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Request from Mr Seymour Keren,  
President of B'nai B'rith International, for  
Meeting with the Prime Minister.

PRIME MINISTER

July 1989

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*From the Private Secretary*

10 November 1992

B'NAI B'RITH: REQUEST FOR A CALL  
ON THE PRIME MINISTER

Thank you for your letter of 6 November.

I agree that we should ask Robin Renwick to pass the Prime Minister's regret to B'Nai B'rith.

J. S. WALL

Richard Gozney, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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6 November 1992

London SW1A 2AH

Dear Stephen,

B'nai B'rith: Request for a call on the Prime Minister

Sir Robin Renwick has forwarded the enclosed self-explanatory letter from B'nai B'rith seeking a call on the Prime Minister during a visit to London and Birmingham from 11-13 November.

Although B'nai B'rith is an important and influential organisation, we see no pressing need for the Prime Minister or an FCO Minister to see them, particularly given the pressures of other business. We and the Embassy in Washington favour a senior official in the FCO seeing them. Mark Elliott, Deputy Under-Secretary with responsibility for the Middle East, would in principle be able to do so on 11 or 12 November.

If you agree, we shall ask the Ambassador in Washington to pass the Prime Minister's regrets to B'nai B'rith and offer them a meeting with Mark Elliott.

Yours ever,  
Richard

(R H T Gozney)  
Private Secretary

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October 21, 1992

H.E. Sir Robin Renwick  
Embassy of Great Britain  
3100 Massachusetts Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Our International President, Kent E. Schiner and I will be visiting London and Birmingham from November 11-13 for two important events on the B'nai B'rith calendar.

On the evening of November 12th, B'nai B'rith in the U.K. will be honoring Margaret Thatcher at a gala dinner. That weekend, we will also be attending the annual convention of our B'nai B'rith leadership, to be held in Birmingham.

Mr. Schiner has expressed interest in the possibility of meeting with Prime Minister Major sometime during our three days in London. He would be joined by Mr. Stewart Cohen, President of B'nai B'rith's District 15 (Great Britain and Northern Ireland), Mark Marcus, our District Executive Director, and myself.

A meeting with the Prime Minister would give us an opportunity to discuss not only bi-lateral issues, but the Middle East peace process and other subjects as well.

I would appreciate any assistance you might be able to lend with regard to setting an appointment. I am attaching, for your information, both Mr. Schiner's and my curriculum vitae.

Many thanks and best regards.

Cordially,

Daniel S. Mariaschin, Director  
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### Kent E. Schiner

Kent Schiner has long been a leader in the Jewish community and in B'nai B'rith. A highly successful insurance executive, with a rare talent for management and a keen business sense, he was elected International President of the world's largest Jewish organization in August 1990. Mr. Schiner served B'nai B'rith as Senior International Vice President from 1984 through 1988. In thirty-two years of dynamic activism he has led B'nai B'rith at every level -- serving as a lodge president, district president, and as a creative force on the International Board of Governors for fifteen years.

Schiner has won acclaim in the B'nai B'rith world for his achievements in leadership development and marketing. As National Leadership Chairman, he implemented several highly successful programs bringing local B'nai B'rith leaders and potential leaders together with senior government officials and international affairs experts to discuss the pressing Jewish issues of the day. As Chairman of the International Marketing Committee, he initiated a comprehensive nationwide market survey of Jewish attitudes and interests which is helping B'nai B'rith to better meet the needs of a rapidly changing Jewish community.

A Chartered Life Underwriter and a Chartered Financial Consultant, he is a recipient of the Georges S. Robertson award, the highest local award in the insurance industry. He has served as president of the Maryland State Association of Life Underwriters, and in 1990 was elected into the M.S.A.L.U. Hall of Fame. He is a Board Member of the Baltimore Estate Planning Council. In industry as in B'nai B'rith, he has achieved distinction through his tireless efforts and his ability as a highly effective team leader.

