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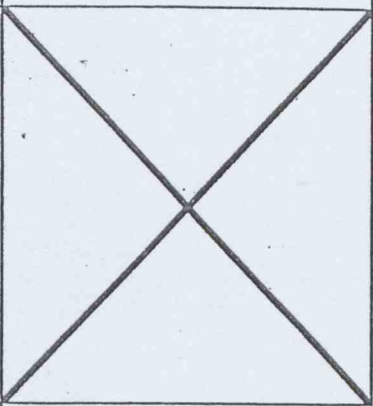
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FROM: C L Edwards

DATE: 22 November 1989

CC: Mr Cornish
Mr Cowper-Coles

Mr Ingham
Mr Aylett
Miss Noble
Mr Price

PRESS: ROOM NUMBERS AT SHERATON-CARLTON HOTEL

1. The press rooms at the Sheraton-Carlton Hotel have been allocated as follows:-

	<u>Room No</u>
Mr Richard Bestick	700
Mr Michael Brunson	701
Mr Chris Buckland	703
Mr John Deans	702
Mr Peter Dobbie	704
Mr Peter Gregson	706
Mr David Hughes	708
Mr George Jones	710
Mr Trevor Kavanagh	721
Mr Iain Macaskill	723
Mr Chris Moncrieff	724
Mr Michael Prescott	732
Mr Paul Reynolds	734
Mr John Sergeant	737
Mr Tony Smith	738
Mr Nick Wapshott	739
Mr David Wastell	740
Mr Philip Webster	716
Mr Paul Wilenius	718
Mr John Williams	720

C L Edwards

C L Edwards (Mrs)

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

1. Picture sometimes draw in the press about Britain's attitude to EC is over simplified.
2. We are staunchly committed to the EC's ambitious and complex agenda to complete the Single Market, including deregulation, free competition, free movement of capital, tackling persistent subsidies. We are in the lead in implementing this programme.
3. Since that programme agreed, Eastern Europe has started to move in the most encouraging way imaginable. We must attach the highest priority to ensuring the Community reacts with imagination to extend the hand of cooperation.
4. The Community under President Mitterand's Chairmanship has reacted quickly and realistically. We are providing aid in substantial quantities. In Paris last weekend we discussed a number of possible frameworks and models for the newly emerging democracies of Eastern Europe - which would help their economies and would help them to focus their aspirations on Western democratic values.
5. The Community is united in this. Britain is in the forefront of the process and will remain there.
6. We are also committed to enhancing economic and monetary cooperation in the Community. This is where the press get it wrong. Yes, we have difficulties with some of the longer term far reaching ideas for the future. No, I cannot put sterling into the exchange rate mechanism straight away.
7. But sterling will enter the ERM as soon as is properly can. Beyond that Mr Delors has offered one way forward. We have offered another. No doubt there are yet more. They call for clear thinking because we need to get it right.
8. But first steps first. They are difficult ones: It makes no sense to move on until the Single Market is in place. If we try to do too much too quickly we shall get it wrong. That won't help the Community - and what sort of signal would it send to the people in Eastern Europe whom we need to help?

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: 23-24 NOVEMBER 1989
INFORMATION DEPARTMENT AND PRESS SCHEDULE

Thursday, 23 November

15.45	Mr Cornish departs Embassy for Andrews Air Force Base (Hired Limo 4. Tel: 580-1633)
15.45	Mr Price and Mr Aylett depart Embassy for Andrews Air Force Base (Press Bus Tel: 509-8653). Arrive Andrews Air Force Base.
17.10	Prime Minister arrives. <u>PHOTO OPPORTUNITY</u>
17.20	Mr Cornish departs Andrews Air Force Base (Car No. 5. Tel: 980-2868) with Mr Ingham to Residence (Motorcade).
17.30 (approx.)	Mr Price, Mr Aylett, plus press depart Andrews Air Force Base (Press Bus Tel: 509-8653) for Sheraton Carlton Hotel.
18.00	Mr Cornish and Mr Ingham arrive Residence.
As directed	Mr Cornish and Mr Ingham depart Residence for Sheraton Carlton Hotel (Car No. 5. Tel: 980-2868).
18.30 (approx.)	Mr Ingham's briefing. (Chandelier Room, Sheraton Carlton Hotel).
As directed	Mr Cornish and Mr Ingham depart Sheraton Carlton Hotel for Residence. (Car No. 5. Tel: 980-2868).
As directed	Mr Price, Mr Aylett and Mr Smith depart Sheraton Carlton Hotel for 4512 Macomb Street (Embassy Car).

Friday, 24 November

03.00	Networks begin set up in Residence. (Mr Jump to oversee).
06.20	Mr Price arrives Residence. (Own arrangements).
06.30	Mr Cornish arrives Residence (Own car).
07.00	Mr Aylett, plus press, depart Sheraton Carlton for Embassy (Press Bus Tel: 509-8653). (See Annex 1).

07.09-07.50 US TV INTERVIEWS IN RESIDENCE. (See Annex 2)

07.15 Mr Price, Mr Aylett plus press depart Embassy for
Camp David (Press Bus Tel: 509-8653).

08.30 (approx.) Arrive Camp David.

10.00 PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

10.15 (approx.) Mr Price, Mr Aylett plus press leave Camp David
for Sheraton Carlton Hotel (Press Bus
Tel: 509-8653).

11.00 Mr Jump, Mr Hopkinson, Mrs Moorehead,
Miss Allardice depart Embassy for Sheraton
Carlton Hotel. (Car No. 11. Tel: 374-6892).

12.00 (approx.) Press bus arrives Sheraton Carlton Hotel.

13.30 Mr Cornish departs Embassy for Sheraton Carlton
Hotel (Car No. 11. Tel: 374-6892).

14.50 Prime Minister arrives at Sheraton Carlton
Hotel. Greeted by Ms Pamela Graber, Resident
Manager of the Hotel and Mr Cornish.

Escorted to Suite 214 for hairdressing and make
up.

Mr Cornish escorts Prime Minister to State
Salon. (Mr Powell and Mr Ingham already in State
Salon).

15.00 PRESS CONFERENCE (Crystal Ballroom, Sheraton
Carlton Hotel).

15.30 (approx.) BRITISH TV AND RADIO INTERVIEWS (Chandelier Room,
Sheraton Carlton Hotel). (See Annex 3).

16.20 (approx.) Mr Cornish departs Sheraton Carlton Hotel with
Mr Ingham for Embassy (Car No. 5. (Motorcade)
Tel: 980-2868).

17.00 Mr Price, Mr Aylett, plus press depart Sheraton
Carlton Hotel for Andrews Air Force Base (Press
Bus Tel: 509-8653).

17.45 Arrive Andrews Air Force Base.

18.30 VC10 Departs.

 Mr Price returns to Embassy in Press Bus
(Tel: 509-8653).

Distribution:

Mr Cornish
Mr Aylett
Mr Smith
Mr Jump
Mr Hopkinson
Mrs. Moorehead
Miss Allardice

Mr Ingham)
Mrs Riedle) for information
Miss O'Connor)

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: CAMP DAVID PHOTO CALL

07.00 Mr Aylett leaves Sheraton Carlton Hotel in Press Bus. Press Party:

George Tamerlani)
Keith Allen) VIZNEWS
Rodney Minor)

Ken Rees or Michael Crick)
Edward Castner) ITN
Patrick Skehan)

Kerry Meyer) BBC
Misa Rosetti)

(plus any of the London party who elect to come).

07.15 Press Bus stops at Embassy to collect Mr Price.
Press Party:

Mary Masserini - State Department
Martin Walker - Guardian
Andrew Stephen - Observer
Linda Mayhew) - TV AM
Dave Roberson)
Ira Schwarz - Reuters*

* possibly going in his own car

**PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: US TV INTERVIEWS
24 NOVEMBER 1989**

Running Order

07.09	ABC - Charles Gibson
07.20	CNN - Ralph Begleiter
07.35	NBC - Jim Miklaszewski
07.45	CBS - Wyatt Andrews

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: BRITISH MEDIA INTERVIEWS

Running Order

1. BBC Radio - Paul Reynolds
2. IRN - Nick Peters
3. ITN - Mike Brunson
4. BBC TV - Martin Bell
5. Sky TV - Richard Bestick
6. TV AM - David Foster

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VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER - ARRIVAL ARRANGEMENTS AT ANDREWS
AIRFORCE BASE ON 23 NOVEMBER

1. RAF VC 10 ARRIVES AT 1710 HOURS
HM AMBASSADOR BOARDS AIRCRAFT AT FRONT
ENTRANCE TO ESCORT PRIME MINISTER
TO GREETING PARTY (PHOTO OPPORTUNITY)
PRESS WILL BE ESCORTED FROM CENTRE DOOR TO
PRESS AREA ON TARMAC.
GREETED BY COLONEL ROBERT TAFARES, VICE COMMANDER,
AIR FORCE DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
MR VIC GRAY, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF NORTHERN AFFAIRS,
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
MR HOWARD PERLOW, UK DESK OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF
STATE AND
MR RANDY BAUMGARDNER, PROTOCOL OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF
STATE PLUS
MR RICHARD RALPH, HEAD OF CHANCERY
GROUP CAPTAIN PETER JOHNSON, ASSISTANT AIR ATTACHE
AND MR SHERARD COWPER-COLES, FIRST SECRETARY
HMA AND MR BAUMGARDNER TO ESCORT PRIME MINISTER TO
WAITING CAR
2. MEANWHILE OFFICIALS MOVE TO WAITING CONVOY. MISS PARKIN, MR
JENNER AND MR PIM TO REMAIN IN AIRCRAFT. MRS SCOLA TO HAND TO
MISS NOBLE PASSPORTS OF UK OFFICIALS IN ONE ENVELOPE AND
PASSPORTS OF PRESS IN SECOND ENVELOPE (ALL INCLUDING COMPLETED
CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION FORMS). RAF CREW TO BRING DOWN CABIN
LUGGAGE OF PRIME MINISTER TO PLACE IN BOOT OF HER CAR.
3. MOTORCADE MOVES OFF FROM TARMAC TO RESIDENCE AS FOLLOWS:

LEAD CAR: US SECRET SERVICE

VVIP CAR: PRIME MINISTER
(+PM LUGGAGE) HM AMBASSADOR
US SECRET SERVICE

FOLLOW CAR: US SECRET SERVICE
(NO 10 DETECTIVES IN SECRET SERVICE CARS)

CAR 4: MR POWELL
MR RALPH
MR COWPER-COLES

CAR 5: MR INGHAM
MR CORNISH
(CAR 5 TO LEAVE CONVOY AT RESIDENCE AND
PROCEED TO SHERATON CARLTON HOTEL)

CAR 7: MISS NOBLE
MRS SCOLA

4. AFTER DEPARTURE OF MOTORCADE FOLLOWING VEHICLES MOVE ON TO
TARMAC AND LEAVE AS FOLLOWS:

CAR 11: MR MARTIN SMITH
MR PIM
MR JENNER
(TO SHERATON CARLTON HOTEL)

STATION WAGON 12, MISS PARKIN
MR MATHIESON
PLUS BOXES AND CABIN ITEMS (TO RESIDENCE PRIVATE
OFFICE)

BUS 9: PRESS
MR PRICE
MR AYLETT
(TO SHERATON CARLTON HOTEL)

LATER

CHEVY VAN 8 MRS EDWARDS
MR HOPKINSON

PLUS HOLD LUGGAGE
AND PASSPORTS
(TO RESIDENCE AND SHERATON CARLTON HOTEL)

5. DUTY CLERK PLEASE ADVISE MR SMITH, MR JENNER AND MR PIM
FCO PLEASE PASS IMMEDIATE TO NO 10 DOWNING STREET AND

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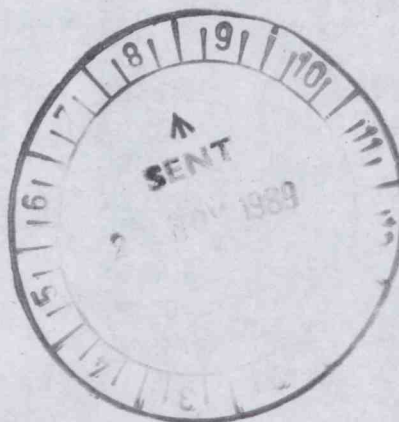
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MY TELNO 2841: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON: 23-24
NOVEMBER

1. THE PROGRAMME STANDS AS FOLLOWS, SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION OF
SOME OF THE DETAILED TIMINGS.

