrid from Ostend, arriving at 2230 approx (having had dinner on the aeroplane). This would allow for a full day's programme on 22 September. Alternatively the Prime Minister could, if she wished, leave Bruges a little earlier and travel from Ostend to Brussels (35 minutes) for dinner with the new Belgian Prime Minister, staying the night at the Ambassador's Residence and leaving for Madrid at eg 0730, arriving 0950.



I should be grateful to know whether the Prime Minister would wish to follow a programme along these lines.

Yours ever

L Parker

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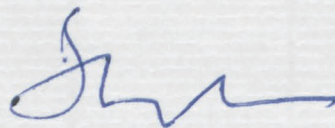
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I am sympathetic to Nicholas Gordon-Lennox's idea of an even-handed approach to the Spanish media. I am always nervous of the line usually taken by our posts about giving only one interview to a selected newspaper. This caused a lot of disaffection among the Japanese press.

Consequently, I would readily fall in with the idea of a group representing the main national newspapers.

We could follow this with 15 minutes each for one radio and one TV interview.

We need also to resurrect Tristan Gavel-Jones' journal. I would like to get that out of the way before the Recess.



BERNARD INGHAM

10 May 1988

PRIME MINISTER

VISIT TO BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG AND SPAIN

You agreed to visit Luxembourg on Wednesday 21 September and Spain on Thursday 22/Friday 23 September. You have subsequently also agreed to deliver a speech at the College of Europe in Bruges in Belgium. We had intended that you should do this on the morning of Wednesday 21 September on your way to Luxembourg.

It now turns out there are difficulties about delivering the speech then. It would clash with a ceremony in which King Baudouin is dedicating a window to the RAF in Brussels and it would look rather odd for you to be doing something different in Bruges at exactly the same time.

There are a number of possible alternatives:

Option A

You could fly to Luxembourg on the morning of Wednesday 21 September, carry out a programme there finishing at about 1630, then fly to Bruges for the speech (the journey would take about 1½ hours) and finally fly on to Madrid that night getting in quite late to start a programme the next day. It is a lot to cram into one day.

Option B

As above, except that rather than fly straight on to Madrid you would overnight in Brussels and perhaps have supper with Mr. Martens before flying to Madrid early on the Wednesday morning and plunging straight into your programme there.

Option C

This would involve taking all in slightly more leisurely time. You would leave London on the afternoon of Tuesday 20 September and deliver the speech in Bruges in the early part of that evening and spend the night at the Embassy in Brussels, having dinner with Mr. Martens. You would then fly

on to Luxembourg on the morning of Wednesday 21 September, carry out your programme there and fly on to Madrid that evening, leaving you to start your programme fresh on Thursday 22 September. The disadvantage is that it means encroaching upon the Tuesday which we were trying to keep free for you (although you have no other engagements).

It would be helpful to know which of these options you prefer (or consider least awful)?

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Should prefer Option C.

C.D. POWELL
9 May 1988

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO SPAIN: PRESS COVERAGE

1. I HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING WHAT RECOMMENDATIONS WE SHOULD MAKE ABOUT REQUESTS FOR MEDIA INTERVIEWS WITH THE PRIME MINISTER IN ADVANCE OF HER VISIT TO SPAIN IN SEPTEMBER. THE PROSPECT OF THIS VISIT, THE FIRST EVER BY A BRITISH PRIME MINISTER, IS ALREADY AROUSING INTEREST IN THE SPANISH MEDIA, AND THIS WILL BECOME INTENSE AS THE VISIT APPROACHES. ADDITIONAL INTEREST WILL BE GENERATED BY THE FACT THAT IT COMES ONLY WEEKS BEFORE THE QUEEN'S STATE VISIT. IT WILL BE AN EVENT OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE FOR THE SPANISH MEDIA, WHO ALREADY DEVOTE SUBSTANTIAL COVERAGE TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S LEADERSHIP. ARRANGEMENTS FOR HANDLING THE PRESS IN ADVANCE WILL SET THE TONE FOR THE OVERALL COVERAGE OF THE VISIT.

2. AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND OUR OBJECTIVE IN DEALING WITH REQUESTS FOR PRE-VISIT INTERVIEWS ETC SHOULD BE TO ENSURE A POSITIVE AND BALANCED COVERAGE WHICH WILL IN TURN ENTAIL AN EVENHANDED APPROACH WITH THE SPANISH MEDIA. IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S CASE WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED FIRM REQUESTS FOR ADVANCE INTERVIEWS FROM SPANISH TV, A LEADING SPANISH COMMERCIAL RADIO STATION (RADIO SER) THE THREE MAIN SPANISH NEWSPAPERS (EL PAIS, ABC AND DIARIO 16) AND A LEADING CURRENT AFFAIRS WEEKLY, AND MANY FREELANCE JOURNALISTS OF REPUTE. THERE WILL BE VERY MANY MORE.

3. ALTHOUGH I AM CONSCIOUS OF THE DEMANDS ON THE PRIME MINISTER'S TIME, FOR THE REASONS OUTLINED ABOVE I BELIEVE THAT OUR INTERESTS WOULD BE STRONGLY SERVED IF WE ALLOWED A RATHER DIFFERENT FORM OF PRE-VISIT COVERAGE THAN I UNDERSTAND IS NORMALLY THE CASE FOR OVERSEAS VISITS. MY RECOMMENDATION WOULD BE THAT THE PRIME MINISTER GRANT AN INTERVIEW TO A SMALL GROUP OF SPANISH JOURNALISTS IN LONDON SHORTLY BEFORE THE VISIT. THIS WOULD AVOID THE ILL-FEELING WHICH GRANTING AN INTERVIEW TO ONE NEWSPAPER WOULD CERTAINLY GENERATE. I ENVISAGE THAT SUCH A GROUP WOULD INCLUDE (BY INVITATION) THE TOP FIVE OR SIX NATIONAL NEWSPAPERS.

4. RADIO AND TELEVISION WOULD NEED TO BE DEALT WITH SEPARATELY. SPANISH TELEVISION HAVE FORMALLY REQUESTED A PRE-VISIT INTERVIEW IN LONDON. WE SEE GREAT VALUE IN THIS, AS TELEVISION IN SPAIN IS THE

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MAIN MOULDER OF OPINION AND SUCH AN INTERVIEW WOULD REACH A VERY WIDE AUDIENCE. AS TO RADIO, WE HAVE RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM RADIO SER TO ARRANGE A SHORT INTERVIEW, IF NECESSARY ON A POOLED BASIS. THE INTERPRETATION FACILITIES FOR SUCH AN INTERVIEW WOULD BE SET UP BY THE RADIO STATIONS THEMSELVES IN LONDON.

5. AS REGARDS THE TIMING OF A RECCE VISIT BY OFFICIALS FROM NO.10, I RECOMMEND THAT THIS TAKE PLACE IN EARLY SEPTEMBER, SAY THE WEEK BEGINNING 5 SEPTEMBER. THIS IS ONLY TWO AND A HALF WEEKS BEFORE THE VISIT ITSELF, BUT WITH AUGUST A DEAD MONTH IN MADRID JULY WOULD BE TOO EARLY TO GET SPANISH OFFICIALS TO FOCUS PROPERLY ON A SEPTEMBER VISIT.

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From the Private Secretary

28 April 1988

INVITATION TO THE PRIME MINISTER FROM THE COLLEGE OF EUROPE
AT BRUGES

Thank you for your letter about the invitation to the Prime Minister from the Rector of the College of Europe to speak at the opening ceremony of the College's academic year in September.

The Prime Minister is willing to undertake this if it can be done on her way to visit Luxembourg. This would mean in practice doing the speech on the morning of Wednesday 21 September in Bruges before travelling on to Luxembourg for talks that afternoon followed by dinner. That in turn would presumably mean departure for Madrid on the morning of 22 September. (The Prime Minister would not be able to do the speech on Tuesday 20 September.)

BF | If you could confirm with the Rector of the College of Europe that a speech on the morning of 21 September is convenient for him, and can also confirm that the Luxembourg Government would be content for the Prime Minister's programme there to take place in the afternoon and evening, I will ask the Prime Minister to reply formally to the Rector accepting his invitation. I am holding on to the letter from him and that from Lord Plumb, and would be grateful if you would let me have draft replies in due course.

We shall also need a very good draft for the speech by the second half of July.

I am copying this letter to Tom Jeffery (Department of Education and Science) and Trevor Woolley (Cabinet Office).

C. D. POWELL

Lyn Parker, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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2 March 1988

CDP ory.

