

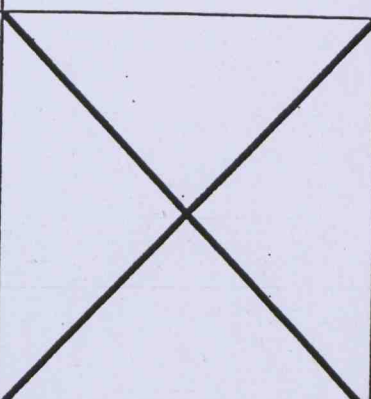
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THE PRIME-MINISTER

29 December, 1990.

Dear Antony + Jenny,

Thank you so much for your kind hospitality during my first visit to Washington as Prime Minister. It was absolutely invaluable for both of us to have your marvellous support and it made an enormous difference. We crammed in a great deal, but it was all very worthwhile: and the President and Barbara could not have been warmer or more welcoming - and of course their admiration and affection for the two of you is very evident. Particularly with the situation in the Gulf, it was very important to have a good understanding of the President's mind from the very start. I think I now have that, and we are very close indeed in our approach. It will be vital to keep that during the days and weeks ahead and I know you will help.

Please thank all the members of your staff who played a part in the arrangements and helped to make the visit a success.

Norma joins me in sending every good wish to you both for a very happy Christmas and New Year.

Yours Ever,  
John M.

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

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*From the Private Secretary*

23 December 1990

*Dear Resident Clerk,*

I enclose the Prime Minister's thank-you letters for his visit to Washington. I should be grateful if you could send them by telegram to Washington, for delivery before Christmas if possible.

*Yours sincerely,*

(C. D. POWELL)

The Resident Clerk,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.



10 DOWNING STREET  
LONDON SW1A 2AA

*From the Private Secretary*

23 December 1990

*See Ms. Malloy.*

I am writing to thank you very much for all the hard work you did over the Prime Minister's visit to Washington. He and Mrs. Major are most grateful to you and your colleagues, and want you to know how much that work is appreciated. They have also asked me to send their best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

*Yours sincerely,  
C. D. Powell*

(C. D. POWELL)

Ms. Eileen Malloy



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THE PRIME MINISTER

23 December 1990

Dear Mr. Speaker,

You were very generous to have arranged lunch for me on Capitol Hill during my visit on Friday, and to make such a warm and friendly occasion. I could not have asked for a better start on my first visit as Prime Minister and I am immensely grateful to you and all your colleagues. I hope it will be only the first of many encounters: and it was, of course, immensely valuable to me to hear your views and those of your colleagues at a time of such rapid change on the world scene.

With renewed gratitude, also to your staff who helped so much with the arrangements, and best wishes for a Happy Christmas.

Yours sincerely,  
John Major

The Hon. Thomas Foley

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THE PRIME MINISTER

23 December 1990

Dear Senator,

Thank you very much for so kindly arranging the lunch with Senate and House colleagues during my visit to the Hill on Friday. I was delighted to meet so many distinguished members of both Houses, and am very grateful to them for giving their time. It was immensely valuable for me to be able to listen to such wide range of views, and to have the opportunity to say how we see some of the great issues of the moment.

I hope that I shall have an opportunity to return your hospitality in due course. In the meantime, may I wish you a very happy Christmas and New Year.

Yours Ever,  
John Major

The Hon. George Mitchell

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CDP

Excellent. Entirely content of 23.12

PRIME MINISTER

I enclose texts of your thank-you letters for Washington. If you approve them, we could send them by telegram overnight for delivery before Christmas. The signed copies would follow in slower time.

CDP

(C. D. POWELL)

23 December 1990



GUEST LIST (ON AMERICAN SIDE) FOR

LUNCHEON HOSTED BY  
SPEAKER FOLEY  
AND SENATOR MITCHELL  
RAYBURN BUILDING, US CAPITOL  
FRIDAY 21 DECEMBER 12.30 PM

House

The Hon Thomas S Foley (D-WA)  
Speaker

Congressman Lee H Hamilton (D-IN)  
(Chairman, Foreign Affairs Europe and Middle East Sub-Committee,

Congressman Steny H Hoyer (D-MD)  
(House Democratic Leadership)

Congressman Victor H Fazio (D-CA)  
(House Democratic Leadership)

Congressman Les Aspin (D-WI)  
(Chairman Armed Services Committee)

Congressman Anthony C Beilenson (D-CA)  
(Chairman Intelligence Committee)

Congressman David E Bonior (D-MI)  
(Chief Deputy Democratic Whip)

Congressman Charles Rose (D-NC)  
(Chairman, House Delegation to North Atlantic Assembly)

Congressman Bob Michel (R-IL)  
(Minority Leader)

Congressman William S Broomfield (R-MI)  
(Ranking Republican, House Foreign Affairs Committee)

Congressman Doug Bereuter (R-NE)  
(House Foreign Affairs Committee)

Congressman Tom Petri (R-WI)  
(Republican Leadership)

Congressman Henry J Hyde (R-IL)  
(House Foreign Affairs Committee, possible future Minority  
Leader)



## Senate

Senator George Mitchell (D-ME)  
(Majority Leader)

Senator Thomas A Daschle (D-SD)  
(Co-Chairman Democratic Policy Committee)

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Senator Wendell H Ford (D-KY)  
(Majority Whip)

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(Chairman Foreign Relations Committee)

Senator David Pryor (D-AR)  
(Democratic Conference Secretary, the No 3 Leadership post)

Senator Sam Nunn (D-GA) (will be looking in)  
(Chairman Armed Services Committee)

Senator Bob Dole R-KS)  
(Minority Leader)

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Senator Thad Cochran (R-MS)  
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Senator Don Nickles (R-OK)  
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From: S M Waghorn  
Date: 20 December 1990

Private Secretary/  
Prime Minister

**THANK YOU LETTERS**

1. The following thank you letters are recommended:-

Prime Minister and Mrs Major:

President and Mrs Bush  
HM Ambassador and Lady Acland  
{ The Hon Thomas Foley, Speaker of the US House of  
Representatives  
The Hon George Mitchell, Majority Leader of the Senate  
(lunch on Friday)

Mrs Major:

Mrs Susan Porter-Rose  
(Chief of Staff to Mrs Bush) who will show Mrs Major around  
the White House (a small gift has also been suggested)

Private Secretary:

Ms Eileen Malloy  
UK Desk Officer, Northern European Affairs, Department of  
State (coordinated programme)

S M Waghorn



From: S M Waghorn  
Date: 20 December 1990

Private Secretary/  
Prime Minister

#### GIFTS

1. The jackets being presented to the Prime Minister and Mrs Major by the President and Mrs Bush will be placed in their bedrooms at Camp David together with a commemorative plaque.
2. The Prime Minister and Mrs Major may wish therefore to take their gifts up to Camp David. Gifts being presented to the Camp David staff and other officials can be sent round to the White House for distribution later.

