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Proposed State Visit
by President Marcos.

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Visit of President Aquino

February 1983

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From the Private Secretary

13 December 1989

PHILIPPINES: INVITATION TO MRS. AQUINO

Thank you for your letter of 13 December proposing that Lord Brabazon should convey an oral message of support to President Aquino from the Prime Minister, while repeating the invitation to her to visit the United Kingdom. I am sure the Prime Minister would be content with this.

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13 December 1989

Law Charles

Philippines: Invitation to Mrs Aquino

There is a long-standing invitation to President Aquino to visit the UK as a guest of HMG. Lord Brabazon will visit the Philippines from 15 to 19 December and the question arises of what, if anything, he should say about it. In the light of the recent coup attempt, a failure to say anything could be interpreted as meaning that we do not expect her to survive. We think that Lord Brabazon should be authorised at least to repeat the invitation without mentioning any particular date.

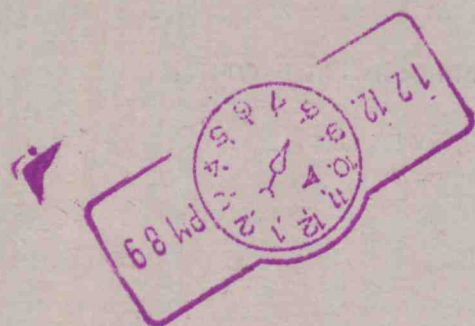
One of the objectives of Lord Brabazon's visit to the Philippines will be to underline UK support for the maintenance of democracy there. It would be helpful if he were able to pass on an oral message of support for President Aquino from the Prime Minister. The message could congratulate the President on restoring order and bringing the coup attempt to a peaceful conclusion and remind her of the invitation to visit the UK.

Yours ever

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From the Private Secretary

12 July 1988

THE PHILIPPINES

I enclose a copy of a personal letter I have had from Bill Deedes about the possible visit of President Aquino of the Philippines. I do not think it requires any particular action, but you will wish to be aware of it.

C D POWELL

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From the Private Secretary

12 July 1988

Thank you very much for your letter of 11 July about President Aquino. It was very helpful to have this steer on her views and I will certainly show it to the Prime Minister. I look forward to hearing - or reading - your views on Mr. Dukakis after the Convention.

C D POWELL

The Right Honourable The Lord Deedes,
M.C., D.L.

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11th July 1988

Dear Charles

This is a very informal line, and probably an impertinent one, relating to President Cory Aquino of the Philippines. During her recent visit to Italy, primarily to see the Pope, she told a mutual friend how much she hoped that before too long it would be possible to fulfil the invitation offered to her by the Prime Minister to visit this country. I have thus been asked indirectly by her to pass this thought on. (Do not ask me why it has not come through the usual channels, because I am not sure I know the answer.)

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Apart from agreeing to drop this very informal line to you, I have ventured to offer two bits of advice. First, the visit cannot be earlier than next Spring, though that might be suitable. Secondly, for internal reasons in the Philippines, it must not be seen simply as a pilgrimage to No 10 to meet the Prime Minister. It has to be combined with at least one other useful visit, and I have murmured that the European Commission in Brussels (which could bear on Filipino fortunes) might be a good choice. But that is by the way.

Really this is none of my business, save for a strong regard for Cory Aquino whom I have met in Manila and which I think the Prime Minister shares. Having dropped this impertinent hint, I shall step out of it. No call for an early response, if any at all. I am heading for Atlanta to test the shape of Mr Dukakis.

Yours ever

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25 November 1986

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Dear Charles

Philippines: Invitation to Mrs Aquino at Rod

The Prime Minister wrote to Mrs Aquino on 3 October reaffirming the invitation to her to pay a visit to Britain at a mutually convenient date. Mrs Aquino has accepted, and I enclose her reply which was passed to us by the Philippines Ambassador.

Mrs Aquino suggests that her visit, which will probably form part of a tour of European capitals, should take place some time after the ASEAN summit due to take place in July 1987. However, our Ambassador in Manila warns that we should not entirely rule out the possibility that Mrs Aquino will propose an earlier visit, perhaps in March/April 1987. Whether the visit takes place sooner or later, our invitation will have helped to underline Britain's support for the Philippines at a time when Mrs Aquino needs international support for the political and economic steps she has already taken and the difficulties which she is currently encountering.

Mrs Aquino's letter refers to a state visit. We have tactfully pointed out to the Filipinos that this is not what we had in mind. We hope that President Aquino will come here as a guest of Government. She will, of course, be very keen to meet the Prime Minister.

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MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. T209^{AA} 186

October 13, 1986

Dear Prime Minister:

I am deeply honored by your invitation to visit Great Britain.

Although I look forward to our meeting in person, there are several pressing matters of national consequence that keep me from fixing a date for a state visit to your country. The plebiscite on the ratification of our new Constitution is scheduled for January, 1987; local elections will be held soon after, in May. I also plan to visit three ASEAN countries before the ASEAN Summit Meeting in July, 1987.

