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PRESIDENT NIXON'S REQUEST FOR A MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT NIXON WHO SAYS THAT, AS CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE FUND FOR DEMOCRACY AND DEVELOPMENT, HE WILL BE VISITING MOSCOW TO SEE YELTSIN ON 3-4 JUNE. HE HAS ASKED IF HE COULD STOP IN LONDON AT SOME TIME IN THE PERIOD 27-29 MAY TO DISCUSS AID TO THE FORMER SOVIET REPUBLICS WITH THE PRIME MINISTER.

2. NIXON HAS BEEN ACTIVE ON THIS SUBJECT AND HIS SPEECH URGING THE ADMINISTRATION TO DO MORE TO HELP THE FORMER SOVIET REPUBLICS HAD A HELPFUL EFFECT. THE PRIME MINISTER MAY NOT BE ABLE TO SEE HIM AND WE HAVE EXPLAINED THAT YOU WILL BE AWAY. GRATEFUL TO KNOW IF THE CHANCELLOR WOULD WISH TO OFFER TO SEE HIM.

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Perhaps President Nixon could be told that the PM will be away.

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

8 November, 1982

Dear Mr. Nixon,

Thank you so much for sending me a copy of your book "Leaders".

I much look forward to reading it during the next Parliamentary Recess.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

Margaret Thatcher

President Richard Nixon

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EDWARD F. COX

July 27, 1982

Dear Prime Minister:

My second visit to 10 Downing Street was a particular pleasure for me, for I am an unabashed fan of yours and the gutsy leadership which you are giving to your government and the British people. I know that these sentiments are shared by my father-in-law, President Nixon, by many of his supporters, and by many of my fellow members in President Reagan's administration.

Upon returning to the United States, I saw the news of what the New York Times called your "major victory" with respect to increasing the productivity of Britain's railway workers. Once again, your thoughtful and forthright firmness has produced beneficial results, and a successful example for other world leaders.

It was an honor to have met you.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Edward F. Cox

The Right Honourable Margaret Thatcher, M.P.
10 Downing Street
London, S.W.1.
ENGLAND



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

26 July 1982

Mr. Nixon

It was so good of you to send me a message about the end of our rail strike here. We were all greatly relieved that it ended in the way it did.

I very much enjoyed our talk the other day.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Mr. Richard Nixon.

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PRIME MINISTER MARGARET THATCHER
10 DOWNING ST
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BOTH DOMESTICALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY CONTINUES TO INSPIRE FREE
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RICHARD NIXON

COL 10 LONDONSW1

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2 July, 1982

Just to confirm our telephone conversation this morning.

The Prime Minister is looking forward to seeing the Honourable Richard Nixon at No.10 on Friday, 9 July at 1045 hrs for half an hour. The Prime Minister would like to see Mr Nixon alone.

CAROLINE STEPHENS

J Aitken, Esq, M.P.,

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From: JONATHAN AITKEN, M.P.

Prime Minister



Agree to see Mr. Nixon
on Friday, 9 July?

HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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Yes not A.S.C. 1/7

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July 1, 1982

Miss Caroline Stephens,
Personal Assistant to the Prime Minister,
10 Downing Street,
London SW1.

Dear Caroline,

I am writing at the request of the former U.S. President, The Hon. Richard Nixon, to ask whether it might be possible for him to see the Prime Minister during his visit to London next week.

Mr. Nixon is arriving in London on the morning of Thursday, July 8th, and will be staying here until Saturday, July 10th. He will be on the last leg of a European tour, during which he will have had meetings with President Mitterand of France and with the Heads of Government of Rumania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Austria. He would particularly appreciate the chance to have a brief and entirely private appointment with the Prime Minister if this can be arranged, and he has asked me to pass on this request on his behalf.

Incidentally, Mr. Nixon's only engagement during his visit is to speak to the Conservative Philosophy Group during the early evening of Thursday July 8th. I enclose details of this in case the Prime Minister (who is an honorary member of the Group) would like to come, and talk with Mr. Nixon during the evening.

Could you be kind enough to ring me about this? My best telephone numbers are 493-3640 (office) and 222-0463 (Home).

Warmest regards,

Yours ever

Jonathan

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

15 April 1980

Dear Caroline,

Former President Nixon

Thank you for your letter of 9 April about the possibility of former President Nixon calling on the Prime Minister when he is in this country from 26 to 30 April.

We have consulted our Ambassador at Washington who has advised that if the Prime Minister has some sense of personal obligation to Mr Nixon, there would be no overriding objection to her seeing him. But the Ambassador has pointed out that Mr Nixon is as much out of touch in the US as he is controversial and he doubts whether the Prime Minister would learn much from him. In the US more might be read into a call at No 10 than was intended. To judge from our experience when soundings were taken before Mr Nixon's last visit to Britain, the US administration would not presume to advise us on how to respond; but the Ambassador considers that they, and Senior Republicans, would be surprised, and unhelpfully so from a British point of view, if the Prime Minister received him.

On balance therefore we recommend that the Prime Minister should only receive Mr Nixon if she particularly wishes to do so.

Yours Ever,

Malcolm Adams

(M C Adams)
Private Secretary

Miss Caroline Stephens
No 10 Downing Street
London

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PRIME MINISTER

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~~c. Mr. Alexander~~ ✓

Jonathan Aitken rang yesterday asking if you would see Richard Nixon when he is over here between Saturday 26 April and Wednesday 30 April.

Irrespective of the fact that this is a bad time for you as you will be in Luxembourg and will have to make a statement, etc., on your return, the Foreign Office advise against your seeing him and so does our Ambassador in Washington.

Content for me to ring Jonathan and tell him many regrets? I have already told him it is unlikely because of your busy diary.

CAROLINE STEPHENS

11 April 1980

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

9 April 1980

Dear Malcolm,

Jonathan Aitken MP rang today to ask whether or not the Prime Minister would see Richard Nixon who is visiting this country in a private capacity, though connected with the publication of his book "The Real War", from Saturday 26-Wednesday 30 April.

He would like to have a short meeting with the Prime Minister. I would be grateful if you could advise me whether or not this would be a good idea bearing in mind that she will be away in Luxembourg for the European Council on Sunday 27 and Monday 28 April. I would like to put forward your advice this coming weekend.

Yours sincerely,
Cecilia Stephens

Malcolm Adams, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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