*S M Waghorn*

S M Waghorn



~~Private Secretary/  
Prime Minister~~

From: S M Waghorn  
Date: 20 December 1990  
cc: Mr Bean  
COMMCEN

**CAMP DAVID**

1. The Americans are adamant that no support staff can go to Camp David. They themselves do not have any secretarial staff there.
2. The prepared statement for the press can be dictated over the telephone. Peter Bean will bring it up to Camp David early on Saturday morning. He will also bring the COI summaries and any telegrams which have arrived overnight.
3. I should be grateful to know if you would like a safe hand run during the Friday evening (the round trip takes three to three and a half hours).

*S M Waghorn*

S M Waghorn



CHARLES

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**PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON:  
PHOTOGRAPHS**

Please see the attached letter from the FCO.  
Are you content with these suggestions, or do  
you think Sir Antony Acland should also  
receive a large photograph?

Are you happy for the highlighted names to  
receive leather frames, or should President  
Bush have a silver one?

*Lizzie*

LIZZIE

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071 210 6374

Mrs Janice Richards  
No 10 Downing Street  
LONDON SW1

*Dear Janice*

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON: 20-22 DECEMBER 1990

The Embassy in Washington have now sent us the suggested list of recipients of photographs and small gifts from the Prime Minister and Mrs Major.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Large

President and Mrs Barbara Bush  
Vice President Quayle

Medium

The Hon James Baker III,  
Secretary of State  
Department of State

The Hon Thomas Foley (D-Washington)  
Speaker of the US House of Representatives

Dr Alan Greenspan  
Chairman of the Board of Governors of the  
Federal Reserve System

The Hon Nicholas Brady  
Secretary of the Treasury

The Hon George Mitchell (D-Maine)  
Majority Leader of the Senate

Sir Antony Acland  
HM Ambassador

Mr William F Black  
Assistant Chief of Protocol for Visits

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**PROGRAMME FOR  
THE VISIT TO  
WASHINGTON AND CAMP DAVID  
OF**

**THE RT HON  
JOHN MAJOR MP  
PRIME MINISTER OF  
THE UNITED KINGDOM OF  
GREAT BRITAIN & NORTHERN IRELAND**

**20 - 22 DECEMBER 1990**

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Washington DC**

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Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and  
Northern Ireland

Mrs Major

Sir Robin Butler KCB, CVO  
Secretary of the Cabinet

Mr C D Powell  
Private Secretary to the Prime Minister

Mr G O'Donnell  
Chief Press Secretary

Mr P Bean  
Assistant Press Secretary

Miss P Parkin  
No 10 Duty Clerk

Miss M Jelley  
Secretarial Assistant

Miss E McCrossan  
Secretarial Assistant

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Conference Officer

Mr M Smith  
COI Radio Technician

Mr D Creighton  
Communications Officer

Mr M Dalby  
Communications Officer

S/Sgt S Brumpton  
Royal Military Police

Corporal C Mark  
Royal Military Police

Thursday, 20 December

7.25 p.m.

The Rt Hon John Major MP, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and Mrs Major, arrive Washington DC (Andrews Air Force Base) by Royal Air Force VC10 aircraft from London Heathrow

Welcoming Committee

Lady Acland

Brigadier General James Vick,  
Commander of the Air Force  
District of Washington

Captain Charles Petit,  
Andrews Air Force Base  
Protocol Officer

Air Commodore Simon Baldwin, MBE  
Air Attache

Ms Eileen Heaphy  
Director of Northern European Affairs,  
Department of State

Ms Eileen Malloy  
UK Country Officer, Department of State

Miss Marlene Terrell-Kane  
Protocol Office, Department of State

Mr Richard Ralph  
Head of Chancery, British Embassy

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

7.30 p.m.

Leave Andrews Air Force Base by motorcade for Washington

Later

Arrive at the Ambassador's Residence: Quiet supper

Friday, 21 December

7.07 a.m. - Live television interviews at the Residence  
7.50 a.m. with CNN, NBC, CBS and ABC

8.15 a.m. Breakfast at the Residence

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

Present:

Prime Minister	The Hon Nicholas Brady,
Ambassador	Secretary of the Treasury
Sir Robin Butler	The Hon David Mulford,
Mr Powell	Under Secretary for
Mr O'Donnell	International Affairs
Mr David Peretz,	The Hon Charles Dallara,
Minister (Economic)	Assistant Secretary for
	International Affairs

9.15 a.m. Leave the Residence by motorcade for the  
White House (West Wing) (South West Gate)

9.25 a.m. Arrive White House

9.30 a.m. - Meeting with the Vice President  
10.15 a.m.

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

Room: Vice President's Tel: (202) 456-7124  
West Wing Office

Accompanied by: Ambassador, Sir Robin Butler  
and Mr Powell

10.15 a.m. Leave the White House for the Eccles Building,  
Federal Reserve System (Entrance: 20th Street  
garage between Constitution Ave and C Street)

10.25 a.m. - Meeting with Dr Alan Greenspan, Chairman  
11.10 a.m. of the Board of Governors of the Federal  
Reserve System

Room: 2046 Tel: (202) 452-3201

Accompanied by: Ambassador, Sir Robin Butler,  
Mr Powell, Mr O'Donnell and Mr Peretz

11.10 a.m. Leave Eccles Building for State Department  
(C Street Entrance)

Friday, 21 December (Cont'd)

11.15 a.m. Arrive State Department (C Street Entrance)  
Met by: The Hon James Baker III

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

11.15 a.m. - Meeting with the Hon James A Baker III, Secretary  
12.15 p.m. of State

Present:

The Hon James Baker III, Secretary of State	Prime Minister Ambassador
The Hon Robert Kimmitt, Under Secretary for Political Affairs	Sir Robin Butler Mr Powell
The Hon Reginald Bartholomew, Under Secretary for Security Assistance, Science and Technology	Mr Andrew Wood, Minister
Ambassador Henry Catto	
The Hon Raymond Seitz, Assistant Secretary for European and Canadian Affairs	
The Hon Dennis Ross, Director Policy Planning Staff	