Mr. Schiner displayed an extraordinary talent for leadership early in life. Training soldiers for combat during the Korean War at the age of eighteen, he was one of the youngest men ever promoted to the rank of sergeant in the United States Marines Corps. He and his wife, Barbara, live in Baltimore, Maryland and are extremely active in community life. He has served on the Baltimore Jewish Council, on the Board of Beth Israel Synagogue and as Vice President of the Maryland Ballet Company. The Schiners have three grown children, Jodi, Brian, and Jay, all of whom are also active in B'nai B'rith.

September, 1990

## DANIEL S. MARIASCHIN

Daniel S. Mariaschin is Director of International, Governmental and Israel Affairs for B'nai B'rith.

In this position, Mr. Mariaschin serves as spokesman for B'nai B'rith, interpreting its policies to a variety of audiences, including Congress and the media. He also supervises the International Council of B'nai B'rith, with responsibility for coordinating its programs and policies on issues affecting world Jewry.

Mr. Mariaschin has travelled extensively to the former USSR and Eastern Europe and in December 1988, participated in the establishment of the B'nai B'rith unit in Moscow, the first ever in the Soviet Union. Since that time he has led delegations to Riga, Vilnius and Leningrad (now St. Petersburg), which resulted in the creation of a B'nai B'rith presence in each of those cities.

He has also participated in meetings with a number of world leaders, including German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, Czech President Vaclav Havel, Polish President Lech Walesa, Indian Prime Minister P.V. Narasima Rao, former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and several presidents from Central and South America.

Mr. Mariaschin has spent nearly all of his professional life working on behalf of Jewish organizations, beginning in 1973 as Community Relations Associate with the Jewish Community Council of Boston. Two years later he was named director of the New England office of the American Zionist Federation and Zionist House in Boston.

In 1977, Mr. Mariaschin joined the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith as director of its Middle East Affairs Department. From 1979 to 1986, he served as assistant to ADL's national director, the late Nathan Perlmutter, and as director of its National Leadership division, responsible for ADL's nationwide program of leadership development.

He then became director of the Political Affairs Department of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), where he supervised political action activities and grassroots organization programs.

Prior to joining B'nai B'rith, Mr. Mariaschin served as director of communications

and principal spokesman for former Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig, Jr. during his 1987-88 presidential campaign.

Mr. Mariaschin has written numerous articles and reviews on national security issues for such publications as The Wall Street Journal, The Los Angeles Times, The Chicago Tribune, The Washington Times and Newsday. He appears frequently as a foreign affairs analyst on television and radio programs. He has lectured on foreign and defense affairs at the U.S. State Department's Foreign Service Institute, the Defense Intelligence College, the Marine Corps Command and Staff College and at other military installations around the country.

He has also worked as a radio announcer and news commentator and has lectured widely in the U.S. and abroad. Raised in New Hampshire, Mr. Mariaschin received his Bachelor of Arts degree in history from the University of New Hampshire and his Master's degree in Contemporary Jewish Studies from Brandeis University. In May 1990, Mr. Mariaschin was honored with the American Jewish Communal Leadership Award from Brandeis University.

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*From the Private Secretary*

26 June 1990

**B'NAI B'RITH: PRESENTATION OF PRESIDENTIAL  
GOLD MEDAL TO THE PRIME MINISTER**

Thank you for your letter of 25 June about B'nai B'rith's presentation of a gold medal to the Prime Minister. I am afraid that the Prime Minister could not really spare an evening for this in London. I agree that it might be a possibility in September if the Prime Minister goes to New York for the World Children's Summit. But nothing should be said to B'nai B'rith until we know for sure whether she is going.

CHARLES POWELL

Richard Gozney, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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London SW1A 2AH

25 June 1990

Dear Charles,

B'nai B'rith: Presentation of Presidential Gold Medal  
to the Prime Minister

You wrote on 20 February about the timing and venue of the presentation of B'nai B'rith's presidential gold medal to the Prime Minister.

B'nai B'rith have returned to the charge. They remain keen to make the presentation at a dinner in the Prime Minister's honour, to be held in London. They would be prepared to wait, and have suggested January or February 1991. Apart from believing that a dinner would be more fitting, B'nai B'rith would plan on involving more people in this way.