THURSDAY 23 NOVEMBER

1400 DEPART HEATHROW BY RAF VC10
1710 ARRIVE ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE (PHOTO OPPORTUNITY)
1800 APPROX ARRIVE AT RESIDENCE
1900 QUIET SUPPER OR SNACK AT MY HOUSE

FRIDAY 24 NOVEMBER

0600 HAIRDRESSING APPOINTMENT
0630 TV MAKE-UP APPOINTMENT
0700 BREAKFAST TELEVISION INTERVIEWS WITH FOUR
0800 NETWORKS IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:
ABC - 0709
CNN - 0720
IN THE DRAWING ROOM
NBC - 0735
CBS - 0743
IN THE DINING ROOM
0915 LEAVE EMBASSY TO TRAVEL BY HELICOPTER TO CAMP
DAVID
1000 ARRIVE CAMP DAVID
1005 PHOTO OPPORTUNITY
1230 LUNCH
1400 LEAVE CAMP DAVID
1440 ARRIVE US NAVAL OBSERVATORY
APPROX
1450 ARRIVE SHERATON-CARLTON HOTEL (HAIR AND
MAKE-UP APPOINTMENT)
1500 PRESS CONFERENCE AT SHERATON-CARLTON HOTEL
INDIVIDUAL INTERVIEWS
1630 MEETING AT RESIDENCE WITH DR ALAN GREENSPAN,
APPROX CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE
FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM
1745 LEAVE RESIDENCE FOR AAFB

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1830 DEPART AAFB
SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER
0630 ARRIVE HEATHROW
APPROX

2. THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAVE EMPHASISED THAT THE PRESIDENT WILL
BE WEARING VERY CASUAL CLOTHES AT CAMP DAVID.

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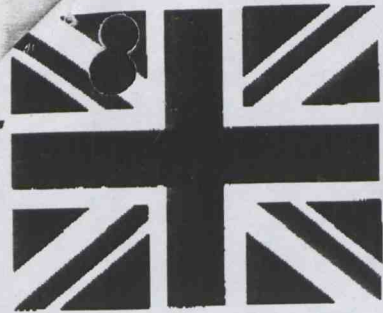
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PRESS RELEASE

PRIME MINISTER THATCHER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND CAMP DAVID: 23-24 NOVEMBER

The Prime Minister, The Right Hon Margaret Thatcher, FRS, MP, will arrive at Andrews Air Force Base by Royal Air Force VC10 at 17.10 on Thursday, 23 November. She will travel to the Residence of the British Ambassador where she will stay overnight. She will have no engagements on the evening of 23 November.

On 24 November the Prime Minister will give live interviews to the breakfast television programmes before departing by helicopter for Camp David for informal talks with President Bush followed by lunch. The Prime Minister will then return by helicopter to Washington. She will give a Press Conference at the Sheraton Carlton Hotel beginning at 15.00.

At 16.30 the Prime Minister will have a meeting with Dr Alan Greenspan, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System at the British Ambassador's Residence.

The Prime Minister will depart from Andrews Air Force Base for London at 18.30.

Details of media facilities are attached.

17 November, 1989

MEDIA FACILITIES

Thursday 23 November

17.10

Arrival at Andrews Air Force Base.

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

Open facility on tarmac.

Press centre open from 15.00.

Press should arrive by 16.00 at the latest.

Contacts at Andrews Air Force Base:

Sgt Rob Coné, Staff Sgt Dale Warman and
Sgt Eddie Riley (tel no. 981 4511)

Friday 24 November

Live television interviews.

The Prime Minister will give the following
live television interviews from the British
Ambassador's Residence:

07.09: ABC

07.20: CNN

07.35: NBC

07.43: CBS

am (Time to be
confirmed)

Arrival at Camp David.

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY.

Open facility at helicopter pad at Camp
David

The British Embassy are arranging transport
to Camp David for British journalists, on a
repayment basis, and expect to depart from
the Embassy at about 07.15. We expect to be
back in Washington at approx 12.30.

British press wishing to participate should
contact: Michael Price (tel: 898 4343) or
Lorna Riedle (tel: 898 4328)
with the following information:

- a) Name
- b) Place and Date of Birth
- c) Passport No. and Place of Issue
- d) Organisation represented

15.00

PRESS CONFERENCE

Crystal Room, Sheraton Carlton Hotel. Ope
TV cameras must be in place by 14.30.

18.30

Departure from Andrews Air Force Base

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

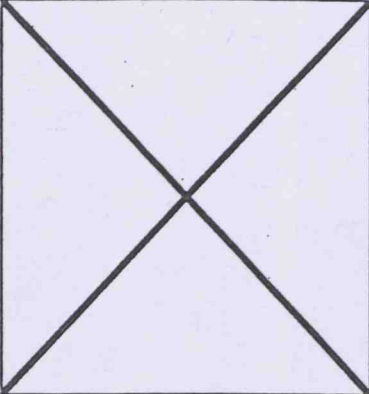
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Eddie Riley (tel no. 981 4511)

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cc, Duty Clerk



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PRIME MINISTER'S COMMUNICATIONS: WASHINGTON 23-24 NOVEMBER 1989

1. This note describes the communications arrangements which have been made for the Prime Ministers visit to Washington. The Prime Minister's Party will be staying at the British Embassy/Residence and the No 10 Private Office will be established in the Old Chancery Building. The Press Suite will be located at the Sheraton Carlton Hotel. Normal FCO facilities will be used for communications during the visit.

AIRBORNE SECURE COMMUNICATIONS

2. Airborne secure telegraphic communications will be available during flight times.

SECURE TELEGRAMS

3. Secure telegrams will be passed via normal Embassy channels using FCO secure networks.

BRAHMS SECURE SPEECH

4. Brahms will be available for use in the No 10 Private Office and will enable communications with the No 10 and Cabinet Office STS system users. The resident Washington Embassy TSD Engineer will assist with the installation of the Brahms equipment.

TELEPHONE FACILITIES

5. Arrangements have been made for the Private Office to be provided with two Direct Exchange Lines (DEL) with International Direct Dial facility (IDD). These are for general use and for use with Brahms. In addition to these DELs, the Private Office will also have an extension off the Embassy switchboard.

6. Telephones connected to the Embassy switchboard will be available in the rooms of those staying at the Residence. Each will have IDD facility and be capable of being dialled both directly and via the Embassy switchboard.

7. The Press Suite will be located in the Sheraton Carlton Hotel and will be provided with one DEL/IDD in addition to the normal hotel telephone.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

8. Telephone numbers will be provided by FCO Protocol Department when they are available.

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R HOPE
Telecommunications Secretariat

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ANNEX to 2G/3151
Dated 15 November 1989

COMMUNICATIONS SUMMARY

PLACE	DATE/TIME		FACILITIES
	FROM	TO	
AIRBORNE (LHR-WASH)	23 November 1400	23 November 2210 (1710)	Secure Telegrams
WASHINGTON	23 November 2210 (1710)	24 November 2300 (1800)	) Secure Telegrams) Brahms Secure Speech
AIRBORNE (WASH-LHR)	24 November 2330 (1830)	25 November 0630	Secure Telegrams

NOTES:

1. All times are approximate
2. ZULU (GMT) times are shown without brackets
3. LOCAL times are shown with brackets
4. LONDON local time is GMT
5. WASHINGTON local time is GMT - 5 hours

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From: Miss Noble
Protocol Department

Date: 10 November 1989

13/11
Miss P Parkin
Duty Clerk
No 10 Downing St

VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER TO WASHINGTON: 23/24 NOVEMBER

1. The Embassy in Washington have informed me that the Secret Service require blood groups and passport details of all members of the party.

2. I should be most grateful if you could help and confirm which passport senior members of the party will be using.

Thank you.

P. A. Noble

P A Noble (Miss)
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CABINET OFFICE (FOR PS/PRIME MINISTER)

PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH TO THE UN ON THE ENVIRONMENT 7-8 NOVEMBER 1989

SUMMARY

1. A HIGHLY EFFECTIVE VISIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS. NO OTHER WORLD LEADER COULD HAVE DELIVERED A MESSAGE ON A VITAL GLOBAL ISSUE WITH SUCH AUTHORITY. GOOD RECEPTION AND MEDIA COVERAGE.

DETAIL

2. THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO NEW YORK FROM 7 TO 8 NOVEMBER WAS HIGHLY EFFECTIVE. ITS CENTREPIECE WAS AN ADDRESS TO THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE ENVIRONMENT. THE PRIME MINISTER WAS ALSO THE GUEST OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AT DINNER: HELD A SHORT SESSION OF TALKS WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL: PAID A COURTESY CALL ON THE (NIGERIAN) PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY: ATTENDED A RECEPTION FOR UN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES: AND MET THE EDITORIAL STAFF OF THE NEW YORK TIMES FOR AN HOUR OF OFF-THE-RECORD DISCUSSION.

3. THE ADDRESS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WAS AN UNUSUAL AND EYE-CATCHING OCCASION. IT IS RARE FOR A HEAD OF STATE OR GOVERNMENT TO MAKE A SPEECH IN THE ASSEMBLY OUTSIDE THE TRADITIONAL GENERAL DEBATE AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER. IT IS UNPRECEDENTED FOR A HEAD OF GOVERNMENT TO MAKE A 20 HOUR VISIT ACROSS THE ATLANTIC FOR THE SINGLE PURPOSE OF A SPEECH ON THE ENVIRONMENT. AMONG WORLD LEADERS ONLY THE PRIME MINISTER COULD HAVE TACKLED THE SUBJECT WITH SUCH INSIGHT, AUTHORITY AND PANACHE.

4. UNDERLYING WIDESPREAD PRAISE FOR THE SPEECH WAS APPRECIATION FOR THE WAY IN WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER HAD BUILT ON PERSONAL UNDERSTANDING OF SCIENCE TO SET OUT A STRONG DOMESTIC PROGRAMME TO SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL ACTION FOR COPING WITH A GLOBAL PROBLEM. CRITICS WERE FEW AND FAR BETWEEN: WHAT CHEERING THERE WAS CAME FROM THOSE WITH THE USUAL LITTLE AXES TO GRIND ON DEVELOPMENT, OR FROM THE DISGRUNTLED WHO SEE A DEVIL IN EVERY MULTINATIONAL AND BEHIND EVERY DEFENCE OF A TROPICAL TREE.

5. THE SPEECH WAS DELIVERED TO AN ASSEMBLY AS FULL AS THAT WHICH TURNED OUT FOR GORBACHEV LAST YEAR. IT RECEIVED WARM APPLAUSE. AFTERWARDS THE PRIME MINISTER RECEIVED PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES, SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS AND OTHER GUESTS (SOME UNINVITED) WHO INCLUDED FOUR STATE GOVERNORS, HEADED BY GOVERNOR CUOMO OF NEW YORK. BY COINCIDENCE THEY WERE TAKING PART IN A SEMINAR THAT DAY ON THE SAME SUBJECT, AND IN THE PRESS STATEMENT RELEASED AFTERWARDS GAVE PROMINENCE TO BRITISH POLICY ON THE ENVIRONMENT. THE GOVERNOR OF ILLINOIS WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT THE SPEECH WAS ELEGANT, STRAIGHTFORWARD AND FULL OF COMMON SENSE AND LEADERSHIP. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL DELIVERED A SIMILAR JUDGEMENT: EVERYTHING WAS PERFECT: THE TEXT, THE IDEAS, THE DRAFTING AND THE DELIVERY.

6. LOCAL MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE SPEECH WAS GOOD. NEWS CHANNELS CARRIED SHORT BUT UP-BEAT REPORTS THROUGHOUT THE DAY, AND THE SPEECH WILL BE BROADCAST IN FULL ON 12 NOVEMBER. IT ALSO WENT LIVE TO 1700 ABC RADIO AFFILIATES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. REUTERS REPORTED IT AT LENGTH, AND THE NEW YORK TIMES OF 9 NOVEMBER DEVOTED A COLUMN TO THE STORY.

