

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 24, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR:

L. Paul Bremer III
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Visit of UK Prime Minister Thatcher - Meeting
With the President, February 26

Following is the approved composition for the organization of
the President's meetings with Prime Minister Thatcher:

USUKMeeting Number 1 (private):

The President

Prime Minister Thatcher

Meeting Number 2 (restricted):

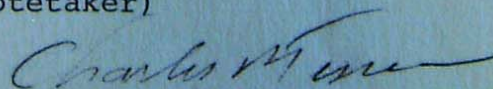
The President
Alexander M. Haig, Jr., Secretary
of State

Prime Minister Thatcher
Foreign Secretary Carrington

Meeting Number 3 (expanded):

The President
The Vice President
Alexander M. Haig, Jr., Secretary
of State
Edwin Meese III, Counsellor to the
President
James A. Baker III, Chief of Staff
to the President
Michael K. Deaver, Deputy Chief of
Staff to the President
Richard V. Allen, Assistant to the
President for National Security
Affairs
Walter J. Stoessel, Jr. Under
Secretary of State for Political
Affairs
Ambassador Lawrence S. Eagleburger
Chargé d'Affaires Edward Streator, Jr.
US Embassy London
James Rentschler, NSC Staff (Notetaker)

Prime Minister Thatcher
Foreign Secretary Carrington
Ambassador Henderson
Secretary to the Cabinet
Armstrong
3 additional members of US
official party as selected
by the UK



Charles P. Tyson

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

February 23, 1981

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR: RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: CHARLES P. TYSON

SUBJECT: Thatcher Visit: Composition of meetings

State's memo at Tab A conveys Mrs. Thatcher's desiderata for her substantive meetings with the President so far as the participants are concerned. These constitute something of a departure from traditional practice since she is requesting, in effect, three meetings: 1) a one-on-one with the President, followed by 2) a "restricted" meeting (two on two), followed by 3) the expanded meeting with larger numbers of senior officials on both sides. The formula Mrs. Thatcher recommends - and I gather from State that she feels strongly about it - could be a bit cumbersome but do-able.

The NSC staff has reviewed the lists of participants and would amend them slightly (mainly to ensure that the triumvirate is included - also an NSC notetaker - at least for the expanded meeting), so that the line-up would look like this:

Meeting Number 1 (private):

U.S.: the President

U.K.: Prime Minister Thatcher

Meeting Number 2 (restricted)U.S.: The President, Secretary Haig,
~~Dick Allen; NSC Notetaker~~U.K.: The Prime Minister, Foreign
Secretary CarringtonMeeting Number 3 (expanded)U.S.

The President
The Vice President
Secretary Haig
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver
Dick Allen
Under Secretary Stoessel
Ambassador Eagleburger
Charge Streator
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These meetings would be serial, i.e., one after the other with no interlude in between.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you approve Mrs. Thatcher's requested formula for her meetings with the President and the participants for each.

APPROVE AS IS _____ AS AMENDED _____

The British Embassy advised us February 18 that Prime Minister Thatcher has now suggested that she meet, alone with the President at the start of their meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 19.

The Prime Minister also states that her preference would be for this private meeting to be followed by a meeting in which she and the President would be joined by their respective Secretaries of State.

Mrs. Thatcher would also wish to have a general meeting, as recommended in her memorandum of February 18 (copy attached).

We recommend concurrence in the Prime Minister's suggestion for three meetings, as follows:

Private Meetings:

US

The President

UK

The Prime Minister

Restricted Meetings:

US

The President
Secretary of State

UK

The Prime Minister
Foreign Secretary Carington

For the general meetings:

US

The President
The Vice President

UK

The Prime Minister
Foreign Secretary Carington
Secretary of the Cabinet
Attorney General

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Advisor Allen
Under Secretary of State
Ambassador Gorbunov
Chase Streeter

U.S. Ambassador to the UK
U.S. Ambassador to the UK
U.S. Ambassador to the UK

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Washington, D.C. 20520

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February 21, 1981

Please advise the Department of State of any preferences on participation in these meetings so that we may inform the British Embassy.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. RICHARD V. ALLEN
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Visit of UK Prime Minister Thatcher - Meeting
with the President

The British Embassy advised us February 19 that Prime Minister Thatcher has now suggested that she meet alone with the President at the start of their meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 26.

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Mrs. Thatcher would then wish to have a general meeting, as recommended in our memorandum of February 19 (copy attached).

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Please advise the Department of the White House's preferences on participation in these meetings so that we may inform the British Embassy.

L. Paul Bremer III
Executive Secretary

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