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THE PRIME MINISTER

7 March 1988

Dear Michael and Tracie,

Thank you for your very kind and generous hospitality while I was in Brussels. You thought of everything and made it a very enjoyable visit. Please also thank all your staff.

The Summit went very well and I am very grateful for all the work that you and other members of UKDEL NATO put into securing such excellent texts. You will have to work hard to ensure that they are carried through into practical decisions. But I think you now have the basic political guidance and impetus to do so.

With warm regards to you both.

Compton
Raymond

His Excellency Sir Michael Alexander K.C.M.G.,
and Lady Alexander.

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From the Private Secretary

4 March 1988

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you and all your staff for the excellent arrangements made for the NATO Summit Meeting earlier this week. In the Prime Minister's view it was a highly successful meeting which has strengthened NATO's unity, and its success owes a great deal to effective preparation and organisation.

The Prime Minister has asked me to send you her best wishes.

(CHARLES POWELL)

Mr. T. Ozceri

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From the Private Secretary

4 March 1988

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you and all your colleagues for your kind help and assistance during her recent visit to Brussels for the NATO Summit. The Prime Minister was most grateful for all that you did and has asked me to send you her best wishes.

(CHARLES POWELL)

Mr. J. van Roy



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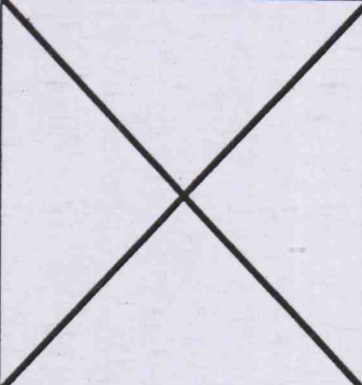
I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you very much for your help with security during her visit to NATO for the recent Summit Meeting. She much appreciated your assistance and help.

The Prime Minister has asked me to send you her best wishes.

(CHARLES POWELL)

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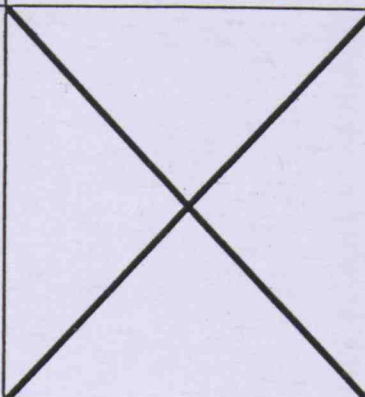
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26 February 1988

PRIME MINISTER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE NATO SUMMIT,
BRUSSELS, 2 TO 3 MARCH

I am writing to confirm details of the Prime Minister's forthcoming visit to Brussels from the morning of Wednesday 2 March to the afternoon of Thursday 3 March.

During this period, the Prime Minister will be staying at the Ambassador's Residence where a Private Office will be situated.

A second Private Office will be set up in the UK Delegation. The party will alternate between the two, depending upon where the Prime Minister is at the time.

All signal traffic will be passed to the relevant Private Office via UK DEL NATO. A safehand run will operate between the Private Offices as and when required.

As usual, summit related intelligence material 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 to Brussels. Any material which may be sent will be securely locked overnight in the Private Office which will be manned during silent hours by the Royal Military Police.

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The Duty Clerk for the trip will be Mrs Amanda McDowell and the Garden Room Girl will be Mrs Debbie Green. Both Mrs McDowell and Mrs Green will act as COMSOs at all times until the Private Office is closed at the end of the day. During silent hours, Charles Powell, the Prime Minister's Private Secretary will act as COMSO. All three are cleared for access to Category III material. BRAHMS secure speech equipment will be available during the visit.

P R LAKEY

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From the Private Secretary

25 February 1988

**NATO SUMMIT: POSSIBLE BILATERAL
MEETING WITH MR. OZAL**

Thank you for your letter of 25 February about the Turkish request for a bilateral at the Summit between the Prime Minister and Mr. Ozal.

I agree that there is little point to this and would be grateful if you could reply in the sense which you suggest, namely that the Prime Minister will of course see Mr. Ozal in the margins of the Summit but that a full bilateral would be very difficult. If the Turks press, we shall have to do our best. But any meeting could only be very brief.