COMMENT

7. THE VISIT PUT US MORE FIRMLY AMONG THE LEAD COUNTRIES IN SHAPING THE INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE TO THE PROBLEMS OF CLIMATE CHANGE. IT WILL ENHANCE OUR ABILITY TO INFLUENCE PREPARATIONS FOR THE 1992 WORLD CONFERENCE ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT. IT WILL ALSO HAVE HELPED TO CONVEY TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND WITHIN THE UNITED STATES THE PICTURE OF A GOVERNMENT FIRM OF PURPOSE AND FOCUSED ON A MAJOR ISSUE OF THE 1990S. THE MOST TELLING TRIBUTE COMES FROM THOSE, INCLUDING MANY AMERICANS, WHO ONLY WISH THAT THEIR OWN HEAD OF STATE OR GOVERNMENT COULD DO SOMETHING REMOTELY COMPARABLE.

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From the Private Secretary

10 November 1989

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON

It is now confirmed that Mr. and Mrs. Mark Thatcher will not be able to come up to Washington to see the Prime Minister on the evening of Friday 24 November. She will, therefore, wish to fly back to London overnight on 24/25 November. I should be grateful if the necessary arrangements can be made with the RAF.

C. D. POWELL

J.S. Wall, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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From the Private Secretary

9 November 1989

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO NEW YORK

I enclose the Prime Minister's thank-you letters following her visit to New York. I should be grateful if they could be delivered as soon as possible.

C. D. POWELL

J.S. Wall, Esq.,
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THE PRIME MINISTER

9 November 1989

Dear Mr. Sulzberger,

Thank you very much for arranging the meeting with members of the New York Times' Editorial staff yesterday. I very much enjoyed the discussion and the opportunity to talk through some serious issues. I was sorry that we had to cut the meeting short to get back to London.

Thank you also for the very pretty Halcyon Days box. It was a most kind thought and much appreciated - a good British export.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Mr. Arthur Ochs Sulzberger



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THE PRIME MINISTER

9 November 1989

Dear Crispin

Thank you very much for your help with my speech to the United Nations General Assembly yesterday, as well as your support during my visit to New York. I am sure it was well worth doing and I hope the speech will contribute to getting international action on the environment on the right lines.

Please also thank all those members of your staff who helped with the arrangements for my visit. I am most grateful to them.

Yours sincerely

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Sir Crispin Tickell, G.C.M.G., K.C.V.O.



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THE PRIME MINISTER

9 November 1989

Dear Son,

Just to say how very well I was looked after by British Airways on my brief visit to New York by Concorde this week. I could not even have contemplated undertaking the visit in such a short time without Concorde, and your staff were extremely kind and attentive at every stage. I am most grateful to all those concerned.

Yours ever

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The Lord King of Wartnaby



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THE PRIME MINISTER

9 November 1989

Dear Secretary-General,

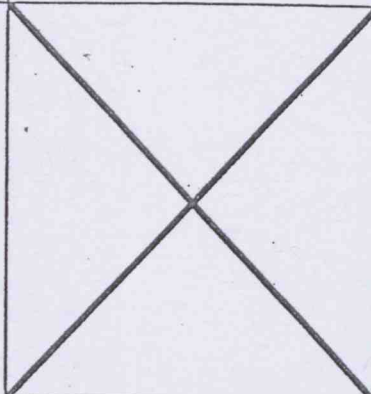
Thank you for your very kind hospitality during my brief visit to New York. It was a delightful evening with such diverse, talented and interesting guests - one comes back from such an occasion feeling intellectually refreshed and stimulated, with the daily problems of government in this country put in their proper perspective. I was very glad, too, that we were able to have a good talk the following morning. As always, I marvel at your patience. The contribution to world affairs which you have made as Secretary-General is truly remarkable and we all congratulate you upon it.

I am sure you will continue to keep us in close touch with your thinking, especially on Cyprus. Meanwhile I send you and your wife every good wish and heartfelt gratitude for all that you do.

Yours sincerely

Rangana Shalika

His Excellency Senor Javier Perez de Cuellar

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7 November 1989

Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's Visit to the General Assembly

I wrote to you about this on 3 November. We have now heard that the Secretary-General will also wish to discuss Cyprus with the Prime Minister. There have been no significant developments since the Prime Minister saw President Vassiliou at CHOGM. The Secretary-General will give an account of his current reassessment of the prospects for renewed talks. In response the Prime Minister may wish to express full support for the UN good offices mission. We agree that resumed talks would only be worthwhile if they addressed issues of substance. The present hiatus risks allowing the initiative of pass to extremists. We are of course ready to use our influence to support the Secretary-General's efforts to bring the two sides back together.

The Secretary-General will be accompanied at the meeting by Dayal, his Chef de Cabinet, and Miss Anstee. UKMis New York are planning on the assumption that the Prime Minister will wish to be accompanied by yourself and Sir Crispin Tickell.

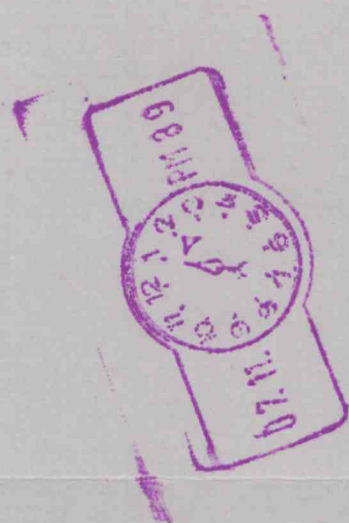
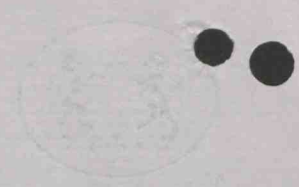
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From the Private Secretary

5 November 1989

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON

The Prime Minister has asked me to enquire whether it would be possible for her to stay over the night of 24/25 November at the Embassy in order to see Mark and Diane. The plan would be that they might come up from Dallas that afternoon and spend the evening with her (indeed, would it be possible for them to stay overnight at the Embassy too?) If it was not too much trouble, she wonders whether Sir Alan Walters and his wife could also be invited for supper that evening, making just a small party with you and Jenny and me and Bernard. The Prime Minister would then leave early on Saturday morning to be back in London that evening. I am afraid this is all rather an extra imposition for you and if you have other engagements or other guests and it is not convenient for the Prime Minister to stay on, she will entirely understand.

I have to say that I have not yet finally heard from Mark and Diane that they would be able to come to Washington that evening but we are promised confirmation by 9 November.

(C. D. POWELL)

His Excellency Sir Antony Acland, G.C.M.G., K.C.V.O.

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VISIT TO NEW YORK

7-8 NOVEMBER 1989

Weather

Present forecast for Tuesday of next week is that day-time temperatures will reach the low 50s and that night-time temperatures will drop to 30 degrees. Snow and rain are expected in Northern New York State but New York City is expected to experience fine but cloudy weather.

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From the Private Secretary

3 November 1989

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON

Thank you for your letter of 3 November about the practical arrangements for the Prime Minister's visit to Washington. I have made some minor amendments to the seating plan for the VC10 which I enclose together with the menus duly marked. I do not think the Prime Minister will wish to take Mr. Catto on the aircraft.

(C.D. POWELL)

J.S. Wall, Esq.,
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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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3 November 1989

Prime Minister

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Dear Charles,

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Prime Minister's visit to the United Nations,
7-8 November

The following issues may come up when the Prime Minister sees the UN Secretary General.

Environment

Probably the most important environmental issue to be decided at this year's General Assembly will be the arrangements for the 1992 UN Conference on Environment and Development. But already a range of other issues has emerged, including a Soviet-inspired proposal on environmental threats and emergencies, Venezuelan concerns about toxic wastes and a Nordic desire to have a follow-up Resolution on implementation of the Brundtland Report and "sustainable development". These are all important issues, but if a coherent UN environmental strategy is to be agreed, it is crucial that a measure of priority be given now to arrangements for 1992.

Drugs

We are concerned that UN drugs bodies are inadequately structured and financed to meet the increasing drugs threat. We hope that the General Assembly will pass a resolution calling on the Secretary General to appoint an expert group to review all aspects of the problem, and in particular to make recommendations on how UN machinery can best be re-structured to tackle the problem.

UN Finances

It is quite unacceptable that more than half the member states of the United Nations are at present in arrears with their contributions. We pay in full and on time and expect others to do likewise. But we will not pay extra to make up for the shortcomings of others and will continue to insist on detailed accounts (especially for peacekeeping) so that we can satisfy ourselves on this point. We welcome President Bush's intention to resume full US funding and to pay off arrears: the latter must be used to re-build reserves and not for inflationary spending within the UN system.

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Namibia

The Secretary General and Mr Ahtisaari deserve congratulations for bringing Namibia to the point of free elections (7-11 November). The United Kingdom, of course, took the lead in opposing attempts to question the Secretary General's assessment of conditions in Namibia. We will continue to give him every support, both for his judgement of the fairness of the elections and in helping consolidate post-election arrangements. We will also continue to support Special Representative Ahtisaari in the territory.

South Africa

There have been important and positive changes in South Africa under President De Klerk. We must encourage him to move further towards serious negotiations about South Africa's future.

Eastern Europe

The Prime Minister may wish to draw the Secretary General's attention to the help the West is giving, notably to Poland and Hungary, to make the evolution from communism peaceful and irreversible.

Hostages

The Prime Minister might mention our regret at the death of Colonel Higgins in Lebanon earlier this year; his death was made public in July and the Prime Minister subsequently telephoned Mrs Higgins. (Alec Collett, the British hostage who we also believe is dead, was also a UN employee.) We remain convinced that the United Nations is an important forum in which to keep up international pressure on those in a position to influence the hostage-holders in Lebanon.

Yours,
Stephen Wall
(J S Wall)
Private Secretary

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Note from the attached VC10
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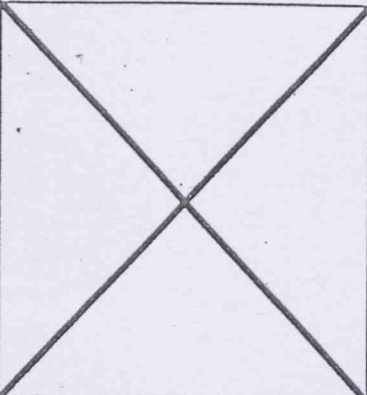
As you know, we usually
occupy seats 13 and 14, which
means we are close to the door
and to you.

Do you think it might be possible
to ask for seats 13 and 14?

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From the Private Secretary

2 November 1989

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON

I have seen Washington telegram number 2841 with an outline programme for the Prime Minister's visit to Washington. I think the Prime Minister would be well content with this. I confirm that we would be happy to use the Sheraton-Carlton Hotel for the Prime Minister's press conference and the Prime Minister will want to do separate interviews for UK television and radio after the press conference itself.

The Prime Minister very much wants to see Alan Greenspan if he is in Washington and hopes that this can be arranged if at all possible.