Room: 7226

Tel: (202) 647-6108

PRESS AVAILABILITY

12.20 p.m. Leave the State Department for the US Capitol

12.25 p.m. Arrive US Capitol (House side: "Carriage"  
Entrance)

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

12.30 p.m. Lunch given by the Hon Thomas Foley, Speaker  
of the US House of Representatives and  
the Hon George Mitchell, Majority Leader of the  
Senate

Room: H.204 Tel: (202) 225-2204  
H.209  
Rayburn Buildings

Accompanied by: Ambassador, Sir Robin Butler,  
Mr Powell and Mr Ralph

Friday, 21 December (Cont'd)

- 2.30 p.m. Leave the US Capitol for the White House  
(North Portico Entrance)
- 2.45 p.m. Arrive White House: meet up with President and  
Mrs Bush and Mrs Major: walk to helicopter
- PHOTO OPPORTUNITY
- 2.45 p.m. Rest of delegation leave the White House  
for the Washington Monument Grounds  
Reflecting Pool helicopter pad
- 3.00 p.m. Helicopter takes off for Camp David  
  
(Prime Minister and Mrs Major to travel with  
President and Mrs Bush. Other members of  
the delegation will travel by helicopter from  
the Washington Monument Grounds Reflecting  
Pool helicopter pad. Ambassador Catto will  
join the group leaving from the Reflecting  
Pool).
- 3.30 p.m. Arrive Camp David
- 3.45 p.m. Tête à Tête meeting (principals plus 1 from each  
side)
- 4.30 p.m. approx Expanded meeting to include on the US side:  
  
The Hon John Sununu,  
Chief of Staff to the  
President  
The Hon Brent Scowcroft  
Assistant to the  
President for National  
Security Affairs  
The Hon Marlin Fitzwater,  
Assistant to the President  
and Press Secretary  
The Hon Robert Gates,  
Deputy Assistant to the  
President for National  
Security Affairs  
Ambassador Henry Catto
- Followed by informal dinner
- Overnight at Camp David



Saturday, 22 December

8.45 a.m. Joint Question and Answer Session with press

9.00 a.m. Leave Camp David by helicopter for Andrews Air Force Base

9.30 a.m. Arrive Andrews Air Force Base: Press Conference

10.00 a.m. Interviews with British radio and television

11.00 a.m. Depart Andrews Air Force Base by Royal Air Force VC10 aircraft (call sign ASCOT 1156) (ETA RAF Alconbury 11.15 p.m.)

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Prime Minister

18 December 1990

Re programme for

Washington

Dear Charles,

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Prime Minister's visit to Washington: Programme

/ I enclose the latest version of the programme for the Prime Minister. In addition to the talks at Camp David and media events, it includes arrangements for the Prime Minister to meet Vice-President Quayle, Secretary Brady, Mr Greenspan and the Congressional leadership. A call on Secretary Baker will be included if he is not to attend the Camp David talks. Defense Secretary Cheney will be in Turkey.

/ I enclose short biographical notes on the above. The Prime Minister met many of them when he visited Washington as Foreign Secretary in 1989. But he will since have seen the Vice-President at the Houston Economic Summit in July; and Secretary Brady, and probably Alan Greenspan, at the IMF/IBRD annual meeting in Washington in September.

The Speaker of the House, Congressman Foley, is arranging a lunch on the Hill at which the Senate Majority Leader, Senator Mitchell, will be present. It is not yet clear who else will attend. When Mr Major visited Washington as Foreign Secretary in September 1989, he did so before Congress convened and it was not possible to arrange meetings with the Congressional leadership. Nonetheless, he had a 30-minute meeting with Senator Mitchell which went well. Since then, as Chancellor, he has met Senator Gramm in Houston and received Senator Bentsen's delegation from the Senate Finance Committee in London in November. These may be at the lunch, if they are still available in Washington on 21 December.

/ Finally, I enclose the latest programme for Mrs Major. We shall work in some time for shopping in Georgetown (accompanied by the Prime Minister, if that proves possible).

I am copying this to Sir Robin Butler.

Jans. Stephen Wall

(J S Wall)  
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq  
10 Downing Street

PROGRAMME FOR PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON 20-22 DECEMBER

Thursday 20 December

19.30 Arrive Andrews Airforce Base  
20.00 Light supper at Residence

Friday 21 December

07.07-07.50 Breakfast TV interviews at Residence  
08.30 Briefing breakfast at Residence  
09.30-10.30 Meeting with Vice-President Quayle  
10.30-12.30 Meetings with Greenspan and Brady  
  
12.30 Lunch with Speaker Foley, Senator Mitchell  
and others on the Hill  
  
14.45 Arrive at White House  
15.00 Depart by helicopter for Camp David  
Talks at Camp David, followed by informal  
dinner.

Saturday 22 December

09.00 Leave Camp David by helicopter  
09.45 Press Conference at Andrews Airforce Base  
10.15 Interviews with British Radio and TV  
11.00 Depart for London



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*From the Private Secretary*

15 December 1990

Dear Christopher,

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON

Thank you for your letter of 14 December enclosing a seating plan and menus for the visit to Washington. The seating plan is fine except that Sir Antony Acland and I should change places.

As regards the menus, we shall certainly want tea and dinner on the way out since we are not intending to have dinner at the Embassy on arrival. I should be grateful if appropriate arrangements could be made. I have marked the menu for the return flight.

Yours sincerely

Charles Powell

Christopher Prentice Esq  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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*From the Private Secretary*

15 December 1990

*Dear Stephen,*

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON

The Prime Minister has asked me whether some brief time could be made available in his programme in Washington on the morning of Friday 21 December to do some Christmas shopping, possibly in the Georgetown Shopping Mall which he has visited before. If it is not possible for him to fit it in Mrs Major would like to do so. I should be grateful if you could ask the Embassy in Washington to see what could be done.

*Yours sincerely,*

Charles Powell

Stephen Wall Esq  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

14 December 1990

*Dear Charles,*

Prime Minister's Visit to Washington

/ I enclose for your approval a suggested seating plan  
/ on the RAF VC10.

/ Also attached are proposed menus. I should be  
grateful to know your choice.