I hope we can work out a mutually convenient date after these matters have been brought to a successful conclusion, so that the foundation of our liberties shall have been firmly laid to last as long as yours.

I truly appreciate your kind thoughts and concern for my country, for the restoration of peace and prosperity to the Philippines. Please accept my prayers and good wishes for your Sovereign and her people, and my warmest best wishes for you and your husband.

Sincerely,

Corason B. Aquino

The Right Honourable Margaret Thatcher, MP
Prime Minister of the United Kingdom
of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

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From the Private Secretary

3 October, 1986.

PHILIPPINES: INVITATION TO PRESIDENT AQUINO

Thank you for your letter of 2 October enclosing a draft message from the Prime Minister to Mrs. Aquino. The Prime Minister has signed this, and you will find it enclosed.

(C.D. Powell)

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

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PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL NO. T180/86

THE PRIME MINISTER

3 October, 1986.

Dear Madam President:

When Mr. Renton, Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, called on you in Manila on 26 June, he said how pleased we would be if you were able to visit Britain at some mutually convenient time.

I would like now formally to reaffirm our invitation for you to pay a visit to Britain at a mutually convenient date, perhaps in 1987 if this were acceptable to you.

May I take this opportunity to say how much we in Britain admire and respect your tireless efforts towards the restoration of peace and prosperity in the Philippines. I wish you every success in this vital endeavour.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Her Excellency President Corazon C. Aquino

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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2 October 1986

Prime Minister
Agree to
sign the attached
letter to President
Aquino?
Dear Charles,

("Dear Madam President")

CDP 4x.

Philippines: Invitation to President Aquino

Mr Renton called on President Aquino on 26 June, while in Manila for an EC/ASEAN meeting, and took the opportunity to invite Mrs Aquino to visit the UK. Mrs Aquino responded warmly and said she particularly looked forward to meeting Mrs Thatcher. Our Ambassador in Manila, Mr McLaren, has suggested that the Prime Minister might now confirm this invitation formally in writing: it need not commit us to specific dates, but a visit sometime in 1987 would seem fitting, since Mrs Aquino may visit several European countries then.

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UK/Philippines relations are friendly. We and our EC Partners gained much goodwill in February, at the time of the change of government, with statements welcoming the peaceful transfer of power. (Mrs Thatcher sent a message of congratulation to Mrs Aquino on 27 February). This goodwill has been consolidated by a programme of assistance that we and our partners have put together for the Philippines, bilaterally and through the European Community.

We should continue to back up the efforts of the United States and others to support Mrs Aquino's government, which offers the best hope for a moderate and western-oriented Philippines. President Aquino's recent visit to the United States enabled her to appeal to US investors and businessmen, as well as providing an opportunity for the US administration to endorse her policies. A tour of European capitals would serve a similarly useful purpose.

President Aquino is unlikely to be able to visit the UK before mid-1987 due to electoral and other domestic commitments. But an invitation now would enable us clearly to underline Britain's support for the Philippines at a time when Mrs Aquino needs all the international backing she can get. We would see trade and investment as the main focus of such a visit; we are the third largest investor in the Philippines, and our exports in 1985 were £94m. There should be scope for greater commercial activity as the Philippines economy recovers, and a visit would draw the attention of UK exporters to that potential.

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/ I attach a draft letter for the Prime Minister's signature, which could be conveyed to Mrs Aquino by Mr McLaren on his return to Manila on 6 October.

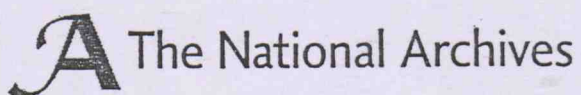
Yours ever

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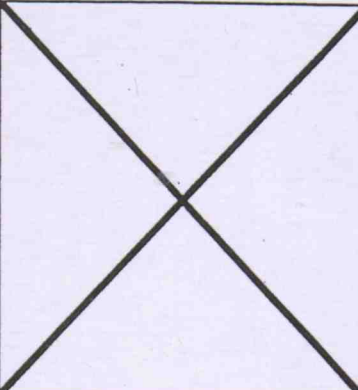
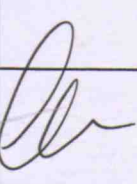
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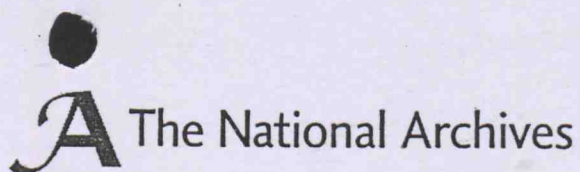
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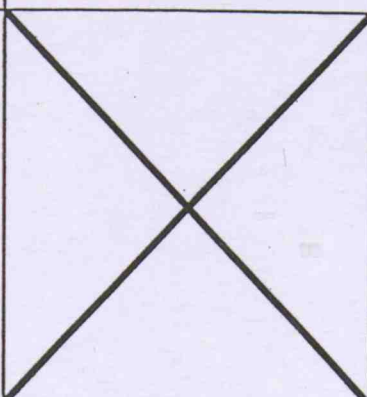
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