(CHARLES POWELL)

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MY TELNO 2737: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON: 23-24
NOVEMBER

1. I DISCUSSED WITH POWELL LAST WEEK THE OUTLINE PROGRAMME IN MY TUR: AND PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT AND THE NO 10 PRESS OFFICE HAVE SEPARATELY LET US HAVE COMMENTS ON CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE PROGRAMME SUGGESTED IN THAT TELEGRAM.
2. THE OUTLINE PROGRAMME WHICH EMERGES FROM THESE DISCUSSIONS STANDS AS FOLLOWS:

THURSDAY 23 NOVEMBER

1400 DEPART HEATHROW BY RAF VC10
1710 ARRIVE ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE
1900 QUIET SUPPER OR SNACK AT MY HOUSE

FRIDAY 24 NOVEMBER

0700- BREAKFAST TELEVISION INTERVIEWS WITH THE THREE NETWORKS
0800 PLUS CNN
APPROX
0915 LEAVE EMBASSY TO TRAVEL BY HELICOPTER TO CAMP DAVID
1000 ARRIVE CAMP DAVID
1230 LUNCH
APPROX
1400 LEAVE CAMP DAVID
1500 PRESS CONFERENCE AT SHERATON-CARLTON HOTEL
1700 DEPART ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE

SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER

0500 ARRIVE HEATHROW.

3. POWELL AND I ALSO DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF THE PRIME MINISTER SEEING GREENSPAN (SHE SAW HIM IN NOVEMBER 1988, AND HAS MADE A PRACTICE OF SEEING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FED ON HER VISITS TO THE US IN RECENT YEARS). BUT IT MIGHT LOOK ODD IF GREENSPAN,

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WHO IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE ADMINISTRATION, WERE THE ONLY SENIOR US OFFICIAL APART FROM THE PRESIDENT WHOM THE PRIME MINISTER WERE TO SEE DURING HER VISIT. HE, AND OTHERS, SUCH AS BAKER, BRADY OR CHENEY, WHOM THE PRIME MINISTER MIGHT WISH TO SEE, ARE IN ANY CASE LIKELY TO BE OUT OF TOWN FOR THANKSGIVING. I SHOULD THEREFORE PREFER TO LEAVE ON ONE SIDE THE QUESTION OF OTHER MEETINGS WITH US OFFICIALS UNTIL WE HAVE STARTED TO DISCUSS THE VISIT WITH THE AMERICANS, AND HAVE A BETTER IDEA OF WHO ELSE, SUCH AS BAKER, MIGHT BE AT CAMP DAVID.

4. GRATEFUL TO KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER WE MAY NOW START TO DISCUSS A PROGRAMME ON THE LINES SUGGESTED ABOVE WITH THE AMERICANS. IT WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL TO KNOW WHETHER THE SHERATON-CARLTON HOTEL, WHICH WAS USED IN NOVEMBER 1988, IS ACCEPTABLE TO NO 10 AS A VENUE FOR THE PRESS CONFERENCE, AND WHETHER THE PRIME MINISTER WISHES TO DO INTERVIEWS WITH THE UK PRESS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

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UN SECRETARY-GENERAL'S DINNER FOR THE PRIME MINISTER: 7 NOVEMBER

1. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WILL SOON LET ME HAVE A FINAL GUESTLIST FOR THE DINNER HE IS GIVING FOR THE PRIME MINISTER IN NEW YORK ON 7 NOVEMBER. IN THE MEANTIME I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO KNOW HOW THINGS STAND.

2. PEREZ DE CUELLAR TOLD ME TODAY 1 NOVEMBER THAT HE HAD INVITED NEARLY ALL ON THE LIST I GAVE HIM ON 23 OCTOBER (MADRID TELNO 003 TO KUALA LUMPUR OF 19 OCTOBER), BUT SOME HAD BEEN UNABLE TO COME. HE HAD THEREFORE (WITHOUT CONSULTING ME) FILLED IN THE GAPS WITH OTHERS WHO HE THOUGHT THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD LIKE TO MEET. THE LIST (EXCLUDING THE PRIME MINISTER, YOU AND ME) AT PRESENT IS AS FOLLOWS:

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

MR VIRENDRA DAYAL (CHEF DE CABINET)

MR THOMAS R PICKERING (U S PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE)

MR PIERRE-LOUIS BLANC (FRENCH PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE)

MR MICHAEL DELAND (CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
IN THE WHITE HOUSE)

DR FRANK PRESS (PRESIDENT OF THE U S NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCE)

REPRESENTATIVE CLAUDINE SCHNEIDER (RHODE ISLAND)

MAJOR-GENERAL JOSEPH N GARBA (PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY)

DR JOHN BRADEMAS (PRESIDENT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY)

MS KATHERINE GRAHAM (WASHINGTON POST)

MR ARTHUR SALZBURGER (NEW YORK TIMES)

MR WILLIAN A NITZE (STATE DEPARTMENT)

MR DAVID ROCKEFELLER (BANKER)

MR EDMUND SAFRA

SIR BRIAN URQUHART (FORMER UN UNDER SECRETARY-GENERAL)

MR ELLIOTT RICHARDSON (LAWYER MILBANK, TWEED, HADLEY AND MCCLOY,
FORMER U S AMBASSADOR IN LONDON)

MISS JOAN ANSTEE (UN UNDER SECRETARY-GENERAL)

MR MARRACK I GOULDING (UN UNDER SECRETARY-GENERAL)

MR ALY TEYMOUR (CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, UNITED NATIONS)

3. ANSWERS ARE STILL OUTSTANDING FROM DR GEORGE WOODWELL AND MR ROBERT REDFORD (WHO HAVE ONLY JUST RECEIVED THEIR INVITATIONS). I AM AFRAID THAT THE LIST IS LESS INTERESTING THAN IT WAS, BUT WE ARE NOW STUCK WITH IT.

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From the Private Secretary

1 November 1989

You are probably familiar with most of the details of Mr Thatcher's forthcoming visit to the United States. But for the sake of completeness, he is travelling to New York by Concorde on Monday 6 November. He will stay overnight with Mr Scott Greer in Branford. He will then attend CSX Board meetings on 7 and 8 November, staying overnight at the Omni Richmond Hotel. On Wednesday, 8 November he comes to the Embassy and attends a dinner for 'Conservatives Abroad' on 9 November. He then departs on 10 November for London by Concorde.

CHARLES POWELL

Edward Oakden Esq
British Embassy
Washington

CHARLES POWELL

Mr Thatcher will be going to New York on Monday 6 November arriving on Concorde 0920. He will stay o/n with Mr Scott Greer in Branford. On Tuesday 7 November he will be collected from Branford by C.S.X. to attend their Board Meetings on Wednesday 8 November. He will stay o/n on Tuesday 7 November at the Omni Richmond Hotel Washington. On Wednesday 8 November he is staying at the British Embassy in Washington. On Thursday 9 November he will be attending a Dinner in the evening for "Conservatives Abroad". He will stay o/n at the Embassy and return on Concorde dep. Washington 1300.

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JOY ROBILLIARD

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Date 26 October 1989

Dear David

**BREAKFAST INVITATION TO THE PRIME MINISTER FROM COUNCIL
ON FOREIGN RELATIONS, 8 NOVEMBER**

1 I enclose a copy of a letter from David Rockefeller to the Prime Minister inviting her to address a breakfast meeting at the Council on Foreign Relations during her visit to New York. The original is being sent by bag to Charles Powell at No. 10.

2 Although we were told that the Prime Minister does not wish to have any engagements before her UN speech you will still wish to advise on a reply.

Yours ever

David

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cc: Mr Hum, UKMIS
Mr Cornish, W'ton.
Mr Powell, No. 10
Mr Brenton, UND, FCO

COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

October 23, 1989

Dear Margaret:

On behalf of the Council on Foreign Relations, where I served as Chairman from 1971 until 1986, I would like to extend an invitation to you to address our members at a meeting to be held in your honor here at the Harold Pratt House, 58 East 68th Street, during your upcoming trip to New York City. My colleagues, including the Council's current Chairman, Peter Peterson, and its Vice Chairman, Warren Christopher, and I would be especially proud to have you as our guest for a breakfast meeting on Wednesday, November 8. I understand that you will be addressing the General Assembly of the United Nations later that morning.

It has been over 14 years since you last visited the Council. There is an exceptional interest in your government among our membership and I can assure you of a distinguished American audience. You may remember that Council proceedings are traditionally off-the-record and informal, and there would be no need to prepare a text. Discussion time would follow your presentation and be of particular value to the members.

The President of the Council, Peter Tarnoff, is of course prepared to answer any questions that your staff might have regarding the arrangements and plans for this event.

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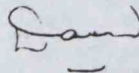
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Executive Director

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher
October 23, 1989
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Speaking for all members of the Council, I hope very much that you will give our invitation favorable consideration. In addition to honoring the Council in being our guest, we hope it might give you a useful platform from which you could express your views on subjects of your own choosing.

With warm good wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David", with a horizontal line underneath.

David Rockefeller

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

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From the Private Secretary

26 October 1989

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON

Thank you for your letter of 26 October about the Prime Minister's visit to Washington. I think she would like to leave rather earlier on 23 November, say at 1700 hours. The return journey looks fine.

The only people accompanying the Prime Minister will be me, plus Bernard Ingham, another Press Officer, a Garden Room girl and a Duty Clerk. I will let you have names as soon as possible. We shall need secure communications on the aircraft.

CHARLES POWELL

Stephen Wall Esq
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

26 October 1989

Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's visit to Washington

As recently discussed, I confirm that an RAF VC10 has been reserved for the above visit. Proposed timings are as follows:

Thursday 23 November (leave after Questions):

(say) ETD LHR Southside	1830 hrs
(flying time: 8 hrs 10 mins)	
ETA Washington Andrews	2140 hrs

Friday 24 November

ETD Washington Andrews	1800 hrs
(flying time: 7 hrs)	
ETA LHR Southside	0600 hrs (Sat 25 Nov)

[All times local: UK = GMT; Washington = GMT-5]

I should be grateful for your comments on these timings.

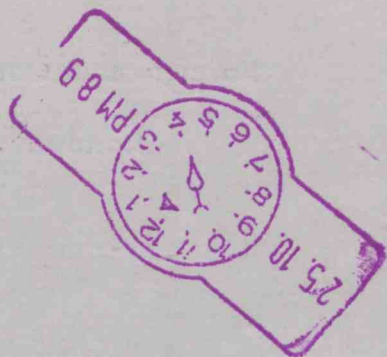
In due course, we should also like to know the names of those officials who will accompany the Prime Minister and also whether you wish us to arrange for secure communications on the aircraft.

Yours,
Steph Wall

(J S Wall)
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
10 Downing Street

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FOLLOWING FOR UK PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE FROM CHARLES POWELL,
NUMBER 10

Your tel nos 6 and 7: Prime Minister's visit to New York.

Thank you for these telegrams. The Prime Minister is content
with the proposed programme. On your various points:

- a. I think your conclusion is right.
- b. This is helpful.
- c. I confirm the Prime Minister would breakfast at the hotel.
- d. Quite content to have the reception.
- e. The Prime Minister is prepared to go to the New York Times
office for the discussion. Let us follow the normal practice
and make it off-the-record.

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I agree that the State Governors should be invited to attend the reception after the Prime Minister's address.

Finally, the Prime Minister would prefer to walk from her hotel to the UN on the Wednesday morning.

PRIME MINISTERVISIT TO NEW YORK

I attach a telegram from Crispin Tickell, setting out a proposed programme for your visit to New York on lines which I have discussed with him. Are you content, please?

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C. D. POWELL

25 October 1989

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- 1. Mr. Powell*
- 2. Private Secretary.*

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FOLLOWING FOR PS/PRIME MINISTER

YOUR TELNO AIRBORNE 009 : PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO NEW YORK

1. MIFT CONTAINS THE PROGRAMME FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT AS IT NOW STANDS (INCLUDING THE PROPOSED MEETING WITH THE NEW YORK TIMES). I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR ANY COMMENTS, ESPECIALLY ON THE FOLLOWING DETAILS:

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FOLLOWING FOR PS/PRIME MINISTER
MIPT: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO NEW YORK

1. FOLLOWING IS PRIME MINISTER'S PROGRAMME:

7 NOVEMBER

1755 ARRIVE JFK AIRPORT. GREETED BY AMBASSADOR AND UN CHIEF OF PROTOCOL.

TRANSFER BY CAR WITH AMBASSADOR TO UN PLAZA HOTEL.

1950 LEAVE HOTEL FOR 3 SUTTON PLACE (SECRETARY-GENERAL'S RESIDENCE).

2000 DINNER GIVEN BY SECRETARY-GENERAL. DRESS INFORMAL.
RETURN TO HOTEL.

8 NOVEMBER

0715 HAIRDRESSER TO ATTEND PM'S SUITE.
BREAKFAST IN HOTEL.

0800-0900 AUTOCUE REHEARSAL AT HOTEL.