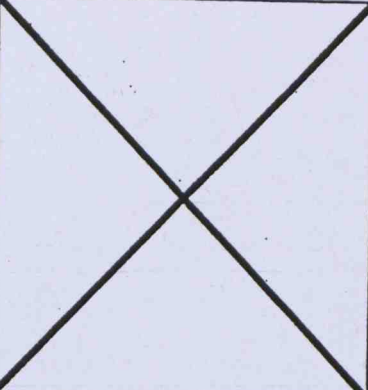
*Yours ever,*

*Christopher Prentice.*

(C N R Prentice)  
Private Secretary

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HEATHROW - ANDREWS AFB (20 DEC)

AFTERNOON TEA (FRONT COMPARTMENT)

CONSISTS OF:  
SELECTION OF RECEPTION SANDWICHES  
SCONES WITH CLOTTED CREAM AND PRESERVES  
CREAM CAKES  
BISCUITS  
TEA/COFFEE

SUBSTANTIAL HIGH TEA (REAR COMPARTMENT)

SELECTION OF:  
MIXED KEBABS WITH SAVORY RICE  
CHICKEN SUPREME WITH SAFFRON RICE  
CHILLI CON CARNE WITH WILD RICE  
ASSORTED SAVORY CANAPES

ANDREWS AFB - MILDENHALL (22 DEC)

LIGHT LUNCH

A COLD COLLATION FEATURING FRESH SALMON WITH KING PRAWNS  
TOGETHER WITH A SELECTION OF SLICED MEATS SERVED WITH  
SIMPLE AND COMPOUND SALADS  
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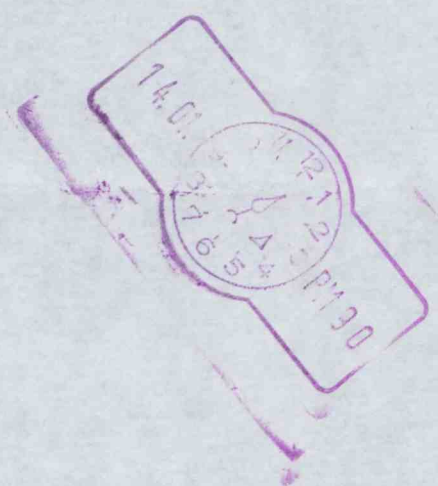
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DINNER

~~HOT AND COLD CANAPES  
PATE DE FOIE-GRAS  
ROCK HEN COOKED IN RED WINE WITH BABY ONIONS AND MUSHROOMS  
SELECTION OF FRESH VEGETABLES  
STRAWBERRY GATEAU  
CHEESE/BISCUITS  
COFFEE  
WINE~~

OR

HOT AND COLD CANAPES  
SMOKED SALMON WITH BROWN BREAD AND BUTTER  
FILLET OF BEEF WITH MADEIRA SAUCE  
CHATEAU POTATOES  
SELECTION OF FRESH VEGETABLES  
CREAM BRULEE  
CHEESE/BISCUITS  
COFFEE  
WINE





BUCKINGHAM PALACE

13th December, 1990.

Dear Charles.

OR

at least

Thank you for your letter of 11th December about the Prime Minister's visit to Washington from 20th to 22nd December. The Queen is pleased to give her approval for the Prime Minister to be absent from the country for those two days.

Robert

(ROBERT FELLOWES)

Charles Powell, Esq.

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LONDON SW1A 2AA 13 December 1990

From the Private Secretary

PRIME MINISTER' VISIT TO WASHINGTON:  
TRAVEL

Thank you for your letter of 12 December about the Prime Minister's return from Washington. I would still prefer to depart from Washington in time to get to Stansted: and for us all to de-plane there. But if there is serious doubt that we can make it, we shall have to fall back on Mildenhall.

*at least*

CHARLES POWELL

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

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*From the Private Secretary*

13 December 1990

Prime Minister's Visit to Washington:  
Camp David

I have seen Washington Telegram no. 3021 about arrangements for Camp David.

I think I had better be the official who stays overnight up there to act as contact point and channel communication if needed.

C. D. POWELL

J. S. Wall, Esq., L.V.O.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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concert with the arrangements  
set out in the attached  
telegram?

Presumably you will be the  
official to stay overnight at  
Lang David?

Lizzie will travel to Lang  
David to run the office and  
will return with to Washington

with those not staying overnight  
on Friday 21 December. ●

Patricia

13 December 1990

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FOR CONFERENCE SECTION

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON: 20-22 DECEMBER 1990:  
CAMP DAVID

1. THE WHITE HOUSE NOW TELL US THAT THEY EXPECT THE FOLLOWING  
TO GO UP TO CAMP DAVID ON 21 DECEMBER

PRIME MINISTER  
MRS MAJOR  
ME  
SIR ROBIN BUTLER  
POWELL  
O'DONNELL

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THEY HAVE YET TO TELL US WHICH OF THESE WILL BE INVITED TO STAY  
FOR DINNER. ONLY THE PRIME MINISTER, MRS MAJOR, ONE SENIOR  
OFFICIAL AND

ARE INVITED TO STAY  
OVERNIGHT. THE REST WILL RETURN TO WASHINGTON DURING THE COURSE  
OF THE EVENING. THE EARLIER OFFER TO INCLUDE A MEMBER OF THE NO  
10 SUPPORT STAFF HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN.

2. THE DINNER AT CAMP DAVID WILL BE INFORMAL. PRESIDENT BUSH  
WILL WEAR AN OPEN-NECKED SHIRT, NO TIE, AND A SPORTS COAT.

3. WE RECOMMEND THAT THOSE STAYING OVERNIGHT AT CAMP DAVID  
SHOULD TAKE AN OVERNIGHT BAG. THEIR MAIN LUGGAGE WILL BE TAKEN  
BY ROAD TO THE RAF VC10.

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cc D/Clerk



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

12 December 1990

Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's visit to Washington: Travel

Thank you for your two letters of 11 December about the travel arrangements for the Prime Minister's visit to Washington.

We have made enquiries about landing at RAF Witton. Unfortunately, it is only open from Monday to Friday, 0800-1700 hrs. More significantly, its runway could not take a VC10.

As regards Stansted, the RAF tell us that there is a jet ban from 2330 hrs to 0600 hrs and at the moment the runway is closed from 2245 hrs to 0600 hrs for repairs. We could ask about getting the repairs postponed on 22 December but, if you are not now leaving Washington until 1100 hrs, you would not be able to get in and out of Stansted ahead of the curfew. Given that Stansted and Mildenhall <sup>are</sup> virtually the same distance from Huntingdon, should we go for Mildenhall?