C D POWELL

Lyn Parker, Esq.,
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London SW1A 2AH

25 February 1988

Dear Charles,

NATO Summit: Possible bilateral meeting with Mr Ozal

The Turks have proposed a bilateral meeting between the Prime Minister and Mr Ozal during the NATO Summit in Brussels. They made the request initially to UKDEL NATO but have also confirmed to our Embassy in Ankara that Mr Ozal himself would like such a meeting in advance of the Prime Minister's visit to Turkey in April (paragraph 6 of Ankara telno 85 - copy attached).

It is not clear from our contacts with the Turks in either Brussels or Ankara that Mr Ozal has anything specific he wishes to discuss with the Prime Minister. And although I understand the length of Mrs Thatcher's stay in Brussels remains to be settled, her timetable there is likely to be rather tight. The latest information from UKDEL NATO is that US and Canadian bilaterals are likely to take up most of the time available in the Prime Minister's diary.

We do not believe there are any points of major importance which the Prime Minister needs to raise with Mr Ozal in advance of her own visit to Turkey in April. Our advice would therefore be that we should tell the Turks that the Prime Minister is looking forward to her visit in April and naturally hopes that she will be able to have a word with Mr Ozal in the margins of the Summit; but her diary for Brussels is very tight and she hopes he will not object if she finds herself unable to fit in a substantive meeting with him then.

This approach of course would leave it open for the Turks to press again for a bilateral. I should be grateful, therefore, if you would let me know if, in that event, the Prime Minister would be prepared to meet the Turks halfway and agree to a meeting, however brief.

Yours ever,

L Parker
(L Parker)
Private Secretary

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YOUR TELNO 115: NATO SUMMIT: TURKISH VIEWS

SUMMARY

1. TURKS HOPE SUMMIT WILL GIVE A CLEAR MESSAGE OF UNITY IN ADVANCE OF REAGAN/GORBACHEV, AND RESTATE THE ALLIANCE'S COMMITMENT TO MUTUAL DEFENCE, AVOIDING DISAGREEMENT ON SNF.

DETAIL

2. WE SPOKE TO ORHUN, UNDER SECRETARY IN CHARGE OF DEFENCE POLICY AT THE MFA, ON 18 FEBRUARY. ORHUN SAID HE FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO BE CLEAR ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR THE SUMMIT, SINCE, UNUSUALLY, THERE WAS NO PROPER AGENDA, AD, SO FAR, NO SIGN OF AN AGREED COMMUNIQUE. TURKEY NEVERTHELESS HAD TWO MAIN AIMS FOR THE SUMMIT: FIRST, THAT IT SHOULD DISPEL DOUBTS ABOUT THE UNITY OF THE ALLIANCE ON NUCLEAR ARMS CONTROL QUESTIONS IN ADVANCE OF THE NEXT US-SOVIET SUMMIT: SECOND, THAT THE PARTICIPANTS SHOULD REAFFIRM IN THE COMMUNIQUE THE COMMITMENT OF ALL NATO MEMBERS TO THE DEFENCE OF EACH OTHER'S TERRITORY. THIS WAS IMPORTANT BECAUSE CONTINUING DOUBTS IN TURKISH MINDS (REKINDLED BY GENERAL ROGERS AMONGST OTHERS LAST AUTUMN) ABOUT THE WILLINGNESS OF NATO TO COME TO TURKEY'S ASSISTANCE IN THE EVENT OF A SOVIET ATTACK.

3. ORHUN SAID THAT THE TURKS WOULD PREFER A SHORT, CRISP COMMUNIQUE, MAKING THESE POINTS, RATHER THAN THE USUAL LENGTHY LITANY OF NATOSPEAK. THEY APPRECIATED OUR WISH TO INCLUDE A CLEAR REFERENCE TO THE NEED FOR CONVENTIONAL STABILITY, BUT CONSIDERED THAT THIS SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE SAME TEXT, NOT IN AN ANNEX.

4. THE TURKS CONSIDER THAT AGREEMENT ON SNF WILL BE VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE, EITHER ON GERMAN IDEAS FOR REDUCTIONS (TO WHICH TURKEY IS OPPOSED) OR ON MODERNIZATION (ON WHICH THE SOVIET UNION CONTINUES TO TAKE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO WARN THE TURKS OF THE DANGERS). AT A TIME WHEN RATIFICATION OF THE INF TREATY IS SO LIVE AN ISSUE IN WASHINGTON, IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE, IN THE TURKISH VIEW, TO

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SEND CONGRESS A MESSAGE OF DISUNITY: BETTER THEREFORE NOT TO DWELL ON SNF AT THE SUMMIT.