These dates are in the diary

Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's Visit to Spain

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I mentioned to you last Friday that there was some confusion in Madrid over the dates for the Prime Minister's visit to Spain. I am pleased to say that this has now been resolved and that, as reported in Madrid telno 143, the Spaniards have now confirmed that the dates we proposed (22 and 23 September) are acceptable.

Yours ever,

L Parker

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From the Private Secretary

11 January 1983

VISIT BY THE PRIME MINISTER TO SPAIN

Thank you for your letter of 6 January about the Prime Minister's visit to Spain in September. The Prime Minister would be content to pay such a visit on 22/23 September. I should be grateful if Lord Nicholas Gordon Lennox could now put these dates to the Spaniards.

CHARLES POWELL

Lyn Parker Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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CDP - Free. The details have been blotted out in the copy MBN



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Prime Minister Agree to this? CDP still

6 January 1988

Tessa OK? - Yes, I spoke to him yesterday. MBN 7/11

Dear Charles,

Visit by the Prime Minister to Spain

Thank you for your letter of 31 December. *at flap*

After consulting Tessa Gaisman, we put to Nicky Gordon Lennox the idea of a visit in the week of 19 September. He was delighted. His only request was that the visit should be as late in the week as possible, preferably on 22/23 September; as Spanish officialdom does not return from summer holidays until 12 September there would be little time to make the final arrangements for the visit although, since it was so short, the programme would virtually write itself.

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If you agree, the next step would be for Nicky Gordon Lennox to put specific dates to the Spaniards.

Yours ever, L Parker

(L Parker) Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq PS/No 10 Downing Street

Tessa

To note.

Spoke to Lynn Parker -
Suggested wk. beginning

19 Sep. or wk beginning

21 Nov as second choice.

Per. 4/1/88

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From the Private Secretary

31 December, 1987.

VISIT BY THE PRIME MINISTER TO SPAIN

Thank you for your letter of today's date about the timing of a possible visit by the Prime Minister to Spain.

As you say, there is no possibility of the Prime Minister carrying out such a visit in the first part of next year when she already has a very full programme of foreign travel. Late November or early December would be a possibility, but the Prime Minister has asked whether a date in the second half of September would not be preferable. Late November and early December tend to be very busy anyway. While September would be close to The Queen's visit, a date in the middle of the month would probably be just about acceptable from that point of view. You may like to discuss with Mrs. Gaisman next week the possibility of identifying dates in the third week of September after the Prime Minister's return from Balmoral when she could make this visit.

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Prime Minister

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You clearly cannot go to Spain in the first half of next year.

Agree in principle to pay a brief visit in early December? late November / CAF 31/12/87

Dear Charles,

Visit of the Prime Minister to Spain

Thank you for your letter of 6 ^{DECEMBER} November recording the Prime Minister's acceptance of Mr Gonzalez's invitation to visit Spain.

The Foreign Secretary would in principle see advantage in an early visit (however brief: 24 hours would suffice). Our major EC partners have been working hard to exploit the new political and trade opportunities following Spain's admission to the EC and NATO. GDP is currently growing at 4.2%. Although British exports increased in the first half of 1987 by 20%, making Spain our fastest-growing export market, we are not doing as well as our major competitors (FRG, France and the USA) and the Italians too are catching us up. The French, Italian and German Heads of Government have all visited Madrid and instituted arrangements for regular bilateral summits. The relative gap on the British side is increasingly conspicuous. The Spaniards are keen to have an early visit by the Prime Minister. They particularly want this before their EC Presidency begins in January 1989: they wish to avoid the awkwardness of her not having been to Spain before the Madrid European Council.

There are however a number of complications:

- The Gibraltar elections are likely to take place in March and will refocus attention on the Gibraltar question;
- we want Spain to implement parallel agreements we have reached with them to curb frontier delays and open up the ferry services to Algeciras. They are showing reluctance to make any move on this until the prospects for the airport package are clearer after the Gibraltar election. But progress at the frontier and over the ferry services could play a crucial role in persuading the Gibraltarians to accept the package;
- the Prime Minister already has visits to Africa, Poland and Turkey planned in the first half of next year;

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- a visit in the second half of the year, on the other hand, would need to be timed carefully in relation to the State Visit by HM The Queen, currently planned for 17-21 October.