Yours,

(J S Wall)

Private Secretary

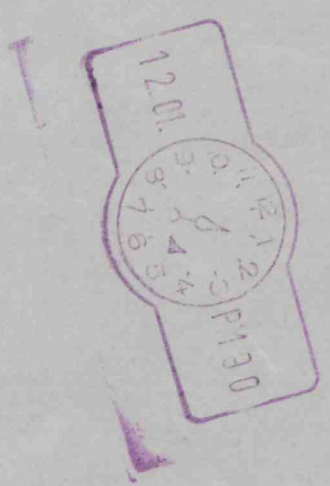
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*From the Private Secretary*

11 December 1990

**PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON:  
MRS MAJOR'S PROGRAMME**

I have now had an opportunity to talk to Mrs Major about her programme in Washington. She confirms that she would very much enjoy the lunch proposed by Lady Acland with the wives of senior American officials if they are available. That apart, what she would most like would be to visit the White House very informally and as a tourist, simply to see it. If there were any additional time, she would like to see the National Gallery and the Vietnam Memorial. You might like to pass on these suggestions to the Embassy in Washington.

CHARLES POWELL

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*From the Private Secretary*

11 December 1990

**PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON:  
TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS**

I wrote to you earlier today, saying that the Prime Minister would prefer the VC10 to land at Stansted on return from Washington rather than Mildenhall, since the journey from the former to Huntingdon is much simpler. It has subsequently been suggested that it would be better still if the VC10 could land at RAF Witton. I should be grateful if you could investigate whether this is actually possible: it has the advantage of being only a very short distance from the Prime Minister's home.

CHARLES POWELL

J S Wall Esq  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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*From the Private Secretary*

11 December 1990

The Prime Minister plans to visit Washington from 20 December to 22 December for talks with President Bush.

I should be grateful if you would seek Her Majesty's permission for the Prime Minister to be absent from the country for two days.

Charles Powell

The Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Fellowes, K.C.V.O., C.B.

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*From the Private Secretary*

11 December 1990

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON

Thank you for your letter of 10 December about the travel arrangements for the Prime Minister's visit to Washington. I am content with these, but think Stansted a better bet than Mildenhall and suggest we go for that.

(C. D. POWELL)

Stephen Wall, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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London SW1A 2AH

10 December 1990

*Dear Charles*

Prime Minister's visit to Washington: Travel

An RAF VC10 has been reserved for the visit.  
Suggested timings are:

London = GMT; Washington = GMT -5  
All times local

Thursday 20 December:

ETD LHR (Royal Suite) 1600  
ETA Washington (Andrews AFB) 1925  
Flying time 8 hours 25 minutes.  
Afternoon tea and refreshments to be served.

Saturday 22 December:

The suggested time of departure from Washington (AAFB) is 1100 hrs. This would give an arrival time at London Heathrow (Royal Suite) of 2305 hrs. Flying time 7 hours 5 minutes. Luncheon, tea and dinner to be served.

If you would prefer the aircraft to return to an airfield nearer to Huntingdon, the RAF suggest USAF Mildenhall (Alconbury closes at 1700 hrs on Saturdays). Mildenhall is 45 miles from Huntingdon and 72 miles from Central London. Timings would then be:-

ETD Washington (AAFB) 1100  
ETA USAF Mildenhall 2315  
Flying time 7 hours 15 minutes.

After the Prime Minister and Mrs Major have disembarked other members of the party could continue their journey to LHR after a stopover of 40 minutes. Timings would be as follows:

ETD Mildenhall 2355  
ETA LHR 0025 on 23/12

The aircraft would land at the Royal Suite but passengers would be taken by bus to Terminal 4 for

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customs and immigration clearance.

An alternative to Mildenhall would be Stanstead (44 miles from Huntingdon and 35 miles from central London). However, Stanstead closes at 2245 hrs and this would mean an earlier departure from Washington as follows:

ETD Washington (AAFB)	1025
ETA Stanstead	2230
Flying time 7 hours 5 minutes.	

*Yours  
Sincerely*

*J S Wall*  
(J S Wall)  
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq  
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*From the Private Secretary*

10 December 1990

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON

I have been trying to obtain answers to some of the questions from the Embassy in Washington about the Prime Minister's programme. I have not got them all but you may find the following helpful:

- the Prime Minister agrees that he should offer to see Vice President Quayle.
- he would not regard a Guard of Honour as necessary at any point in the programme and would prefer not to have one.
- I am sure Mrs Major would welcome the proposed lunch on 21 December but I have not yet been able to establish whether she would like any other engagements.

I will follow up on the other points as soon as possible.

CHARLES POWELL

Simon Gass Esq  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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*From the Private Secretary*

10 December 1990

*Dear Stephen,*

**PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON:  
CONCORDE**

Thank you for your letter of 7 December. The Prime Minister has noted the relevant costs of Concorde and the VC10 and has opted for the latter. I will write immediately to Colin Marshall.

*Yours sincerely,*

(C. D. POWELL)

Stephen Wall, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Prime Minister

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London SW1A 2AH

I don't think the extra  
expense would be

7 December 1990

Alex Charles

justified. You could use the  
time on the VC10 for briefing.  
I would propose that we

Agree  
VC10  
please.  
7/12

Prime Minister's visit to Washington: Concorde

Thank you for your letter of 6 December about the possibility of using a British Airways Concorde for the Prime Minister's visit to Washington and his future travels.

VC10  
C.D.P.  
-  
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We have made enquiries and established that a chartered Concorde would be available for the round trip to Washington at a cost of £120,000. This could be reduced to £90,000 if British Airways were allowed to sell up to 20 seats in the rear cabin of the aircraft to members of the public (the commercial fare by Concorde LHR/Washington/LHR is £4,506).

British Airways said they would not wish to carry more than 70 passengers on the charter and would prefer to use Dulles Airport instead of Andrews Air Force Base. Flying time: LHR - Washington is 4 hours

Communications. There would be no secure communications but a dial up telephone link between the aircraft and No 10 could be made available.

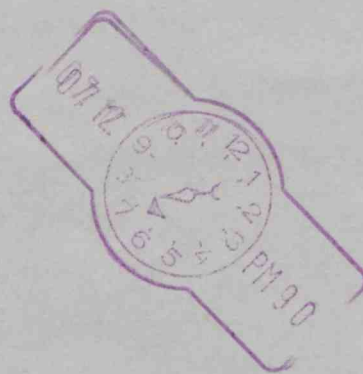
For the same visit the RAF VC10 would cost £55,000. Flying time: LHR - Washington (Andrews Air Force Base) 8 hrs 25 mins: Washington (AAFB) - LHR 7 hrs 5 mins.