5. ASKED WHETHER THE SPIRIT OF DAVOS WAS YET APPARENT IN TURKO-GREEK RELATIONS WITHIN NATO, ORHUN CONFIRMED THAT THE GREEK AND TURKISH PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS. ORHUN HOPED THAT AGREEMENT ON ITEMS 35 AND 38 OF INFRASTRUCTURE EXPENDITURE COULD BE REACHED AT AN EARLY STAGE, THOUGH THE LEGAL DIFFICULTIES BEHIND THE BLOCKING OF ITEM 39 WOULD TAKE LONGER TO RESOLVE.

6. ORHUN CONFIRMED THAT OZAL WISHED TO HAVE A SHORT BILATERAL WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, IN ADVANCE OF HER VISIT TO TURKEY IN APRIL, BUT WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY PARTICULAR POINTS WHICH HE WOULD WISH TO RAISE.

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From the Private Secretary

24 February 1988

NATO SUMMIT

Thank you for your letter of 24 February about the arrangements for the NATO Summit. This seems in order. But given that the Prime Minister has a bilateral with President Reagan at 1410-1440 on 3 March, there is little point in her aircraft standing by before 1500.

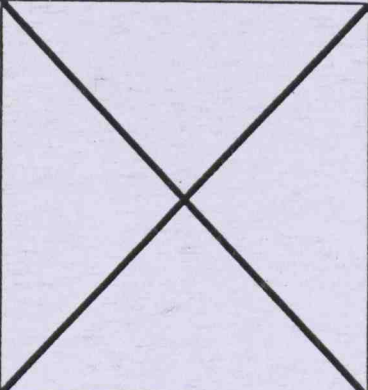
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NATO SUMMIT BRUSSELS 2-3 MARCH 1988: COMMUNICATIONS

TELEGRAMS

1. Telegrams may be sent via the FCO network.
2. Note: It was originally proposed to install a secure facsimile equipment which could also have handled telegrams direct with No 10 but it looks now as if flight arrangements will be changed (to a smaller aircraft) and this equipment may not be taken. If however there is any change in plans, facsimile would be installed in the residence of the NATO Ambassador in the room allocated for the No 10 Private Office.

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3. At UKDELNATO there will be two telephones with IDD facilities in both the No 10 and FCO Private Offices. Brahms will be carried by the party and will be installed on demand by the resident FCO/CTSD engineer.
4. The following additional International Direct Dial (IDD) telephones have been requested in the residence:

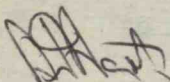
No 10 Private Office - 3 lines

FCO Private Office - 2 lines

Arrangements will be made to switch 2 of the lines to the bedrooms of the PS to the Prime Minister and the PS to the Secretary of State so that they may receive calls out of hours. Telephone numbers will be notified by the Conference Officer in due course. Brahms will be connected by the FCO/CTSD engineer as required.

HAND HELD RADIOS

5. A number of hand held radios are being provided for use by the Support Staff for administration and control of transport.



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From the Private Secretary

23 February 1988

Dear Lyn

NATO SUMMIT 2-3 MARCH

Thank you for your letter of 23 February dealing with certain administrative arrangements for the forthcoming NATO Summit.

I agree that the delegation should be as it appears in your letter and that the protocol order is as set out there. I think we also need to establish who will be in the room for the sessions of the Summit. Obviously Sir Michael Alexander should be. I would also like to be present. I do not know what limit is being put on numbers in the room, but you will wish to consider how the remaining two places should be allocated so that someone can record the proceedings.

*Yours sincerely,
Charles Powell*

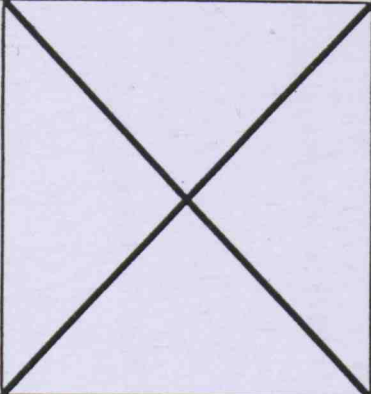
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From the Private Secretary

15 February 1988

Dear Robert,

MEETING WITH MR. MULRONEY AT THE NATO SUMMIT

Thank you for your letter of 15 February proposing that the Prime Minister should meet Mr. Mulroney in the margins of the NATO Summit.

