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January 31, 1985

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MEMORANDUM FOR MICHAEL K. DEEVER

FROM: ROBERT C. MCFARLANE *Recd.*
SUBJECT: Mrs. Thatcher's Visit

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2. File Thatcher Visit

Our views on Ambassador Wright's proposal to invite the President and Mrs. Reagan to a dinner marking the bicentennial of the establishment of the US-UK diplomatic relations remain essentially the same as conveyed in our earlier memo. To reiterate, in view of the President's close personal relationship with Mrs. Thatcher this sounds like the sort of event that the President and Mrs. Reagan would like to attend. Their attendance would also send a highly positive signal about U.S.-British relations.

Like you, we are concerned about the precedential implications of an acceptance. However, in light of the President's relationship with Mrs. Thatcher and the special character of the dinner, we recommend that the President and Mrs. Reagan accept Ambassador Wright's invitation. We can use the special character of the bicentennial event to fend off other requests to make exceptions to our standard policy on dinner and breakfast. If the President and Mrs. Reagan accept the invitation, I strongly recommend that we not let it become known publicly until after King Fahd's visit. This may pose a slight problem for Wright since he hopes to include the President's attendance in his invitation. I am confident that he will agree to cooperate. Please let me know if I can help in any way.

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PROPOSED PARTICIPANTS

BRIEFING OF THE PRESIDENT BY THE SECRETARY
FEBRUARY 20, 1985, 11:30 A.M.

Department of State Participants

The Secretary of State
United States Ambassador to the United Kingdom
Charles H. Price, II
Assistant Secretary of State for European and Canadian
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WORKING LUNCH FOR PRIME MINISTER THATCHER
FEBRUARY 20, 1985, 12:15 A.M.

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By DBS 2/1/85

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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ACTION

January 29, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: PETER R. SOMMER *PR*

SUBJECT: Mrs. Thatcher's Visit

Mrs. Thatcher's schedule for her February 20 visit to Washington is nearly in place. She will be addressing a Joint Session of Congress; therefore, her meeting with the President will not start until 12 noon, and we will reverse the normal order and have lunch first followed by the meeting, or seminar. There will also be a brief tete-a-tete in the Oval Office just prior to lunch.

From the British perspective the major outstanding question is whether the President and Mrs. Reagan will attend the Ambassador's dinner commemorating the 200th anniversary of US-UK diplomatic relations. The Reagans and Thatchers would be the guests of honor. Wright wrote you about this and other aspects of the visit in early January; in our reply (which went out under Bob's signature because you were in Europe), we promised to help sort out the schedule. We also told Wright to feel free to contact Mike Deaver directly, especially about the dinner.

Wright discussed the dinner with Deaver and he has now written making a formal proposal (Tab A). Bob has been in close touch with Deaver's office all along; and they have asked for our views on the invitation.

In a memo that John signed in your absence we informed Deaver that this sounded like the sort of event the President would like to attend (Tab II).

For your information, Mrs. Thatcher is now staying a second day in Washington and she has asked for a roundtable discussion of economic issues with Cabinet members. State is sorting out who would chair: Shultz or Regan/Baker.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the Tab I memo to Deaver reiterating the above view, while also underlining the precedential nature of the President's acceptance.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

MR
Bill Martin concurs

Attachments

- Tab I Memo to Deaver
- Tab A Wright's Letter to Deaver
- Tab II Earlier Memo to Deaver

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MEMORANDUM FOR MICHAEL K. DEEVER

FROM: ROBERT C. MCFARLANE *JM*

SUBJECT: Mrs. Thatcher's February Visit

We need to sort out the details of Mrs. Thatcher's February 20 visit to Washington.

She wants to address a joint session of Congress before coming to the White House to meet with the President. Steps are underway to arrange for her to address Congress. Speaker O'Neill's office has indicated that Congress will likely agree and that Mrs. Thatcher could probably address Congress at 11:00 a.m. on February 20.

This will require some modifications in our normal meeting times. Furthermore, Mrs. Thatcher always asks for at least a brief private meeting with the President (see Wright's letter). George Shultz had previously spoken to Mrs. Thatcher about a "seminar" type discussion. This is more or less what we did at Camp David.

Against this background, we propose the following White House schedule for February 20:

11:30 a.m. - 12 noon	Prebrief
12 noon - 12:15 p.m.	Private meeting in Oval Office
12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.	Working luncheon
1:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Seminar in Cabinet Room
2:30 p.m. - 2:40 p.m.	Departure statements

1985 marks the 200th anniversary of the establishment of US-UK diplomatic relations. We plan to include a reference to this in the President's departure remarks. Ambassador Wright also wishes to host a dinner in the President's and Mrs. Thatcher's honor marking the bicentennial anniversary. In view of the President's close personal relationship with Mrs. Thatcher, this sounds like the sort of event that the President would like to attend.

Please let me know your reaction to our schedule suggestion including the possibility of the President attending Ambassador Wright's dinner.