0935 LEAVE HOTEL FOR UNITED NATIONS (ON FOOT OR BY CAR).

0940 ARRIVE AT UNITED NATIONS (SECRETARIAT ENTRANCE). GREETED BY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AND ESCORTED TO 38TH FLOOR.

0945 MEETING WITH SECRETARY-GENERAL.

1015 ESCORTED TO OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL.

COURTESY CALL ON PRESIDENT OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

1030 ESCORTED TO PODIUM FOR ADDRESS TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

1100 ESCORTED BY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL TO INDONESIAN LOUNGE.
AMBASSADOR IN ATTENDANCE.

1105-1135 RECEIVE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES IN INDONESIAN LOUNGE.
(DRINKS TO BE SERVED).

1140 LEAVE UN (GENERAL ASSEMBLY BUILDING) BY CAR.

1150 ARRIVE AT NEW YORK TIMES BUILDING.

MEETING WITH EDITORIAL BOARD.

1250 LEAVE NEW YORK TIMES BY CAR FOR JFK AIRPORT.

1345 DEPARTURE.

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Do you have a view - x?

Charles
We shall fall in with NY Times practice. Then with respect what she says

James
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JOY ROBILLIARD

MR THATCHER'S VISIT TO THE USA: 9 NOVEMBER

I had a call today from Edward Oakland, who is the Private Secretary to our Ambassador in the USA. He was checking whether Mr Thatcher still planned to stay with the Ambassador on the evening of 9 November. He understands that Mr Thatcher's booking at the Watergate Hotel is still current. Mr Oakland wondered whether he should cancel that booking.

CAROLINE SLOCOCK

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FOLLOWING PERSONAL FOR SIR CRISPIN TICKELL FROM CHARLES POWELL
IN KUALA LUMPUR.

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO NEW YORK

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TELEGRAM NO. 3 FROM MADRID ABOUT THE GUEST
LIST FOR THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL'S DINNER FOR THE PRIME
MINISTER. THIS SEEMS TO ME EXACTLY RIGHT, AND I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL
IF YOU COULD PUT THE SUGGESTIONS TO PEREZ DE CUELLAR.

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FOLLOWING PERSONAL FOR PS/NO 10.
FROM SIR CRISPIN TICKELL

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO NEW YORK

1. WHEN WE SAW EACH OTHER ON 13 OCTOBER, I PROMISED YOU A POSSIBLE GUEST LIST FOR THE U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL'S DINNER FOR THE PRIME MINISTER IN NEW YORK ON 7 NOVEMBER. I HAVE TOLD THE SECRETARY GENERAL THAT I WILL BE LETTING HIM HAVE SUCH A LIST WHEN I SEE HIM NEXT WEEK. HIS MAXIMUM NUMBER IS 34, BUT WE AGREED THAT BETWEEN 24 AND 30 MIGHT BE MORE DESIRABLE.

2. HERE IS A POSSIBLE LIST FOR YOU TO CONSIDER.

CATEGORY A

THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND WIFE.

A MEMBER OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S CABINET PROBABLY DAYAL.

GENERAL GARBA (PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY).

TOLBA (HEAD OF UNEP), IF IN NEW YORK, OR

NOEL BROWN, (NEW YORK REPRESENTATIVE OF UNEP).

BARBER CONABLE (PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD BANK).

WILLIAM DRAPER, (HEAD OF THE UNDP).

CATEGORY B

THE PRIME MINISTER

POWELL

TICKELLS

CATEGORY C

THE US, SOVIET, FRENCH AND CHINESE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES (PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL).

MALAYSIAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE (CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF THE GROUP 77).

NORWEGIAN, CANADIAN AND BRASILIAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES (AS KEY FIGURES IN ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS IN NEW YORK).

CATEGORY D

WILLIAM REILLY (HEAD OF THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY)

MICHAEL DELAND (CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY IN THE WHITE HOUSE)

ALLEN BROMLEY (SCIENCE ADVISER TO THE U.S. PRESIDENT)

FRANK PRESS (PRESIDENT OF THE U.S. NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCE).

SENATOR ALBERT GORE (TENNESSEE) OR

SENATOR TIM WORTH (COLORADO)

SENATOR JOHN HEINZ (PENNSYLVANIA)

REPRESENTATIVE CLAUDINE SCHNEIDER (RHODE ISLAND)

GEORGE WOODWELL (HEAD OF THE WOODS HOLE RESEARCH INSTITUTE)

ROBERT REDFORD (ACTOR AND DIRECTOR OF THE SUNDANCE INSTITUTE, UTAH)

STEPHEN SCHNEIDER (U.S. NATIONAL CENTRE FOR ATMOSPHERIC RESEARCH)

3. I SHALL BE RETURNING TO NEW YORK ON 21 OCTOBER AND WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR GUIDANCE BEFORE I SEE PEREZ DE CUELLA NEXT WEEK.

GORDON LENNOX

MR. PS/NO 10
1. THIS TELEGRAM HAS NOT BEEN DISTRIBUTED.
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~~CAROLINE~~

British-American Chamber of Commerce

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A Mr. Peter Felix, President of the British-American Chamber of Commerce rang this afternoon from New York. Professor Roland Smith, Chairman of British Aerospace and Chairman of the British-American Chamber of Commerce Advisory Board suggested that he did so.

They wondered if there was any chance of the Prime Minister attending a Reception in New York on either of her two visits to the States.

I said that someone would ring him back but it might not be until after the Prime Minister's return from Malaysia. His number is (212) 5932299.

Sue

17 October 1989

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LONDON SW1A 2AA

From the Private Secretary

13 October 1989

PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH TO THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

I have had some discussion with Crispin Tickell about the arrangements for the Prime Minister's visit to New York to address the UN General Assembly on 7-8 November. We have agreed tentatively on the following programme:

7 November

1800 Arrive New York
2000 Dinner given by UN Secretary General at his official residence (24 guests)

8 November

0800- Autocue rehearsal
0900
0930 Call on President of the UN General Assembly
1000 Call on the Secretary General
1030 Address the UNGA
1105-35 Brief reception for Permanent Representatives
1145- Time available for the press
1245
1300 Depart for airport.

We have assumed that the Prime Minister and the rest of her party will stay at the UN Plaza Hotel.

I have discussed the question of the press with Bernard Ingham. He sees no point in a press conference, but thinks it better to let the Prime Minister's speech stand on its own. He would prefer to use the hour or so we have available for

a meeting with the Editorial Board of the New York Times. If at all possible, we would need to persuade them to come down the UN building for this rather than using up scarce time transporting the Prime Minister to the New York Times: but, providing we can guarantee being able to leave for the airport not later than 1300, I would not rule out going to them if it is necessary.

I am afraid this means that we could not take up on this occasion the invitation to the Prime Minister from the National Committee on American Foreign Policy, mentioned in Washington telegram 2664.

C. D. POWELL

Stephen Wall, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

BERNARD

PRIME MINISTER'S VISITS TO UN AND CAMP DAVID: PRESS ARRANGEMENTS

We spoke about possible press events during the American trips, following a call I had received from Francis Cornish. I have since spoken to Charles, and again with Francis.

The collective current thinking is as follows:

New York

Nothing in the morning before the PM addresses the UNGA so as to enable her to concentrate on the speech.

In the window between 12.00 and 13.00 a choice between:

- a) A full press conference (and British radio and TV?)
- b) An interview with New York Times (which would balance up the interview given to the Washington Post last year);
- c) A working lunch with 15-20 heavyweight journalists (which would offer a chance to demonstrate to the doubters that the special relationship still flourishes, but there is probably insufficient time for this).

Washington

For breakfast time, a choice between:

- a) The usual scenario of 5-6 minutes each with the four TV networks;
- b) Working breakfast as at (c) above (without TV cameras present).

After Camp David the PM will return to the Embassy for a press conference (and British radio and TV?).

Francis is inclined towards the NYT in New York. He will discuss further in Washington and let us have their further thoughts over the next few days.

Mike 11/10



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

11th October, 1989.

Dear Charles.

Thank you for your two letters of 6th October to Robert Fellowes about the Prime Minister's plans to visit the United States on 7th and 8th November and 23rd and 24th November. In the interests of speed, I have obtained the permission of the Counsellors of State, on The Queen's behalf, for the Prime Minister to be absent from the country on these dates.

Yours ever,

Ken.

(KENNETH SCOTT)

C. D. Powell, Esq.



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9 October 1989

From the Private Secretary

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO NEW YORK

I have consulted the Prime Minister further about the arrangements for her visit to New York. She has agreed the following:

- helicopter to Heathrow after Questions on 7 November;
- evening Concorde to New York, leaving at 1900. Those to travel by Concorde are me, Mr. Ingham, Superintendent Butler and a Garden Room lady;
- dinner with the UN Secretary-General;
- call on the President of the General Assembly on the evening of 8 November;
- speech to the General Assembly at 1100 hours;
- press conference at 12 noon;
- return to London by afternoon Concorde (same party as for outward journey).

It is vitally important for security reasons that knowledge of the Prime Minister's travel plans should be restricted as tightly as possible. As in the past, I will make the Concorde bookings direct with Sir Colin Marshall. Any other staff needed, apart from those mentioned above, should travel by normal scheduled flight. I assume that the Prime Minister will, as usual, stay at the UN Plaza.

I should be grateful if you could arrange for a helicopter out to Heathrow on Tuesday, 7 November. We shall also need arrangements on the ground at Heathrow to get the Prime Minister from the helicopter landing point to Concorde: but these should be left until much nearer the time, so as not to alert people to the Prime Minister's plans.

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The Prime Minister will use the autocue for her speech to the United Nations. I am in touch with Harvey Thomas about this. She will probably want to do a rehearsal at her hotel suite either on arrival or later that evening.

CHARLES POWELL

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



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10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON SW1A 2AA

From the Private Secretary

6 October 1989

The Prime Minister intends to visit Washington on 23/24 November for a meeting with President Bush.

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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PRIME MINISTER

VISIT TO NEW YORK

I have discussed arrangements for your visit to New York with Crispin Tickell, with the aim of minimising the time you are away and reducing the fatigue of the whole operation. The upshot is a programme like this:

Tuesday, 7 November

1530 End Questions
Helicopter to Heathrow
Evening Concorde to New York
2000 Dinner with UN Secretary-General
(New York time)

Wednesday, 8 November

a.m. Call on President of the General Assembly
1100 Speech
1200 Press Conference/Interviews
1300 Leave for airport
1345 Concorde back to London
2245 Arrive Heathrow

I suggest that the party for Concorde should comprise me, Bernard, one garden room girl, and one detective. Any other staff needed would go by ordinary scheduled flight.

Chris Patten is coordinating a draft speech with contributions by Crispin Tickell and others. It will be available immediately after CHOGM. I assume that you will want to use the autocue, in which case we will need to get Harvey over to New York.

Content with these arrangements?

CDP

6 October 1989

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I think he should ask the P, for instructions for any results of their visit work - Chris Patten for any points he would like to make. And the Chairman of NOK.

Yes - excellent
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From the Private Secretary

5 October 1989

**PRIME MINISTER'S VISITS TO NEW YORK
AND WASHINGTON**

I enclose a draft press release prepared by the No. 10 press office which we would like to put out either tomorrow, Friday 6 October or, at the latest on Monday 9 October about the Prime Minister's visit to New York and Washington. I should be grateful if the text could be cleared as necessary with the United Nations Secretary-General's office and the White House.

C. D. POWELL

J. S. Wall, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

A handwritten signature, possibly of J. S. Wall, in dark ink.

PRIME MINISTER TO VISIT NEW YORK AND CAMP DAVID

The Prime Minister, the Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher FRS MP, will visit New York on 8 November to address the Plenary Session of the United Nations General Assembly.

She will also visit Camp David on 24 November for informal talks with President Bush.

5 October 1989

Notes for Editors

1. The Prime Minister's address to the UN is likely to cover environmental questions. She last attended the General Assembly in October 1985.
2. The Prime Minister last visited Washington in November 1988. She last saw President Bush at the Economic Summit in Paris in July. President Bush visited London in June 1989.
3. The Prime Minister originally intended to combine her visits to the UN and Camp David. But it proved inconvenient to address the UN towards the end of the month and this necessitated two separate visits.