The Prime Minister is perfectly prepared to meet Mr. Mulroney. We do not yet have timings for the Summit but my understanding is that it is intended to finish before lunch on 3 March. In that event, the Prime Minister will want to get back to London in the course of the afternoon on 3 March and neither of the times proposed in your letter are likely to be satisfactory. Moreover, the Prime Minister's first priority will be to arrange a time for a meeting with President Reagan.

I suggest, therefore, that we tell the Canadians that the Prime Minister agrees in principle to a meeting but will not be able suggest a firm time until we have further details of the organisation of the Summit itself.

*Yours sincerely,
Charles Powell*

CHARLES POWELL

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15 February 1988

John Clarke

Meeting with Mr Mulroney at NATO Summit

You have previously discussed with Tony Galsworthy the possibility of the Prime Minister holding a short bilateral with Mr Mulroney in the margins of the NATO Summit.

Apart from drawing a line under Vancouver, the main object would be to advance our prospects of selling Canada's SSNs and to increase our ability to exploit the burgeoning Canadian market generally, where our exports and investments are at the highest level ever. The Foreign Secretary has invited Mr Clark to a working dinner on 29 February: a meeting at Prime Minister level shortly thereafter would be useful.

The Canadian High Commission have now passed to the Department an invitation from Mr Mulroney for the Prime Minister to meet him "for an hour or so" in the margins of the NATO Summit to discuss the Toronto Economic summit (you will recall that they recently exchanged messages on its format). 5.30 p.m. on 3 March or breakfast on 4 March is suggested. We gather that Mr Mulroney will not fly into Brussels (from a Candian forces base in West Germany) until the morning of 2 March.

We recommend that the Prime Minister accepts this invitation, subject to agreement on a mutually convenient time and to a broadening of the agenda to include the UK objectives set out above.

John Clark

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Private Secretary

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From the Private Secretary

13 February 1988

NATO SUMMIT MEETING: BRUSSELS: 2-3 MARCH

Thank you for your letter of 12 February dealing with administrative arrangements for the Prime Minister's visit to Brussels for the NATO Summit in early March. I am content with what is proposed.

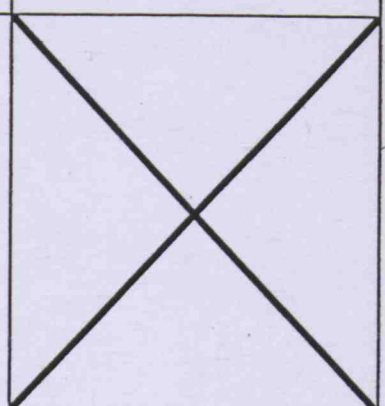
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NATO SUMMIT MEETING: BRUSSELS

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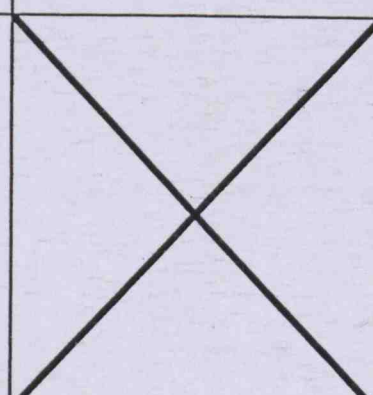
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From the Private Secretary

19 January 1988

NATO SUMMIT

BF. // I understand from Sir Michael Alexander that there is now consensus within NATO, with the exception of the United Kingdom, that the proposed Summit should be held on 2/3 March (probably starting at 11 am on 2 March and running until lunchtime on 3 March). In these circumstances we must obviously fall in with the majority view. Nonetheless, before these arrangements are finalised, the Prime Minister has queried whether the meeting need be so long. For instance, would it not be possible to hold the meeting on Wednesday 2 March, starting at 1000 am and finishing with dinner? I should be grateful if Sir Michael Alexander could canvass that possibility. But he has discretion to agree the 2/3 March proposal if necessary.