Against this background, if the Prime Minister cannot fit in a visit in the first half of the year, there seem to be two possibilities: July or late November/early December (ie between the State Visit and the European Council and before the Spanish Presidency begins). I assume that July would be difficult. The Foreign Secretary's regular annual meeting with the Spanish Foreign Minister under the Brussels agreement would normally take place (in London) in December; but it should be possible to schedule it for early November instead. Although the timing would be very tight, the Foreign Secretary considers that late November/early December is probably the best time for the visit.

It would, of course, be made clear to the Spaniards that the Prime Minister's proposed visit would inevitably be put in doubt by any serious shortcoming in their handling of the Gibraltar question. If the Prime Minister agrees that we should plan a visit on this basis, the Foreign Secretary believes that, because of the narrow window, we should begin discussing dates with the Spaniards early in the New Year. This would also have the advantage of avoiding pressure to agree to an earlier visit and should minimise undesirable speculation in the run up to the State Visit.

Yours ever,

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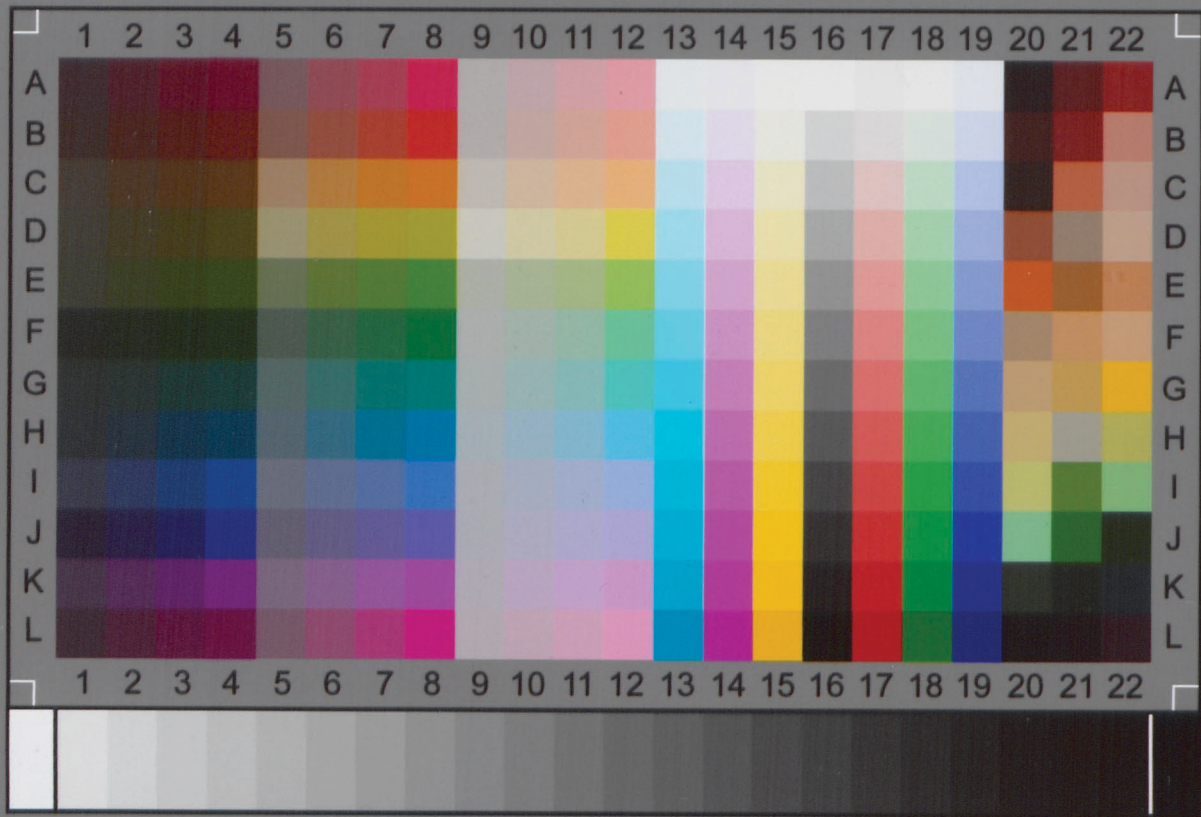
Anglo-Spanish Relations

The Prime Minister spoke to Mr. Gonzalez at the end of the European Council and congratulated him on the outcome of the negotiations on Gibraltar Airport. Mr. Gonzalez pressed the Prime Minister to take up his invitation to visit Spain. The Prime Minister said that she would be delighted to do so in due course.

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