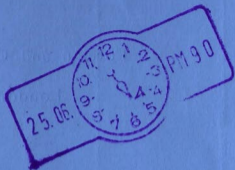
B'nai B'rith clearly wish to make the most of their presentation. An alternative to a presentation in London would be for the award to be presented to the Prime Minister in the United States. Houston (certainly) and Aspen look non-starters. But if the Prime Minister decides to visit New York in September for the World Summit of Children, the award might form part of a wider programme.

I should welcome your views.

Yours ever,

(R H T Gozney)  
Private Secretary

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Miss Will Seymour

Reich, July 1989

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*From the Private Secretary*

20 February 1990

B'NAI B'RITH

Thank you for your letter of 20 February about the invitation to the Prime Minister to receive the Presidential Gold Medal of the B'nai B'rith. I agree that there is no urgency: equally I think the Prime Minister would prefer to arrange the presentation in the reasonably near future. Otherwise, we get a tremendous backlog of awards and presentations of this sort. I am not sure how ambitious the B'nai B'rith are about a ceremony. What would suit us best would be a relatively modest affair, with a presentation followed by drinks attended by up to fifty people and lasting forty-five minutes or so. Perhaps the Embassy would like to establish from B'nai B'rith whether this matches their intentions. If they are set upon some formal lunch or dinner with speeches, then we are definitely talking about a much more distant date.

C. D. POWELL

R. N. Peirce, Esq.  
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20 February 1990

*See Charles*

B'nai B'rith

When the President of B'nai B'rith International called on her in November 1989, the Prime Minister accepted in principle an invitation to receive the organisation's Presidential Gold Metal. B'nai B'rith have now approached our Embassy about date, venue and other details.

There is no urgency about this. Unless the Prime Minister would prefer to accept the award in the UK in the near future, we suggest that we tell B'nai B'rith that it is still too early to talk about a firm date but that we shall continue to keep the invitation in mind for when a suitable opportunity presents itself.

*Yours are*

*R N Peirce*

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Private Secretary

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SEYMOUR D. REICH

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December 11, 1989

The Right Honorable Margaret Thatcher  
The Prime Minister  
10 Downing Street  
London, SW1, England

Dear Prime Minister:

*meetings records at map*

I want to express my sincere thanks for the opportunity to exchange views with you on the Middle East peace process and Soviet Jewry during my visit to London.

Your genuine caring about the Jews of the USSR and your fervent desire to see peace descend on the Middle East was clearly conveyed during our discussion. We are most appreciative of your concern over these issues and your efforts to bring them to a successful resolution.

We also hope you will formally consider our request to confer on you the B'nai B'rith President's Gold Medallion for Humanitarianism. My staff is prepared to discuss any questions your staff might have about the award and to determine an acceptable place and time for its presentation.

In the meantime, my best wishes for a peaceful holiday.

Sincerely yours,

Seymour D. Reich

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From the Private Secretary

29 November 1989

Dear Stephen,

PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT OF  
B'NAI B'RITH INTERNATIONAL

The Prime Minister had a talk this evening with Mr Seymour Reich, President of B'nai B'rith International and Chairman of the Conference of Presidents of leading American Jewish organisations. Mr Reich was accompanied by Mr Mariaschin and Mr Hoenlein.

Mr Reich congratulated the Prime Minister on her central role in persuading the Soviet leadership to allow Jewish people to emigrate from the Soviet Union. No-one had played a bigger part. The Prime Minister referred to the re-emergence of anti-semitism among the Russian people. Mr Reich confirmed this was a serious problem, particularly in the Ukraine.

Mr Reich said that he had found the mood in Israel about the peace process mixed. Israel had accepted the Baker Five Points and was now waiting for Egypt's reaction. Shamir attached particular importance to the assurance that he would not be forced to talk to the PLO. He would never accept a Palestinian state. The Prime Minister said that she hoped a process would at least get underway, even though Shamir was unlikely ever to agree to cede territory for peace. Her impression from her talk with President Bush was that the Administration were concerned about the present situation and unhappy with the lack of flexibility shown by the Israeli Government. She hoped that Jewish organisations in the United States would use all their influence to convince Shamir of the need to start discussions with the Palestinians.