Operational Note

There are no plans for a press party to travel with the Prime Minister.

TELEGRAM

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TO UKMIS NEW YORK

FROM CABINET OFFICE

ROUTINE

Following for Ambassador from Charles Powell, No. 10

Thank you for your tel. no. 003. I would be very happy to see you on 13 October and could probably fit in with your other engagements that day. Would 1200 suit?

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FOLLOWING FOR CHARLES POWELL, PS/PRIME MINISTER
FROM AMBASSADOR

1. I BELIEVE THAT 8 NOVEMBER IS NOW FIRM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S
VISIT TO NEW YORK. WE MUST SOON BEGIN THE DETAILED PLANNING OF HER
PROGRAMME.

2. I SHALL BE IN LONDON ON FRIDAY 13 OCTOBER ON MY WAY TO MADRID FOR
THE ANGLO-ARGENTINE TALKS THE FOLLOWING WEEK. IT MIGHT BE USEFUL IF
WE COULD MEET FOR A FEW MINUTES DURING THE DAY IF YOU HAVE A SPACE
IN YOUR DIARY. WE COULD THEN GO OVER ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE VISIT, AND
PERHAPS HAVE A WORD ABOUT THE SHAPE OF THE SPEECH TO THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY.

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4 October 1989

From the Private Secretary

Dear Stephen,

PRIME MINISTER'S VISITS TO NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON

I am giving some thought to the Prime Minister's travel arrangements for her visits to New York and Washington. The options include use of scheduled airlines, and for security reasons knowledge of this needs to be very tightly restricted indeed.

New York

The ideal would be for the Prime Minister to travel out on Concorde after Questions on 7 November and back by Concorde on Wednesday, 8 November. This would undeniably be the least tiring way to travel. But it would have implications for her programme. If she is to catch Concorde back, she would have to leave central New York at 1245/1300 which would rule out lunch with the Secretary-General. But she could arrive in time for dinner with him the previous evening. Would this be acceptable? Alternatively she might stay for lunch and return either by ordinary British Airways flight (although this would be difficult on security grounds) or by RAF VC10. But with Cabinet and Questions the next morning neither would be ideal (although the VC10 would at least have a bed). One could argue that if the Prime Minister is to return by VC10, she might as well go out by it too. So I think it really boils down to Crispin Tickell's judgement whether flying both ways by Concorde would still enable the Prime Minister to carry out the basic minimum of necessary engagements.

Washington

Much the same points apply in the case of the visit to Washington. It would be convenient for the Prime Minister to go out on Concorde (if it runs on Thanksgiving Day): but no way could she get the Concorde back on Friday. She would need to return overnight by VC10, in which case the argument for going both ways by VC10 is quite strong. Incidentally, does the Concorde go direct to Washington or stop in New York? (in which case the time-saving over the VC10 would be limited).

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I should be grateful if;

- you could consult Sir Crispin Tickell about the feasibility of a programme which would allow the Prime Minister to travel both ways by Concorde. This really would be a saving of time and energy for her.
- Protocol and Conference Department could meanwhile alert the RAF to the likely need for VC10s on the dates in question, making no mention of the possibility of Concorde. We can always stand them down later.

*Yours sincerely,
C.D. Powell*

C.D. POWELL

J.S. Wall, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

MR. INGHAM

PRIME MINISTER'S VISITS TO NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON

We have now firmly settled that the Prime Minister will go to New York to address the United Nations on 8 November. She will pay a separate visit to Washington (or rather Camp David) on 24 November. It would be helpful to make an early announcement of these two visits, if possible at the end of this week, but if not on Monday next. We shall need to clear texts with the Americans and the United Nations. Although it would not be appropriate to mention it in the announcement, we can explain on background that the Prime Minister had originally intended to address the United Nations towards the end of the month. But this turned out not to be convenient and this explains why there are two separate visits. The meeting with the President will be very informal and will take place at Camp David. It is not intended in any way as an official visit to the United States. You should not be drawn on travel arrangements but we do not intend taking press with us. There are plenty of them the other side of the Atlantic!

I should be grateful if you could let me have a draft press announcement which I can clear with Washington and New York.

C.D.P.

(CHARLES POWELL)

4 October 1989



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

4 October 1989

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

HM Ambassador in Washington telephoned this afternoon. He has discussed the Prime Minister's visit to Washington with Blackwill and Gates at the NSC. The President is perfectly comfortable with the idea of the Prime Minister's visit going ahead on 24 November. The President could see the Prime Minister on the late afternoon of the day of her speech in New York but I got the impression that 24 November would actually be preferable.

Gates and Blackwill emphasised that, to avoid speculation about a last minute visit, it would be better if an announcement could be made fairly early. They hoped that a fairly full and frank explanation could be given of the reason behind the 24 November date.

Perhaps you could let me know how you would like to carry things forward.

Yours,
Stephen

(J S Wall)
Private Secretary

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From the Private Secretary

4 October 1989

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE
U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Thank you for your letter of 3 October. I agree that UKMIS New York should begin detailed planning for the Prime Minister to address the UN General Assembly on Wednesday 8 November. She will fly over the evening before, leaving after Prime Minister's Questions: and return on the evening of 8 November. The programme can follow the lines suggested in your letter of 7 September, although UKMIS should bear in mind that there is still an outside possibility that the Prime Minister's visit to Washington will take place on the afternoon and evening of 8 November.

I agree that there should be no public announcement until the plans for the Prime Minister's visit to Washington are firmly in place.

BF 11 Given the large number of speeches which the Prime Minister will have to make in early November, we shall need to keep to a strict timetable for drafts. It would be helpful to have a first working draft from DOE by 25 October, so that the Prime Minister can begin to work on it on her return from CHOGM.

I am copying this letter to Roger Bright (Department of the Environment).

Yours sincerely,

C. D. POWELL

J. S. Wall, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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London Flight Times

London to New York - 2 flights each day

29/10 ad onwards

BA depart Heathrow 10.30
arrive JFK 09.20

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BA3 depart Heathrow 18.45
arrive JFK 17.35

19.00

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New York to London - 2 flights each day

29/10 ad onwards

BA2 depart JFK 09.30
arrive Heathrow 18.10

09.30

18.20

BA4 depart JFK 13.45
arrive Heathrow 22.45

no change

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London to Washington

1 flight on Mon / Thurs / Sat

29/10 and onwards

BA 189 depart Heathrow 16.25

16.25

arrive Washington 15.40

15.45

Washington to London

1 flight on Tues / Fri / Sun

29/10

BA 188 depart Washington 13.00

13.00

arrive Heathrow 22.00

22.05

Time difference

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29/10 and onwards

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Washington / New York GMT - 5.

Information kindly provided by Betty Davis.

Patricia

PDP

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SIR PERCY CRADOCK

The Prime Minister is planning two very brief visits to the United States in November. In each case she plans to spend less than 24 hours there. She will need to take only an absolute minimum of staff. It would be most convenient if the Prime Minister could fly by scheduled Concorde on both occasions. As in the past, I would make the bookings under assumed names direct with Sir Colin Marshall, Chief Executive of British Airways.

Inevitably there will be a somewhat greater security risk than using the VC10. This would arise in two ways:

- Once it was clear that the Prime Minister had arrived by Concorde, it would be a fair assumption that she would return by it as well. But this would scarcely be time for anyone to plan anything.
- The second time would be more dangerous than the first, since we would be establishing a pattern.

Could I ask you to reflect on the security implications of all this before I make any moves towards setting up the necessary plans.

CDP

3 October 1989

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PRIME MINISTER

Now agreed for
24 November. P.A.
CD 4/x.

VISIT TO WASHINGTON

You should know that Antony Acland has some reservations about your paying a special visit to Washington for a talk with the President on 24 November now that you are not going to New York on 22 November. He says this is more or less the equivalent in England of dropping in on Boxing Day, and that the President would only have proposed it you to save you crossing the Atlantic twice. The press in America would find a visit on 24 November strange and deduce that there was some unexplained crisis in US/UK relations.

My own view is that his reaction is rather exaggerated and so do the FCO. But I put the point on a personal basis to General Scowcroft's deputy yesterday saying that you would certainly not want to inconvenience the President.

Gates himself saw no problem and thought it better to stick to 24 November. But he will mention it to the President and see if he wants to propose any change.

If, against expectations, the White House do come back to us and say that the President would prefer to be relieved of the offer of 24 November, Antony Acland's suggestion is that you should fly down to Washington after your UN speech on Wednesday, 8 November, spend a couple of hours or so with the President then, and fly back to London overnight, getting in early on the Thursday morning. I suppose we can get a fair bit of your Questions briefing faxed out to Washington for you to read on the aircraft on the way back.

It would be a very exhausting way of doing it, but would you be prepared to consider it as a fall-back?

C.D.P.

(C. D. POWELL)

3 October 1989

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Yes

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3 October 1989

Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's visit to the UN General Assembly

Thank you for your letter of 28 September.

As I mentioned this morning, Sir Crispin Tickell has now checked with the UN Secretary General and the President of the General Assembly. Both are content that the Prime Minister, having flown over the evening before, should deliver her speech on the morning of 8 November. The Secretary General would then give a lunch for her and she could depart the same evening.

I should be grateful for confirmation that we can now ask UKMis New York to begin detailed planning for a programme along the lines proposed in my letter of 7 September.

I imagine you will want to announce the visits to New York and Washington at the same time. The UN leaks like a sieve and the possibility of a visit by the Prime Minister has already been mentioned in the press.

Yours,
Stephen Wall

(J S Wall)
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(C. D. POWELL)

3 October 1989

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3 October 1989

From the Private Secretary

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON

We had a word on the telephone at the weekend about Antony Acland's telegram (Washington telegram no. 2553) about the Prime Minister's visit to Washington. I tried to discuss this yesterday with Brent Scowcroft, but since he was tied up with President Mubarak's visit, ended up talking to Bob Gates. I explained that we were intending to separate the Prime Minister's visit to the UN from the visit to Washington. Friday, 24 November, would still suit us very well for Washington, but we would not want the President to feel we had misled him into giving up part of the holiday period in order to save the Prime Minister crossing the Atlantic twice. Gates said that his advice was to assume that the 24 November date would be fine unless we hear to the contrary. He would talk to the President and Brent Scowcroft, and let me know if there were any misgivings. Unless we hear very shortly, I think we can assume that all is well.

Meanwhile, we are still waiting to hear formally from the UN that 8 November is convenient for the Prime Minister's speech there.

C.D. POWELL

Stephen Wall, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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PERSONAL FOR PRIVATE SECRETARY, PS/PUS, MR GILLMORE
POWELL'S LETTER OF 28 NOVEMBER
PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON

SUMMARY

1. DE-COUPLING THE WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK ELEMENTS CHANGES THE BASIS ON WHICH THE WHITE HOUSE OFFER FOR TALKS WAS MADE AND HAS CONSIDERABLE PRESENTATIONAL DIFFICULTIES. THESE ARE NOT DECISIVE. BUT I RECOMMEND THAT, IF THERE IS A SELF-STANDING NEW YORK VISIT, WE SHOULD DROP THE PLANNED VISIT TO WASHINGTON ON 24 NOVEMBER AND AIM FOR A PROPER ONE-AND-A-HALF DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO WASHINGTON BEFORE THE END OF JANUARY 1990.

DETAIL

2. IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT A RELAXED TALK BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND THE PRIME MINISTER IN THE NEAR FUTURE WOULD BE A VERY GOOD THING AND I REALISE THE APPALLING DIFFICULTIES OF TRYING TO FIND A SUITABLE GAP FOR THIS IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S PROGRAMME.