British Airways would be grateful to know as soon as possible whether or not you wish to use Concorde for this visit.

*J.S. Wall*  
*Stephen Wall*

(J S Wall)  
Private Secretary

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*From the Private Secretary*

7 December 1990

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON

Thank you for your letter about support staff for the visit to Washington. I am content with what you propose.

Charles Powell

Stephen Wall Esq  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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London SW1A 2AH

7 December 1990

Dear Charles,

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON: DECEMBER 1990

I should be grateful for your agreement to the inclusion of the following support staff in the Prime Minister's party for his visit to Washington.

- (a) Conference Officer: Miss S M Waghorn OBE
- (b) Two Communications Officers who will operate communications on the RAF VC10.
- (c) Two Royal Military Police to guard the Private Office, operate safehand runs on a 24-hour basis, look after baggage etc.

Jans,  
Stephen Wall

(J S Wall)

Private Secretary

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PRIME MINISTER

VISIT TO WASHINGTON

When you go to Camp David, President and Mrs Bush will present you and Mrs Major with light "bomber" type jackets. They have asked for the following measurements for you and Mrs Major:

size of chest

length from top of collar to waist.

Charles Powell

7 December 1990

c: bomber (MJ)

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PRIME MINISTER

VISIT TO WASHINGTON

I have had a number of questions from Antony Acland about the programme for your visit to Washington.

He thinks you ought to offer to see Vice-President Quayle, although he may be away skiing. Agree to this?

Yes

Not necessary.

Although it is an informal visit, would you like a Guard of Honour at any point e.g. on arrival at the Pentagon or departure from Andrews Air Force base? This is not compulsory, simply an inquiry from the Americans if you would like it.

Would Mrs. Major like some separate programme? For instance, Lady Acland would be happy to do a lunch on 21 December to which she might invite Mrs. Quayle, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Brady and one or two others. Is there anything else she would like to do?

C.D.P.

C. D. POWELL

6 December 1990

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YOUR TELNO 2107: VISIT TO WASHINGTON BY THE PRIME MINISTER:  
20-22 DECEMBER

1. I SHALL SEND SEPARATE ADVICE ON THE LIKELY AGENDA FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON, BUT IN THE MEANTIME HAVE SOME PRELIMINARY THOUGHTS ON THE PROGRAMME (ON WHICH WE ARE IN TOUCH WITH THE WHITE HOUSE AND STATE).

#### CAMP DAVID

2. THE WHITE HOUSE WILL NOT FOCUS ON THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE TALKS AT CAMP DAVID UNTIL RATHER NEARER THE TIME, BUT IT IS LIKELY THAT THE US SIDE WILL CONSIST OF THE PRESIDENT, SCOWCROFT AND ONE OR MORE OF BAKER, CHENEY, SUNUNU, POWELL, CATTO AND A NOTETAKER FROM THE NSC, WITH FITZWATER IN THE WINGS. WE SHALL EMPHASISE TO THE WHITE HOUSE THE PRIME MINISTER'S DESIRE TO KEEP THE TALKS AS INTIMATE AND INFORMAL AS POSSIBLE.

3. ON STAYING OVERNIGHT, WE WILL OF COURSE HAVE TO CHECK WHAT THE AMERICANS EXPECT. I THINK THAT THERE WILL BE MORE THAN ENOUGH ACCOMMODATION FOR THE WHOLE PARTY, AND, GIVEN THE UNCERTAINTIES OF THE WEATHER AND THE FACT THAT CAMP DAVID IS A GOOD 90 MINUTES DRIVE FROM WASHINGTON, IT MIGHT BE SIMPLER FOR ALL THOSE INVOLVED IN THE TALKS TO STAY OVERNIGHT. UNLESS YOU SEE OBJECTION, WE WILL PUT THIS TO THE AMERICANS. WE ALSO NEED TO KNOW, HOWEVER, WHETHER THE PRIME MINISTER AND HIS PARTY WILL REQUIRE ANYONE IN THE WAY OF SUPPORT STAFF OUT AT CAMP DAVID.

#### PROGRAMME IN WASHINGTON

4. AS I HAVE TOLD POWELL, WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO ARRANGE A MEETING BETWEEN THE PRIME MINISTER AND SENIOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, PROBABLY OVER LUNCH EITHER AT MY HOUSE OR ON THE HILL. BUT THE TIME OF YEAR MAY MAKE IT DIFFICULT, AND PERHAPS IMPOSSIBLE, TO SECURE ANYBODY WORTHWHILE.

5. AS FOR MEETINGS WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATION, I RECOMMEND THAT (EVEN THOUGH WE UNDERSTAND PRIVATELY THAT QUAYLE MAY BE PLANNING TO BE AWAY SKIING) WE ASK FOR A MEETING WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT, PERHAPS OVER BREAKFAST AT HIS HOUSE (WHICH IS VERY NEAR MINE), AND THAT, IF THE PRIME MINISTER IS TO MEET GREENSPAN, WE SHOULD ALSO SEE WHETHER BRADY WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR A (SHORT) MEETING. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WILL ONLY WANT A SEPARATE MEETING WITH BAKER IF THE LATTER DOES NOT SEE MR MAJOR IN LONDON ON HIS WAY TO OR FROM THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL: WE HAVE ASKED STATE TO LET US KNOW BAKER'S PLANS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

6. ALTHOUGH STATE ARE CLASSIFYING THIS AS A PRIVATE VISIT, THEY ARE PLANNING QUOTE A FEW EXTRA FLOURISHES UNQUOTE FOR MR MAJOR'S FIRST VISIT AS PRIME MINISTER, AND HAVE ASKED WHETHER HE WOULD LIKE TO INSPECT A GUARD OF HONOUR ON, SAY, ARRIVAL AT THE PENTAGON (IF HE SEES CHENEY THERE), OR DEPARTURE FROM ANDREWS. GRATEFUL FOR ADVICE.