Mr Reich referred to the effort by the PLO to change their designation at the United Nations from that of an observer organisation to an observer state. The Prime Minister said that she was not informed of the details but felt sure we would oppose any such move, since the PLO were transparently not a state. After checking, she told Mr Reich that the PLO appeared to be holding back on this for the time being.

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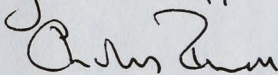
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Mr Reich raised the question of the Arab boycott and asked whether the United Kingdom could not pass legislation similar to that in the United States and some other countries, which would outlaw compliance with the boycott. The Prime Minister made clear that we were not contemplating any such legislation. We had put an end to authentication of signatures, which had satisfied the main concern of the Israeli Government.

Mr Reich referred to the B'nai B'rith's wish to present the Prime Minister with its Presidential Gold Medal. The Prime Minister said this might be possible on her next visit to the United States, although she had nothing planned for the moment. Mr Reich said that a ceremony could be arranged in either New York, Washington or London. B'nai B'rith would like to combine it with a dinner. Separately, the Conference of Presidents of American Jewish Organisations would very much like the Prime Minister to address them. The Prime Minister said that she had a large number of outstanding invitations to speak in the United States and could make no promises.

I am copying this letter to Neil Thornton (Department of Trade and Industry) and Brian Hawtin (Ministry of Defence).

*Yours sincerely,*  


Charles Powell

Stephen Wall Esq  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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PRIME MINISTER

MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT OF B'NAI B'RITH

You have agreed to see Mr Seymour Reich, President of B'nai B'rith International. He is likely to bring a number of people with him for a brief photocall before the meeting.

Mr Reich is on his way back from Israel where he will have met Mr Shamir and Mr Arens. You will want to get his assessment of the situation in Israel and the prospects for Middle East peace talks as well as mention your discussion of Middle East affairs with President Bush.

You will also want to say some complimentary words about the Jewish community in the United Kingdom. The meeting will need to end very punctually as you have Herr Genscher immediately after.

CDP

Charles Powell

28 November 1989

c: Seymour (MJ)

He may also mention the  
award of a Gold Medal  
to you: & invite you to  
speak in New York. The latter  
would be difficult next year at least.  
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28 November 1989

Dear Charles,

Call on the Prime Minister by Mr Seymour Reich,  
President of B'nai B'rith International: 29 November

Mr Seymour Reich, President of B'nai B'rith International and Chairman of the Conference of Presidents of leading American Jewish organisations is calling on the Prime Minister at 4.30pm on Wednesday 29 November. He will be accompanied for an initial photocall by:

- Mr Dan Mariaschin, Director of Public Affairs, B'nai B'rith International;
- Mr Malcolm Hoenlein, Executive Director, Conference of Presidents of American Jewish Organisations
- Mr Stewart Cohen, President of B'nai B'rith (UK)
- Mr Mark Marcus, Executive Director, B'nai B'rith (UK).
- Mr John Rifkin, Photographer.

Mr Reich ranks among the most senior representatives of the US Jewish lobby. I enclose his C.V. He is in London following a visit to Israel where he saw Shamir, Arens, Rabin and Perez.

B'nai B'rith (the sons of the Covenant), was founded in the United States in 1843 and is the oldest Jewish fraternal organisation. It operates worldwide and has a membership of 500,000 in 45 countries including the UK. It has many charitable activities, including housing for the elderly and student welfare. It also runs in the US an anti-defamation league established in 1913.

Mr Reich has expressed interest in discussing the Middle East Peace Process and Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union with the Prime Minister.

On the first subject, Israel claims to have accepted the idea of Israeli/Palestinian talks in Cairo, subject to US assurances that they will not be required to talk

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to anyone linked with or nominated by the PLO, and that discussion will be solely about Shamir's election plan. In talks with President Bush and Secretary Baker in Washington on 15 November, Shamir was told that the US would consider these Israeli points, but would not give "assurances" which amounted to a re-negotiation of the spirit of the US five points (see Washington telno 2820 enclosed). Elsewhere in his visit, Shamir was coolly received by US Jewry.