3. BUT THE DE-COUPLING OF THE NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON ELEMENTS GIVES ME TWO MAJOR CONCERNS:

(1) THE PRESIDENT HAS AGREED TO SEE THE PRIME MINISTER ON 24 NOVEMBER ON THE BASIS THAT SHE WILL BE IN THE UNITED STATES ANYWAY AND WILL BE COMING ON DIRECTLY FROM NEW YORK. I THINK THAT THE OFFER TO SEE HER ON THIS DATE, HAVING BEEN MADE, WOULD HOLD EVEN IF WE DE-COUPLED, GIVEN THE PRESIDENT'S COURTESY AND RESPECT FOR THE PRIME MINISTER. BUT HE AND OTHERS MIGHT NEVERTHELESS THINK WITHIN THEMSELVES THAT IT WAS RATHER STRANGE FOR THE PRIME MINISTER TO COME FOR A SELF-STANDING VISIT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY FOR A DAY OF INFORMAL TALKS WITH THE PRESIDENT ONLY, AND WITH NO OTHER MEETINGS OR OFFICIAL WASHINGTON ELEMENTS. THEY MIGHT ASK THEMSELVES WHY THE URGENCY AND WHY THE INSISTENCE ON THAT DATE.

IT) THE PRESS WOULD ALSO HAVE A SIMILAR REACTION AND INDULGE IN MUCH SPECULATION. NO MATTER HOW MUCH PRIOR BRIEFING THEY WERE GIVEN, THEY WOULD BE LIKELY TO CONCLUDE THAT THE PRIME MINISTER COULD ONLY HAVE COME TO DISCUSS AN ISSUE OF MAJOR AND PRESSING IMPORTANCE (AS ON PREVIOUS VISITS TO CAMP DAVID).

4. IF THE PRIME MINISTER DOES NOT COME TO WASHINGTON FROM NEW YORK THERE WILL BE SURPRISE THAT SHE IS NOT SEEING THE PRESIDENT WHILE IN THE UNITED STATES AND A TENDENCY TO WRITE THIS UP AS EVIDENCE THAT THERE IS SOMETHING WRONG WITH THE RELATIONSHIP. THERE IS ALREADY A WORKING ASSUMPTION ON THE PART OF THE PRESS THAT MRS THATCHER WILL COME TO WASHINGTON FROM NEW YORK. WE WOULD PROBABLY GET

AWAY WITH IT IF WE WERE PRETTY FRANK ABOUT THE PROBLEM OF DATES AND EXPLAINED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAD TO RETURN TO LONDON DIRECTLY AFTER HER UN SPEECH IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN HER LONG-STANDING PRACTICE OF ATTENDING QUESTION TIME PERSONALLY, PARTICULARLY AT THE START OF A NEW PARLIAMENTARY TERM. IT WOULD ALSO BE IMPORTANT TO BE ABLE TO SAY EITHER (AND PREFERABLY) THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WILL BE PAYING A SEPARATE OFFICIAL VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND WILL MEET THE PRESIDENT THEN - AND ANNOUNCE THE DATE - OR, AT LEAST, THAT BOTH SIDES ARE WORKING TO FIND A DATE FOR AN EARLY VISIT (IN PRACTICE, THIS SHOULD NOT BE DELAYED MUCH BEYOND JANUARY 1990.)

5. MY CONCLUSION IS THAT IF THE IDEAL OPTION OF COMBINING THE NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON LEGS ON 22-24 NOVEMBER (OR 7-8 NOVEMBER IF CONVENIENT TO THE PRESIDENT) IS NOT POSSIBLE AND IT IS DECIDED TO GO FOR A SELF-STANDING VISIT TO NEW YORK ON 7-8 NOVEMBER, THEN WE SHOULD CONSIDER CANCELLING THE 24 NOVEMBER ELEMENT IN WASHINGTON AND GET TO WORK STRAIGHT AWAY WITH THE WHITE HOUSE ON IDENTIFYING SUITABLE DATES FOR A ONE-AND-A-HALF DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO WASHINGTON ON THE NORMAL PATTERN. THE SOONER THAT WE CAN ANNOUNCE THE DATE OF THIS, THE BETTER.

6. ONE FURTHER OPTION, THOUGH MAKING THE PROGRAMME VERY RUSHED AND TIRING, WOULD BE TO COME DOWN TO WASHINGTON FOR A TALK AND EARLY SUPPER WITH THE PRESIDENT ON THE EVENING OF WEDNESDAY 8 NOVEMBER AND THEN FLY TO LONDON OVERNIGHT FROM HERE. I DO NOT OF COURSE KNOW WHAT THE PRESIDENT'S PROGRAMME IS FOR THAT DAY OR EVEN WHETHER HE IS LIKELY TO BE IN TOWN.

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28 September 1989

From the Private Secretary

Dear Richard,

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON

I have consulted the Prime Minister again about the dates of her visit to the United Nations and her visit to Washington, in the light of the advice from Sir Crispin Tickell that a speech to the United Nations on 22 November would risk attracting a smaller than usual audience and only very limited publicity in the United States' media, because of the Thanksgiving Day holiday on 23 November. The Prime Minister would now like us to consider an alternative plan. Under this, she would separate the United Nations and Washington visits. She would fly out to New York on the evening of Tuesday 7 November: deliver her United Nations speech on the morning of Wednesday 8 November: attend the Secretary General's lunch: and return that night to the United Kingdom. She would later take up President Bush's invitation to spend a day at Camp David on Friday 24 November, going out on the evening of 23 November and returning on the night of 24/24 November.

I should be grateful if you could establish urgently from Sir Crispin Tickell whether 8 November would be a good day for the Prime Minister to address the United Nations.

C. D. POWELL

Richard Gozney, Esq.
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Prime Minister
See attached minute on State Opening
and Eve of Seneca Dinner
AT 27/9

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PRIME MINISTER

VISITS TO NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON

WJL consult Lord President
Christopher M

We are still having difficulties over the dates of your visits to New York and Washington. The President has indicated that he could see you at Camp David on Friday 24 November. I have been in touch with Crispin Tickell about your addressing the United Nations on 22 November (you will remember that 23 November is Thanksgiving Day and a holiday). Crispin Tickell's advice is that a speech on the morning of 22 November would probably get a rather smaller audience than usual. More importantly, it would get much less television and newspaper coverage, given that there are very few newspapers in the United States the following day. He has consulted the Secretary General, whose reaction was that it would be better if you could speak on 21 November (which you cannot, since it is likely to be the State Opening), but that 22 November would probably be just about all right.

It seems to me we have three options between which we must now decide:

- (i) to go ahead as proposed with a speech in New York on 22 November and a meeting with the President at Camp David on 24 November;
- (ii) to look at dates much earlier in the month. We could see, for example, whether the President could manage Sunday 5 or Monday 6 November at Camp David, enabling you to address the United Nations on Tuesday 7 November. This is manageable in diary terms, although it brings us fairly close up against the Lord Mayor's Banquet on 13 November;
- (iii) to split the two visits, going to the United Nations on 7 November just for the day, while sticking to Friday 24 November for the meeting with the President at Camp David.

That means
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business

Would you like us at least to try options 2 or 3 on the Americans

and the United Nations before reaching a final decision? Or do you want to stick to the existing proposal, with the risk of somewhat reduced publicity in the US at least for the speech? I attach the relevant pages of the long-term diary.

C.D.P.

C. D. POWELL

27 September 1989

Sunday 5 November

Keep free for speechwriting

Monday 6 November

0800 Hair
1000 Week Ahead Meeting
1030 Diary Meeting
1100 David Montgomery, Editor 'Today' + BI
1245 Colleagues Meeting
1300 Followed by lunch

Tuesday 7 November

0900 Questions Briefing Team
1300 Lunch and Questions Briefing Team
1515 QUESTIONS
1545 KEEP FREE FOR MPs
1830 AUDIENCE

Wednesday 8 November

1700 Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary + CDP

Thursday 9 November

0900 Questions Briefing Team
1030 Cabinet
1300 Lunch and Questions Briefing Team
1515 QUESTIONS
1545 KEEP FREE FOR MPs

Friday 10 November

Keep free for speech

Saturday 11 November

FINCHLEY FAIR
1900 FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE ROYAL ALBERT HALL

Sunday 12 November

Remembrance Sunday

Monday 13 November

0800 Hair
1000 Week Ahead Meeting
1245 Colleagues Meeting
1300 Followed by Lunch
? LORD MAYOR'S BANQUET GUILDHALL

Tuesday 14 November

0900 Questions Briefing Team
1300 Lunch and Questions Briefing Team
1515 QUESTIONS
1545 CRANLEY ONSLOW MP + MLB
1830 AUDIENCE

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Wednesday 15 November

1300 Industrialists Lunch?
1700 Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary + CDP

Thursday 16 November

0900 Questions Briefing Team
1030 Cabinet
1300 Lunch and Questions Briefing Team
1515 QUESTIONS
1545 KEEP FREE FOR MPs
2115c DIPLOMATIC RECEPTION BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Friday 17 November

REGIONAL TOUR
RETURN TO CHEQUERS

Saturday 18 November

Keep free

Sunday 19 November

2000 DINNER WITH SIR HECTOR LAING + DT KINGSTON HOUSE

Monday 20 November

0800 Hair
1000 Week Ahead Meeting
1030 Diary Meeting
1245 Meeting of Colleagues
1300 Followed by lunch
evening Keep free

Tuesday 21 November

0900 Questions Briefing Team
1300 Lunch and Questions Briefing Team
1515 QUESTIONS
1545 KEEP FREE FOR MPs
1830 AUDIENCE

Wednesday 22 November

0930 Charles Wilson, Editor 'Times' + BI
1300 Industrialists Lunch?
1900 CONSERVATIVE MEDICAL SOCIETY RECEPTION ?

Thursday 23 November

0900 Questions Briefing Team
1030 Cabinet
1300 Lunch and Questions Briefing
1515 QUESTIONS
1545 KEEP FREE FOR MPs
?1830 LOOK IN AT POLYTECHNIC DIRECTORS RECEPTION +CS
c2000 DINNER WITH PLOWDEN DINING GROUP + PG ?

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Friday 24 November

0930 Sir Robin Butler +AT
 1000 Professor Griffiths +PG
 1030 Moderator of General Synod of Church of Scotland +RC
 1100 Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary + CDP
 Lunch with Newspaper Society + BI

Sunday 26 November

KEEP FREE

Monday 27 November

0800 Hair
 1000 Week Ahead Meeting
 1030 Diary Meeting
 1245 Meeting of Colleagues
 1300 Followed by lunch
 1430-1630 Keep free for Parliamentary and Scientific Committee Speech
 1630 Interview with BBC + BI NO. 12
 1800-1930 Reception for Food and Farming Year

Tuesday 28 November

0900 Questions Briefing Team
 1300 Lunch and Questions Briefing
 1515 QUESTIONS
 1545 CRANLEY ONSLOW MP + MLB
 1630-1730 Talks with President Roh + CDP
 1800 AUDIENCE
 Change
 2000 for 2015 Dinner for President Roh No.10

Wednesday 29 November

0930 Sir David English, Editor 'Daily Mail' + BI
 1045 Mr. Haughey + CDP
 LUNCH NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY + RC
 1700 Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary + CDP

Thursday 30 November

0900 Questions Briefing Team
 1030 Cabinet
 1300 Lunch and Questions Briefing Team
 1515 QUESTIONS
 1545 KEEP FREE FOR MPs
 ? DINNER FOR LORD HOLDERNESS WITH ROYAL GREEN JACKETS
 +DT HABERDASHERS HALL

Friday 1 December

FINCHLEY

Sunday 3 December

Keep free for speech

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State Opening
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PRIME MINISTER

STATE OPENING AND EVE OF SESSION DINNER

Charles' minute sets out the options for your visit to New York and Washington. If you decide to go ahead with both visits in late November, the State Opening has to be on 21 November if you are not to miss Questions (the option of moving the State Opening to 22 November is not available as The Queen has an investiture). If you go for the early visits or split them, 15 November becomes a theoretical option for the State Opening, but the Lord President doubts if it can now be achieved.

If the State Opening is on 21 November we have a problem with the Eve of Session dinner as on 20 November the Prince and Princess of Wales have been invited to Downing Street to dinner and Maestro Rostropovich has been invited to play. This engagement has been publicly announced by the Palace.