#### PRESS ARRANGEMENTS

7. WE ALREADY HAVE STANDING BIDS FOR INTERVIEWS WITH THE PRIME MINISTER FROM THE MAIN TV BREAKFAST SHOWS. I RECOMMEND THAT HE SHOULD ACCEPT ALL FOUR (ABC, CBS, NBC AND CNN): THEY COULD BE SET UP IN MY HOUSE ON THE FRIDAY MORNING. I AGREE ON THE NEED FOR A PRESS CONFERENCE, BUT TIMING IS TRICKY. WITH THE TALKS TAKING PLACE AT CAMP DAVID UNTIL LATE FRIDAY EVENING, THE BRITISH MEDIA, AND INDEED SOME US MEDIA, WILL MISS THEIR DEADLINES THAT NIGHT. THERE ARE NO SATISFACTORY PRESS FACILITIES AT CAMP DAVID (OTHER THAN FOR PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES), AND I THEREFORE THINK THAT THE BEST WE CAN DO IS TO HOLD THE PRESS CONFERENCE AT ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE BEFORE DEPARTURE ON SATURDAY MORNING. THAT WOULD, OF COURSE,

BE OF NO USE TO THE DAILIES - MANY WHOM WILL NO DOUBT HAVE CORRESPONDENTS TRAVELLING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER'S PARTY. IN ORDER TO GIVE THEM SOMETHING FOR SATURDAY MORNING, I SUGGEST THAT WE SHOULD TRY TO SET UP ARRANGEMENTS FOR O'DONNELL TO BRIEF DOWN THE LINE FROM CAMP DAVID, AFTER THE FIRST SESSION OF TALKS BUT BEFORE DINNER, TO THE BRITISH PRESS WHOM WE COULD ASSEMBLE IN THE EMBASSY ROTUNDA.

8. THE PRIME MINISTER'S PRESS CONFERENCE THE NEXT MORNING

WOULD THEN ADDITIONALLY BE ABLE TO COVER HIS TALKS WITH THE PRESIDENT OVER DINNER, AND WOULD PROVIDE COVERAGE TO THE SATURDAY EVENING ELECTRONIC MEDIA BULLETINS AND THE SUNDAY WRITING PRESS. NO DOUBT BRITISH RADIO AND TELEVISION WOULD WANT INDIVIDUAL INTERVIEWS: THESE COULD BE DONE AFTER THE PRESS CONFERENCE, WHICH WOULD ALLOW THE TRAVELLING WRITERS TIME TO FILE FROM ANDREWS BEFORE DEPARTURE.

9. AS AGREED WITH NO 10 PRESS OFFICE, WE WILL ANNOUNCE THE VISIT HERE AT 1500Z ON 6 DECEMBER. THE WHITE HOUSE WILL ANNOUNCE IT SIMULTANEOUSLY TO THE PRESS CORPS TRAVELLING WITH THE PRESIDENT IN SOUTH AMERICA.

PROGRAMME FOR MRS MAJOR

10. IF MRS MAJOR WOULD LIKE IT, MY WIFE WOULD BE GLAD TO GIVE A SMALL LUNCH FOR HER ON 21 DECEMBER TO WHICH SHE MIGHT INVITE, SAY, MRS QUAYLE, MRS BAKER, MRS BRADY AND ONE OR TWO OTHERS. GRATEFUL FOR ADVICE ON THIS, AND ON ANY OTHER WISHES MRS MAJOR MIGHT HAVE FOR HER PROGRAMME THAT MORNING.

OUTLINE PROGRAMME

11. AGAINST THAT BACKGROUND, THE OUTLINE PROGRAMME FOR THE VISIT MIGHT RUN AS FOLLOWS:

THURSDAY 20 DECEMBER

1930 ARRIVE ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE  
2000 LIGHT SUPPER AT MY HOUSE

FRIDAY 21 DECEMBER

0707-0750 BREAKFAST TV INTERVIEWS AT MY HOUSE  
0830 BREAKFAST WITH VICE PRESIDENT  
1000 MEETING WITH BRADY  
1030 MEETING WITH GREENSPAN  
1130 MEETING WITH CHENEY  
1230 LUNCH WITH CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP (AT MY HOUSE,  
OR ON THE HILL)  
1500 DEPART BY HELICOPTER FOR CAMP DAVID  
TALKS AT CAMP DAVID  
EARLY EVENING: O'DONNELL BRIEFS BRITISH PRESS DOWN THE LINE  
1830? INFORMAL DINNER AT CAMP DAVID



SATURDAY 22 DECEMBER

0900 LEAVE CAMP DAVID BY HELICOPTER  
 0930 PRESS CONFERENCE AT ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE  
 1015 INTERVIEWS WITH BRITISH RADIO AND TELEVISION  
 1100 DEPART FOR LONDON

12. GRATEFUL FOR ADVICE ON THE POINTS ABOVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

5 December 1990

Dear Antony,

Thank you for your very kind letter about my appointment. Your good wishes are very welcome in the face of what is undoubtedly a daunting task. As you will by now know, I have spoken to the President and we have agreed that I will come to Washington and Camp David on 21/22 December. I think an early visit is essential against the background of a possible war in the Gulf: the President very kindly suggested that Norma and I might like to go up to Camp David with him on the evening of 21 December and stay the night. That would leave time for a few other meetings and appointments on 21 December in Washington itself, including some television. You will no doubt let me know what you think I ought to do. But I would hope to see Dick Brady, Alan Greenspan, Dick Cheney and some Congressional leaders if they are still in Washington at that late date. We are both very much looking forward to the visit and to seeing you and Jenny.

With every good wish,

Yours Ever,  
Alan

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

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*From the Private Secretary*

4 December 1990

*Dear Stepler,*

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON

We now need to move ahead with planning for the Prime Minister's visit to Washington.

The intention is that he would fly over after Parliamentary Questions on 20 December, with no engagements that evening other than a briefing from Sir Antony Acland. Our understanding is that the President envisages taking the Prime Minister and Mrs Major up to Camp David in the afternoon or early evening of 21 December. I assume that talks would be up there, following which the Prime Minister and Mrs Major would spend the night. It is not clear whether others would return to Washington. The Prime Minister would no doubt need to do a press conference before his departure on 22 December. But he does not envisage any other engagements that day, preferring to return as soon as possible to London.

If these assumptions are correct, then we should have the morning at least of 21 December free for other engagements. The Prime Minister would like to do brief television appearances on the main breakfast shows early in the morning. His other priorities would be to see Secretary Cheney, Secretary Baker and Alan Greenspan. He would also like to meet members of Congress if they have not left Washington by then. Antony Acland may well have other suggestions, but my sense is that the Prime Minister does not want to make a speech on this occasion.

The Prime Minister attaches importance to maintaining the same intimacy and informality of discussions with the President as his predecessor, and therefore envisages taking only a small delegation and would like the talks to be held on a very restricted basis as in recent years, that is basically with Sir Antony Acland and a No.10 notetaker. Sir Robin Butler has expressed an interest in joining the delegation and the Prime Minister has minuted that he is content for him to come to Washington if he so wishes.