The Americans are now awaiting the Egyptian response on the points, which will need to reflect PLO views. We have been encouraging the PLO not to reject the points, so as to keep the pressure on Israel. The Americans are looking to convene a Baker/Arens/Abdul Magid meeting in Washington which will be followed by Israeli/Palestinian talks in Cairo.

When he saw the EC Troika foreign ministers in Paris on 21 November, Shamir was typically rigid, admitting differences with the US on "land for peace", but maintaining that these would not prevent progress. He last visited Britain on 21 - 24 May.

The Prime Minister might say:

- Britain committed to Israel's security. Fundamental principle of any settlement.
- In Israel's own interests to seize present opportunity. Negotiated settlement only answer: security cannot be bought with superior firepower.
- Recognise merits of Israeli elections. But needs grounding unequivocally in process leading to exchange of land for peace. Palestinians entitled to know where they're heading.
- Long term peace unobtainable without PLO involvement. Cannot be bypassed.
- Cairo talks: Palestinian delegation must involve representatives from inside and outside Occupied Territories. Israel cannot pick both teams.
- Concerned to see momentum sustained. Hope Israeli Government can develop its own plan flexibly. Important role for Jewish diaspora in urging them to do so.
- Israeli conduct in the Occupied Territories impossible to defend. Extension of settlements;



excessive violence; discrimination.

There is no need for the Prime Minister to raise Jewish Emigration from the Soviet Union, nor to make any points. As background, Jewish emigration is now running at unprecedented levels: the monthly figure in October this year (9,450) was the highest ever; the figure for the months January to October (51,417) is already higher than the 1979 peak annual figure (51,303) and well over double the 1988 (18,961). The final figure for this year is likely to be over 70,000.

But many long-term refuseniks continue to be denied permission to leave either because of the applicants alleged access to secrets in the past, or because relatives have not given the necessary financial waiver. (The latter are known as "poor relative cases".) Although in the last year 80% of long-term refusenik cases which HMG have raised with the Soviet authorities have been satisfactorily resolved, we continue to receive public and parliamentary representations about a range of new cases.

The new draft emigration law (which would, Mr Gorbachev told the Prime Minister in September, create an entirely different situation) has recently had its first reading in the Supreme Soviet. But it still remains unpublished and unavailable: initial indications suggest that it will broadly meet Western concerns. It is likely to become law by the end of this year. The Americans have recently introduced restrictions on the number of Soviet Jews they are willing to accept (an annual quota of 50,000) and Israel is unlikely to be able to absorb the excess. The UK may therefore come under public pressure to take some at least of the overspill. (Some forecasts place next year's emigration figures between 100-500 thousand.)

#### Presidential Gold Medal

B'Nai B'Rith wanted to present this medal at a special dinner on 29 November, which the Prime Minister was unable to attend. Previous recipients have included Presidents Truman and Eisenhower and Chancellor Brandt. B'Nai B'Rith would probably prefer to present the medal at a special occasion but, if the subject is raised by Mr Reich, the Embassy in Washington see no reason why the Prime Minister should decline to accept the medal.



Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organisations

Mr Reich may invite the Prime Minister to address this Conference in New York at some future date. Again, the Embassy in Washington would see no objection to this in principle. The Conference would be an excellent platform to put across UK views on Arab-Israel and the Peace process to senior representatives of the US Jewish Community. However, given the uncertainties of the Prime Minister's future travel plans, and the long list of outstanding invitations to her from organisations in New York, she may not wish to raise Mr Reich's hopes too much.

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

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SEYMOUR D. REICH

Seymour Reich, long an activist and leader in B'nai B'rith, is an attorney with a passion for justice that extends far beyond the letter of the law. A senior partner in the New York law firm of Dreyer & Traub, he was elected International President of the world's largest Jewish organization in August 1986, and reelected in September 1988. In January 1989, at the age of 55, Mr. Reich was elected Chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, perhaps the most prominent position a representative of U.S. Jewry can attain.