If the dinner goes ahead, there are three options:

- i. Hold a lunch for the Eve of Session gathering. There are precedents for this but not in your time.
- ii. Have a reception for Government Ministers before the Prince of Wales dinner with the Cabinet Members staying on. The other Ministers would have to leave by shortly after 1900 in order to leave time for the dinner and Rostropovich's recital.
- iii. Hold the dinner on Sunday evening. This would cost a bit more as the caterers would be on overtime and Ministers would have to come to London rather earlier. But it preserves the sense of occasion and leaves you more time on the Monday for speechwriting. It is customary to give the Leader of the Opposition a copy of The Queen's speech after it has been read out to the Government. This would all happen a day earlier but, unlike last year, there are no surprises and lobby briefing will have provided most of the information anyway.

Conclusions

In terms of spacing out the speeches and leaving time to work on them, the best option may be:

7 November - United Nations

13 November - Guildhall

22 November - State Opening with Eve of Session dinner on
the Sunday

The Bush meetings could be on either 5/6 November or 24 November.

Can you confirm the Prince of Wales dinner on 20 November?

With the State Opening on 21 November, which option for the Eve of Session dinner do you prefer?

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YOUR TELNO 523: SPEECH BY THE PRIME MINISTER TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. YOU ASKED WHETHER 22 NOVEMBER WOULD BE A SUITABLE DAY FOR THE PRIME MINISTER TO ADDRESS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

2. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL BE IN SESSION THAT DAY, BUT NORMALLY SOME DELEGATES WOULD BE LIKELY TO LEAVE NEW YORK DURING THE DAY TO BEGIN THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY. THE PRIME MINISTER MIGHT THEREFORE GET A SOMEWHAT SMALLER AUDIENCE THAN OTHERWISE, BUT NOT I IMAGINE BY MUCH. IT WOULD ANYWAY BE IMPORTANT THAT SHE SPOKE IN THE MORNING RATHER THAN THE AFTERNOON (MY TELNO 1147). IF, AS I HOPE, I AM TO GIVE A RECEPTION FOR HER, THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE ON THE EVENING OF 21 NOVEMBER. FOR THIS PURPOSE 22 NOVEMBER WOULD BE TOO LATE.

3. IN U S MEDIA TERMS 22 NOVEMBER WOULD BE LESS THAN IDEAL. AUDIENCES FOR RADIO AND TELEVISION REPORTS ON THAT EVENING WOULD BE REDUCED, AND NEWSPAPERS ON THE FOLLOWING DAY ARE THIN. THE BRITISH MEDIA WOULD NOT BE DIRECTLY AFFECTED, EXCEPT AS A KNOCK-ON EFFECT OF REDUCED ATTENTION IN THE UNITED STATES.

4. I THOUGHT IT WISE TO MENTION THE PROPOSED DATE WHEN I SAW THE SECRETARY-GENERAL PRIVATELY ON 26 SEPTEMBER. HE SPOKE VERY MUCH AS ABOVE, BUT ADDED THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER IF SHE COULD SPEAK ON 21 NOVEMBER. HE REPEATED HIS PROPOSAL FOR A LUNCH IN HER HONOUR AFTER HER SPEECH.

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From the Private Secretary

24 September 1989

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON

I have seen the telegram from HMA Washington, conveying the President's invitation to the Prime Minister for talks in Camp David on Friday 24 November (while making clear that a programme on Thanksgiving Day is not feasible). I have discussed this with the Prime Minister, who in principle is ready to address the UNGA on Wednesday 22 November, have some private engagements in New York and Washington on Thanksgiving Day (with perhaps one or two meetings if people - eg Alan Greenspan - are available) and talks at Camp David on 24 November, returning to London overnight. But we now need to know from Sir Crispin Tickell whether a speech to the UN on the morning of 22 November is feasible, or whether the whole organisation is likely to be closing down by then for the Thanksgiving Holiday. If in his judgement it is feasible, the way will then be open for us to settle on the dates of 22-24 November, although we still have a related problem with the Eve of Session Dinner which we shall need to sort out before we confirm anything to the Americans.

I should be grateful if you could now arrange for Crispin Tickell to be consulted.

I am copying this letter to Steve Catling (Lord President's Office).

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POWELL'S LETTERS OF 15 AND 17 SEPTEMBER TO CATLING, LORD
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE;

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND
WASHINGTON

1. I SPOKE TO SCOWCROFT AS IN SECOND LUR ON 18 SEPTEMBER I
SAID THAT TENTATIVE PLANS HAD BEEN MADE IN LONDON FOR THE PRIME
MINISTER TO ADDRESS THE UNGA ON 22 NOVEMBER, AND FOR HER TO COME
ON TO WASHINGTON THE FOLLOWING DAY. BUT THAT PLAN HAD NEGLECTED
TO TAKE THANKSGIVING INTO ACCOUNT. BEFORE WE WENT BACK TO THE
DRAWING BOARD, I JUST WANTED TO ESTABLISH WHETHER A VISIT TO THE
PRESIDENT ON THANKSGIVING DAY MIGHT NOT BE AN OPTION. I ASKED
SCOWCROFT FOR A VERY FRANK ANSWER, WHICH HE PROMISED.

2. SCOWCROFT TELEPHONED THE MINISTER IN MY ABSENCE ON
22 SEPTEMBER. HE SAID THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED WHAT I HAD
TOLD HIM WITH THE PRESIDENT, AND THAT A VISIT BY MRS THATCHER TO
WASHINGTON ON FRIDAY 24 (REPEAT 24) NOVEMBER WOULD BE QUOTE OK
UNQUOTE. THE PLAN WAS TO INVITE THE PRIME MINISTER TO CAMP DAVID
FOR A CHAT ON THE FRIDAY MORNING, TO HAVE LUNCH, AND TO CONTINUE
THE CONVERSATION IN THE AFTERNOON. THE PRESIDENT WOULD BE AT
CAMP DAVID ANYWAY FOR THANKSGIVING. FALL THANKED SCOWCROFT, AND
SAID THAT WE WOULD RESPOND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

COMMENT

3. I DID NOT LEAVE SCOWCROFT IN ANY DOUBT WHEN I FIRST SPOKE TO
HIM THAT OUR QUESTION WAS ABOUT A VISIT ON THANKSGIVING DAY.
ALTHOUGH SCOWCROFT DID NOT MAKE THIS EXPLICIT, THE CLEAR IMPLICATION
IS THAT SUCH A VISIT ON THE THURSDAY WOULD NOT (REPEAT NOT) BE
CONVENIENT. I EXPECT THAT THE PRESIDENT WILL BE HAVING A TRADITIONAL
FAMILY PARTY WITH CHILDREN AND GRAND-CHILDREN. BUT THE PROGRAMME
PROPOSED FOR THE FRIDAY IS EXACTLY THE SORT OF VISIT THAT I THINK WE
SHOULD BE AIMING FOR, AND, PROVIDING THAT THE PRIME MINISTER'S
PROGRAMME CAN BE ADJUSTED, I RECOMMEND THAT SHE SHOULD ACCEPT THE
INVITATION TO SPEND THE FRIDAY AT CAMP DAVI D. THAT RAISES THE
QUESTION OF HOW TO SPEND THE THURSDAY. IT IS MORE FOR SIR C TICKELL
THAN ME, BUT I UNDERSTAND THAT THE UN WILL NOT/NOT BE IN SESSION
THAT DAY; AND THE HOLIDAY WILL INEVITABLY LIMIT THE POSSIBILITIES
FOR A PROGRAMME IN WASHINGTON. BUT WE CAN CONSIDER THIS FURTHER IF
THE OTHER TIMINGS FIT. I WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO GIVE A DINNER PARTY
FOR THE PRIME MINISTER ON THE THURSDAY EVENING. ALTERNATIVELY,
SHE COULD TRAVEL DIRECT FROM NEW YORK TO CAMP DAVID.

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From the Private Secretary

17 September 1989

Dear Steve,

**STATE OPENING: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT
TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND WASHINGTON**

I wrote to you on this subject on 15 September. I now realise that I neglected to take into account the Thanksgiving holiday in the United States on 23 November. The Prime Minister could still, I presume, address the United Nations General Assembly on 22 November: but - subject to advice from the FCO - would presumably not be a very welcome visitor to the White House or Camp David on Thanksgiving Day. If that is the case - and it may just be worth checking with the White House - then we shall have to go back to the drawing board.

I am copying this letter to Stephen Wall (Foreign and Commonwealth Office) and to Murdo Maclean (Chief Whip's Office).

(C. D. POWELL)

Steven Catling, Esq.,
Lord President's Office.



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15 September 1989

From the Private Secretary

Dear Sir,

STATE OPENING - PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE
UNITED NATIONS AND WASHINGTON

We are in difficulty in settling dates for the Prime Minister to address the United Nations General Assembly and visit Washington this autumn, until we are clear about the dates of the State Opening of Parliament.

The salient points are, I think, as follows:

- the Prime Minister wants to go to the United Nations and to Washington in the week of the State Opening because she does not think it would be right to miss Prime Minister's Questions so soon after the televising of them starts. There are of course no Prime Minister's Questions that week;
- we are under considerable pressure from the White House to come forward with a date for the Prime Minister's visit soon, before the President's diary fills up (and, with a meeting between Baker and Shevardnadze next week, there must be some risk that we shall be pre-empted by a Bush/Gorbachev meeting);
- in Cabinet yesterday, the Lord President said that the likely choice for the State Opening lay 15 and 21 November. My impression was that he thought the latter more likely, even though it would be desirable to bring the date of the State Opening forward if we could;
- if the State Opening was on 21 November the Prime Minister could go to New York on the evening of 22 November, spend 23 November there and be in Washington on 24 November. This would fit well with her other engagements;
- but she would find it very difficult to go in either of the two previous weeks; in one case it would mean missing the Diplomatic Reception at Buckingham Palace for the second year running and she would not wish to do that. In the

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case of the earlier week, it would mean being abroad in the period immediately before she has to deliver her speeches at the Lord Mayor's Banquet and the State Opening.

The Prime Minister's conclusion is that we can only get round the problem by taking a firm decision now to hold the State Opening on 21 November. The way would then be open to approach the UN Secretary General and the Americans to propose visits on 22/23 and 24 November respectively. She would be grateful if the Lord President would confirm that he sees no overriding objections to this, in which case the Foreign and Commonwealth Office should put the dates in question to New York and Washington.

I am copying this letter to Stephen Wall (Foreign and Commonwealth Office) and to Murdo Mclean (Chief Whip's Office).

*Yours sincerely,
Charles Powell*

CHARLES POWELL

Steven Catling, Esq.,
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PRIME MINISTER

SPEECH AT THE UN: VISIT TO WASHINGTON

You told the Foreign Secretary today that you would prefer to make your speech at the United Nations in the week of the State Opening, or just possibly the week before, so that you did not miss Questions.

The Lord President said this morning in Cabinet that the State Opening would be either Wednesday 15 November or Tuesday 21 November.

If it is Wednesday 15 November, you could indeed go over to New York that evening and spend Thursday/Friday in New York and Washington. BUT it would mean missing the Diplomatic Reception here on the Thursday evening for the second year running. I am afraid the Palace would not be very happy about this. You would at the least need to mention it to The Queen.

If the State Opening is on Tuesday 21 November there would be no Questions on Thursday 23 November and it would therefore be quite straightforward for you to go to New York and Washington later that week. This is the best option.

If the State Opening is on 15 November but you decided that you cannot go to America that week because of the Diplomatic Reception, it would be open to you to go the week before (Thursday 9/Friday 10 November). The only problem from a diary point of view would be that you would be absent for two days immediately before the Lord Mayor's Banquet speech (13 November) and the Debate on the Address (15 November). ? That would best be avoided.

The Lord President's comments this morning suggested that 21 November is the more likely date for the State Opening. It is clearly the best from the point of view of a visit to the

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Prime Minister

A further complication is that if State Opening is on 21 November then 20 November is not available for the usual ~~Even~~ of some dinner as it will be the dinner for the Prince and Princess of Wales

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UN/Washington. The Americans are pressing hard to know when you can go, so that the President can organise his diary.

Perhaps the best course would be to tell the business managers that we should go firm on 21 November for the State Opening now, so we can put 23-24 November to the United Nations and the Americans.

Agree to this?

Yes not

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