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TO: The Secretary

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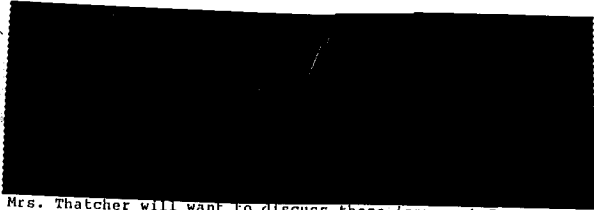
SUBJECT: Your Meeting with UK Foreign Secre...
Wednesday, November 5, 11:30 a.m.

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I. ARMS CONTROL/U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS

- o UK has been most supportive of Allies in public on Reykjavik.

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- o Mrs. Thatcher will want to discuss these issues at Camp David with President.

- o She will be most interested in approach Shevardnadze takes with you at Vienna on next steps.

o Points to Make

- How has Reykjavik affected political climate in UK?
- Is distinction between unilateral give-away and negotiated, verifiable agreement binding both sides as blurred in UK as some allege [redacted]

- Shevardnadze meeting will, we hope, clarify Soviet positions on possibilities for productive negotiations from Reykjavik base.

- Looking forward to good exchange on arms control/Reykjavik with Mrs. Thatcher on November 14 and 15.

- Understand UK concerns as conveyed by Ambassador Acland.

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- Important that we stay together on this issue.
- Agree with Mrs. Thatcher on desirability of discussions in a restricted and informal setting on implications of Reykjavik and strategy for where we go from here.
- If second phase of 10-year reductions program is to take place, effective forum for talks with East on conventional force reductions needs to be found.

II. THATCHER VISIT

- o Mrs. Thatcher's overriding focus will be British public's perception of her performance at Camp David.
- o Our interest is in assuring that the results of the meeting support a staunch friend and ally of the U.S.
- o The visit should also provide a good opportunity to clarify for the public in the UK and elsewhere those security issues which may have been blurred in the aftermath of Reykjavik.

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- o We do not know whether Mrs. Thatcher wishes to have an agreed statement made at the conclusion of the visit.

- o If she does have something in mind, we need to begin work on it early in order to produce a statement consistent with both U.S. policy and positions at Reykjavik and affirmations of the validity of current nuclear policy of importance to her.

o Points to Make

- Understand that Mrs. Thatcher wishes to concentrate at Camp David primarily on arms control issues, and to lesser extent on Middle Eastern terrorism and South Africa.
- This agrees with our present thinking and should produce a very good exchange.

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- Clear that continuing educational/informational effort will be necessary on both our parts as we deal with the possibilities opened by Reykjavik.
- We need to work prior to visit on assuring that it has a properly positive public outcome.
- To do so we will need to know as far in advance as possible Mrs. Thatcher's thoughts about a public statement and what she might wish to include in one.

III. SYRIA AND RESPONSE TO TERRORISM

- o British response to Syria on Hindawi case was welcome and much stronger than anticipated but is limited to this specific case.
- o We have agreed to follow the UK lead.
- o UK has so far not been too successful in securing EC backing for steps against Syria [REDACTED]
- o UK will try again at meeting of EC foreign ministers on November 10 to rally support for its position.
- o In any event, U.S. opportunities for further peaceful steps against Syria are limited.
- o Point to Make
 - We will continue to work closely with you on measures to demonstrate to Syria the costs of sponsoring terrorism.

IV. UK-ARGENTINE RELATIONS

- o [REDACTED] establishment of Falkland Islands interim conservation and management zone to regulate fishing. Enforcement will begin February 1, 1987.
- o [REDACTED]
- o Timing related to preparations for opening of squid fishing season in February.

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- o Argentina regards UK action as provocative but GOA spokesman has said protest would be pacific.

- o Points to Make

- Concerned about implications of your declaration of Falklands fishing zone for UK-Argentine relations and for fledgling democratic government.

- [REDACTED]

- Urge patience and renewed efforts to defuse issue.

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V. CONVENTIONAL ARMS CONTROL IN EUROPE

- o [REDACTED]

- o Vienna CSCE meeting would mandate next CDE stage involving two parts:

- A) a CSBMs conference at 35 and

- B) an alliance-to-alliance reduction negotiation in same city but physically separated.

- o Procedures for latter conference decided by participants; both conferences report to next CSCE meeting.

- o Points to Make

- Interested to hear what reaction Germans (and French) have had to your compromise proposal.

- I will be in Paris to discuss issue on November 7.

VI. PARTICIPANTS

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