Seymour Reich has an outstanding record of commitment to human rights causes. He has been in the forefront of the effort to aid Soviet Jews, and his special interest in this issue has led him to many capitals, where he has called upon heads of state to intercede with the Soviets on behalf of "Prisoners of Conscience." In the fall of 1986, he flew to Iceland at the time of the Reagan-Gorbachev summit meeting, to dramatize the necessity for including the question of human rights on the summit agenda. In the winter of 1988, he journeyed to Moscow, meeting with Soviet authorities to press not only for increased emigration but also for cultural and religious freedoms for Soviet Jews remaining in the USSR; during this historic trip the first B'nai B'rith unit was formed in Moscow.

In the international political arena, Mr. Reich has made a major impact, meeting with such heads of state and world leaders as President Mitterand, Prime Minister Thatcher and, of course, Prime Minister Shamir and Foreign Minister Peres of Israel. He was one of nine Jewish leaders invited to the Vatican for an historic meeting with Pope John Paul II on Jewish-Catholic relations. In addition to his travels in Europe, South America and the Middle East, he has criss-crossed the United States, appearing as a keynote speaker at B'nai B'rith and numerous other organizational meetings and special events.

One of the youngest men ever elected International President of B'nai B'rith, Seymour Reich has been active in numerous Jewish organizations since his early twenties. For many years he was involved in the leadership of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. He has also served on the National Conference on Soviet Jewry and the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council.

A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, Mr. Reich received his law degree from Harvard University. He and his wife, Helyn, live in Great Neck, New York. They have three grown children, two daughters (one of whom lives in Israel) and a son.

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MIPT: US FIVE POINTS

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF THE US QUOTE FIVE POINTS UNQUOTE,  
HANDED TO MR WALDEGRAVE TODAY:
- 1) THE UNITED STATES UNDERSTANDS THAT BECAUSE EGYPT AND ISRAEL HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD ON THE PEACE PROCESS, THERE IS AGREEMENT THAT AN ISRAELI DELEGATION SHOULD CONDUCT A DIALOGUE WITH A PALESTINIAN DELEGATION IN CAIRO.
  - 2) THE UNITED STATES UNDERSTANDS THAT EGYPT CANNOT SUBSTITUTE ITSELF FOR THE PALESTINIANS AND EGYPT WILL CONSULT WITH PALESTINIANS ON ALL ASPECTS OF THAT DIALOGUE. EGYPT WILL ALSO CONSULT WITH ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES.
  - 3) THE UNITED STATES UNDERSTANDS THAT ISRAEL WILL ATTEND THE DIALOGUE ONLY AFTER A SATISFACTORY LIST OF PALESTINIANS HAS BEEN WORKED OUT. ISRAEL WILL ALSO CONSULT WITH EGYPT AND THE UNITED STATES.
  - 4) THE UNITED STATES UNDERSTANDS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL WILL COME TO THE DIALOGUE ON THE BASIS OF THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT'S MAY 14 INITIATIVE. THE UNITED STATES FURTHER UNDERSTANDS THAT PALESTINIANS WILL COME TO THE DIALOGUE PREPARED TO DISCUSS ELECTIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ISRAEL'S INITIATIVE. THE US UNDERSTANDS, THEREFORE, THAT PALESTINIANS WOULD BE FREE TO RAISE ISSUES THAT RELATE TO THEIR OPINIONS ON HOW TO MAKE ELECTIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS SUCCEED.
  - 5) IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THIS PROCESS, THE US PROPOSES THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF ISRAEL, EGYPT, AND THE US MEET IN WASHINGTON WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

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MR. POWELL

Yes an

Mr. Seymour Reich

Please see the attached file  
and Mr. Seymour Reich's proposed call  
on the PM on 29 November at 1630 hours.

Washington have heard that  
Mr. Reich would like to bring some 6 or 7  
people with him from B'nai B'rith International  
plus possible some UK members.

North American Department are asking  
if these extra people could just come  
in to No. for a few moments to meet the  
PM plus a photocall and then leave.  
The meeting with Mr. Reich would then continue.