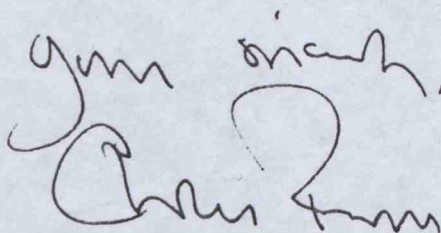
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The delegation list would therefore number:

Prime Minister and Mrs Major  
Sir Antony and Lady Acland  
Sir Robin Butler  
Mr Powell  
Mr O'Donnell  
+ No.10 support staff.

I should be grateful if the Embassy in Washington could begin to prepare a programme on these lines.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Charles Powell', with a large flourish at the end.

Charles Powell

Stephen Wall Esq  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

PRIME MINISTER

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VISIT TO WASHINGTON

✓ You have agreed to visit Washington on 21/22 December to see President Bush and you have said that Mrs. Major will accompany you. The President has invited you both to go up to Camp David on the evening of 21 December and stay the night, which would enable you to return to London late on Saturday 22 December (assuming you do not go to the Gulf).

✓ I think there is a lot to be said for travelling out to Washington on the evening of Thursday 20 December after Questions. That way you get a night in bed before embarking on your engagements. It would also give you the better part of 21 December to do some television and to see a number of others besides the President. I suggest this should include Secretary Brady, Alan Greenspan and Secretary Cheney (Defence). I doubt there will be many Congressmen around then.

Context You will also wish to decide who will accompany you. You have already reached the conclusion that it will be better not to take any of your Cabinet colleagues and I am sure this is right. The practice in recent years has been very small meetings. The President is usually accompanied by the American Ambassador and General Scowcroft: and we have fielded Antony Acland and me. There is much to be said for such a small group: it provides the intimacy and informality for a really good discussion, which you do not get when large delegations sit round together. It has advantages too from the point of view of confidentiality.

Context no- On the other hand, others will no doubt wish to take advantage of a new regime to join the delegation: Sir Robin Butler has already expressed an interest and I would not be surprised if the Foreign Office bid to put in a senior official or two. The choice is really therefore whether:

- a. you want to take a small party consisting only of Antony Acland (already in Washington), me, Gus O'Donnell and support staff; or
- b. whether you wish to enlarge it to include other senior officials.

*Yes - but only FERB if he wishes to come.*

*C.D.P.*

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BRITISH EMBASSY,  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

27 November 1990

Dear Prime Minister,

Very many congratulations indeed on your election as Leader of the Party & on your appointment as Prime Minister. Jenny and I wanted to send all our good wishes to you and Norma as you both embark on this daunting but exciting task. We are sure that you will have great success.

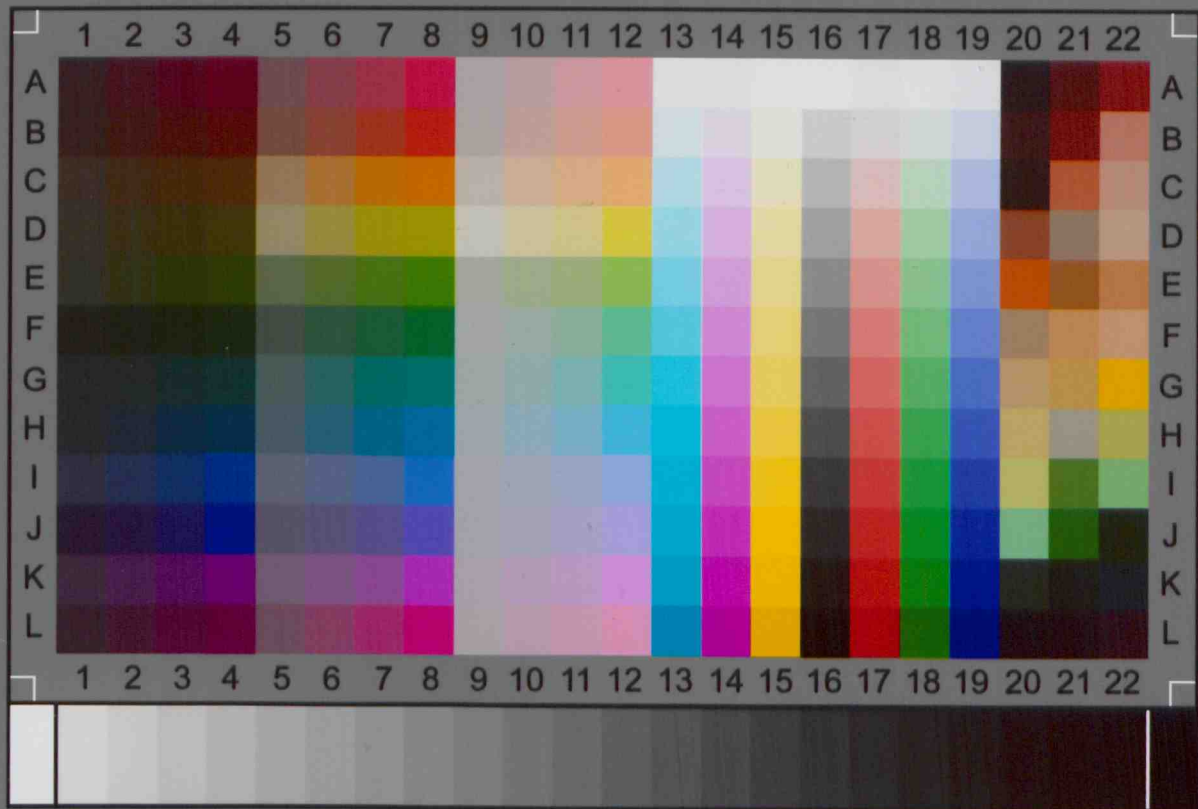
We look forward to your first visit here as Prime Minister, to see the President, whenever you feel that it is appropriate and when you can fit it in. I have got to know

President Bush pretty well during my time here. You will of course have direct dealings with him, but if you felt that you needed a second opinion on his mood and thinking, I am sure that I could go and see him, and I think he would talk frankly to me. I should, however, need instructions and a message from you. I can't just waste his time for a general chat, without something important & specific to discuss.

Anyway we are available to do anything we can to help in our remaining time here up to July 1991.

No acknowledgement of course. We hope to see you before too long - & you have every good wish from us both - Yours ever  
Anthony





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