I am copying this letter to Brian Hawtin (Ministry of Defence).

(C. D. POWELL)

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cc Mr Bearpark

NATO SUMMIT

Michael Alexander has been in touch about the dates of the proposed NATO Summit. The Americans have proposed that it runs from 11 a.m. on Wednesday 2 March to lunchtime on Thursday 3 March. This is not at all convenient for us since it interferes with both Cabinet and Questions. But all other NATO members have accepted it and the Americans say that it would be "extraordinarily difficult" for President Reagan to do any other time. Since we are the main begetters of this Summit I am afraid we shall have to fall in with this. It would presumably mean moving Cabinet to the Tuesday morning. You will probably have to miss Thursday's Questions but I am sure that would be understood. At present you are due to have talks and then give dinner to the Portuguese President on the Thursday evening. We may have to look at that again.

May we now agree to the dates of 2/3 March?

C.D.P.

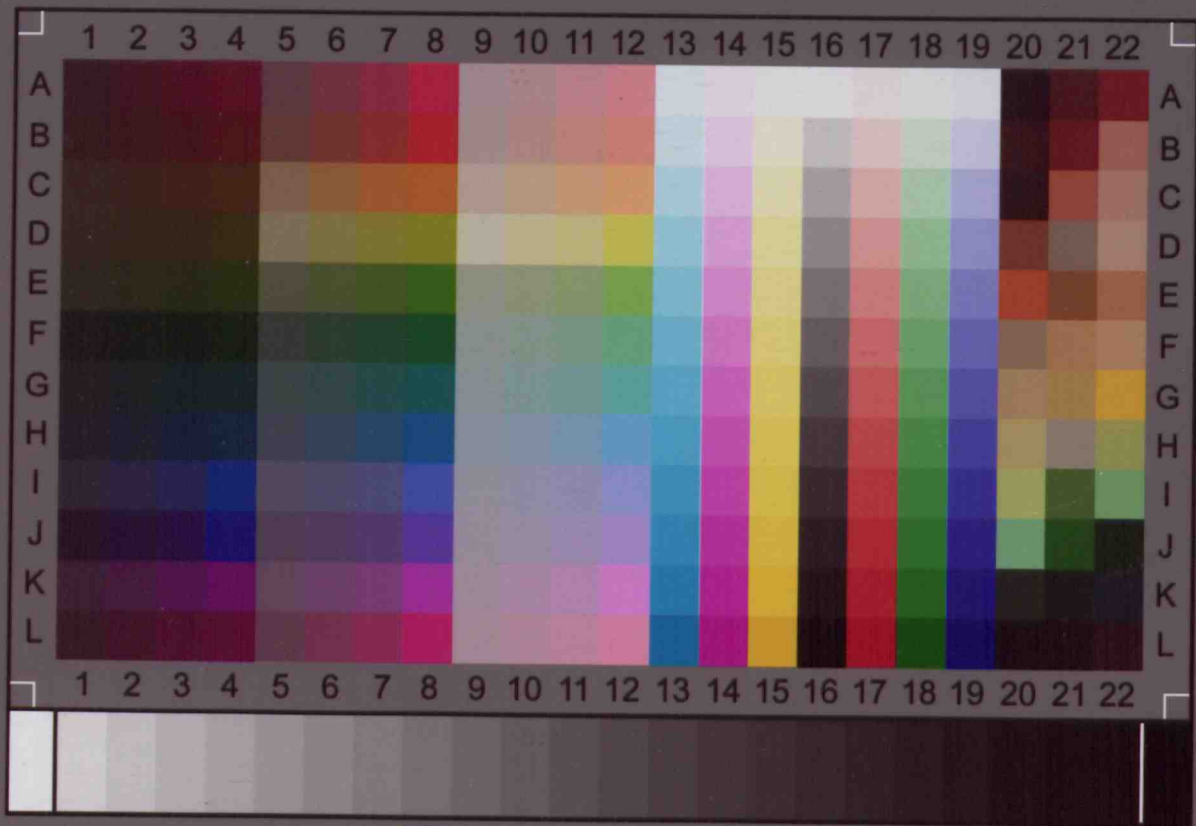
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Yes - no alternative.
But - does the Summit have
to go over to the Thursday.
Could we not do it all on the
Wednesday - starting at say
10 a.m. ?
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