Agree?

Sue

27 October 1989

charles Lonsdale on 270 2662

Spoke to Mr Lonsdale N.American Dept  
FCO today and said CDP agreed with above  
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15 September 1989

Dear Lord.

PRESIDENT OF B'NAI B'RITH INTERNATIONAL

Thank you for your letter of 14 September about the visit of the President of B'nai B'rith International. As Amanda Ponsonby has told you, we have provisionally put him in the diary for 16.30 on 29 November. We shall not be able to confirm this date until we have a firm idea of when the State Opening will be.

CHARLES POWELL

Richard Gozney, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Charles

Difficult to agree anything until we know about State Opening and UN visit but I think I prefer 28/29 Nov.

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[1630 - 29 Nov]

told Richard  
but will confirm when we

[know s.o. dates]

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

14 September 1989

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What do you think?  
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Dear Charles,

President of B'nai B'rith International

I wrote <sup>at 11.00</sup> to you on 31 July about a request for a call on the Prime Minister in mid-August by Seymour Reich, President of B'nai B'rith International and Chairman of the Conference of Presidents of leading American Jewish organisations. In her reply of 9 August, Caroline Slocock confirmed that the Prime Minister would be happy to see Reich at a later date.

B'nai B'rith have now asked about a call on 21 or 22 November before a visit to Israel; or on 28 or 29 November, immediately afterwards. We would recommend a brief call on either 28 or 29 November if possible. Reich is expecting to meet Shamir and Arens during his visit to Israel. A call on the way back would be of greater interest.

B'nai B'rith International have not said whether Reich wishes to call on the Prime Minister accompanied by leading members of the British Jewish community. But, on the assumption that the proposed call takes the same form as that agreed earlier, we can expect him to do so.

Yours ever,  
Richard Gozney

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PRIME MINISTER:  
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From the Private Secretary

9 August 1989

Dear Richard,

PRESIDENT OF B'NAI B'RITH INTERNATIONAL

You wrote to Charles Powell on 31 July about a request from Mr. Seymour Reich, President of B'nai B'rith International and Chairman of the Conference of Presidents of leading American Jewish Organisations, to see the Prime Minister to discuss current Middle East issues.

The Prime Minister would be happy to do this in principle although she has seen a great many different representatives of Jewry recently. However, the diary is very full and we shall have to be in touch to see whether it is possible to find a suitable slot.

Yours sincerely  
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Prime Minister

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Dear Charles, cannot go on being so many difficult  
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Agree in principle to see him?

President of B'nai B'rith International

The Embassy in Washington have received a request for a call on the Prime Minister from Mr Seymour Reich, President of B'nai B'rith International and Chairman of the Conference of Presidents of leading American Jewish Organisations.

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By virtue of his office, Reich is the senior spokesman for the mainstream American Jewish Community. He wishes to thank the Prime Minister for her strong long-standing commitment to helping Soviet Jewry, and to discuss current Middle East issues.

The Embassy in Washington support this request. They believe that a call by Reich would provide a good opportunity for us to put across our policies at the highest level of the American Jewish Community. The Prime Minister has seen several past chairmen of B'nai B'rith; and since his election to the post in January, Reich has been received in Paris by President Mitterrand and in Bonn by Chancellor Kohl and President Weizsacker.

Mr Reich is visiting Europe in August. The Embassy have explained the difficulties of arranging appointments in August. Reich quite understands and has said that he could make a special trip later in the year. The Embassy have suggested that, if the Prime Minister planned to meet with leaders of the British Jewish Community in the next few months, Reich might be invited to join such a call. (He has told the Embassy that he would like to be accompanied by leading members of the British Jewish Community on any call he might make).

If the Prime Minister were prepared to take this on later in the year, we could ask the Embassy to convey to Reich her agreement in principle. If she agrees to see Reich, we would also think it right for her to look favourably on a future request for a call by a representative of the liberal US Jewish Community such as Edgar Bronfman of the World Jewish Congress. However, we can perhaps cross that bridge when we come to it.

Yours ever,

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