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January 29, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

FROM: PETER R. SOMMEY *Peter*

SUBJECT: Mrs. Thatcher's February Visit

Now that we have hopefully put the White House schedule to bed, I would like to nail down the participants list for Mrs. Thatcher's visit.

My recommended list is based on who Mrs. Thatcher plans to bring, along with an effort to try to fudge the seminar question. There is one; and there is not one. We have one hour and fifteen minutes, which is fine; but it is not the originally envisaged seminar.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That you sign the Tab I memo to Mike Deaver.
 Approve Disapprove
 2. That you authorize Bob Kimmitt to sign the Tab II memo forwarding the participants list to State and Defense.
 Approve Disapprove
- Jim Ron WSK*
 Jack Matlock, Ron Lehman, and Bill Martin concur.

Attachments

Tab I Memo to Deaver
 Tab II Memo to State and Defense

Peter:

Sent memos
 as is, but be
 sure Don is
 included in final
 lists. Bob 1/31
 cc. Bill Martin

*Add Don
 to all*

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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January 9, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT

FROM: PETER R. SOMMER *PRS*

SUBJECT: Mrs. Thatcher's February Visit

Now that the Thatcher visit is officially on the President's schedule for February 20, we need to nail down some of the loose ends outlined in my earlier memo (Tab III). Ambassador Wright's letter to Bud (Tab A) amplifies the three outstanding questions:

- Address to Joint Session of Congress
- Timing and format for "seminar" meeting with President
- Possible Presidential participation at dinner on the evening of February 20, hosted by Wright, commemorating the 200th anniversary of the establishment of US-UK diplomatic relations.

Joint Session:

We are underway on getting Speaker O'Neill's agreement for Mrs. Thatcher to address a joint session. Wright has sent the requesting letter. Once I receive a copy of it, I will be sending over a package with the Presidential endorsement letter. Both State Protocol and the British tell me that she should be able to address Congress at 11:00 a.m. (B also thinks it could be arranged to start at 11.)

Timing and Format:

If she addresses Congress at 11, we can start at the White House at 12 noon (based on Protocol's analysis of how past joint sessions have gone, a 12 noon starting time at the White House is highly feasible). The British are pushing for both additional time with the President because of the seminar and a private session. There follows my compromise suggestion:

11:30 a.m. - 12 noon	Prebrief
12 noon - 12:15 p.m.	Private meeting in Oval Office
12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.	Working lunch
1:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Seminar in Cabinet Room
2:30 p.m. - 2:40 p.m.	Departure statements (to include remarks on bicentennial of diplomatic relations)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~Dinner

My feeling is that Deaver would be inclined to accept the dinner invitation. Wright plans on making the dinner in the President's and Mrs. Thatcher's honor. There is apparently nothing currently on the President's evening schedule for February 20.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That you sign the Tab I reply to Ambassador Wright:
 Approve _____ Disapprove _____
2. That you sign the Tab II memo (for Bud) to Deaver:
 Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachments

Tab I Reply to Wright
 Tab II Memo to Deaver
 Tab A Wright's Incoming
 Tab III My Earlier Memo

cc: Jack Matlock
 Bill Martineau

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20508

Dear Ambassador Wright:

With Bud in Europe, he asked me to reply to your letter concerning the administrative arrangements for Prime Minister Thatcher's upcoming visit.

We are currently addressing the three questions you have raised. We understand you have written to Speaker O'Neill formally requesting that Mrs. Thatcher address a joint session of Congress. The President will also be writing the Speaker endorsing your request.

We are working with Mike Deaver on the timing and format for the White House session and on the possibility of the President attending your dinner on February 20th. You will be hearing back from us, shortly, with information on the details we have worked out. Please, however, feel free to mention your desires directly to Mike, especially your interest in hosting a dinner in the President's and Prime Minister Thatcher's honor to mark the bicentennial of US-UK diplomatic relations.

Thank you for outlining so precisely the Prime Minister's wishes. It is a big help.

Sincerely,

Bob Kimmitt
Robert M. Kimmitt
Executive Secretary

Ambassador Oliver Wright
British Embassy
Washington, D.C. 20008

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January 2, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: PETER R. SOMMER *Peter*

SUBJECT: Mrs. Thatcher's February Visit

Thatcher visit

I am working separately with Bob Kimmitt on nailing down formally February 20th as the date for Mrs. Thatcher's next visit.

There are a number of related questions that must be resolved soon. The first is format. Secretary Shultz had earlier spoken to Mrs. Thatcher about a seminar. I believe he had in mind the university type seminar that Mrs. Thatcher occasionally holds at Chequers. Given that we have already been to Camp David and other demands on the President's schedule, I suspect that you will want to hold the seminar here at the White House. It generally has been referred to as a "arms control seminar" but I believe we should broaden it to call it "A Seminar on East/West Relations and Arms Control."

As to timing, we normally have, as you know, [STRATEGIC STABILITY] from 11:00 a.m. to 1:40 p.m. for working visits. I need guidance on whether we intend to seek additional time on the President's calendar. Given that he has just met with Mrs. Thatcher, I see no pressing need to seek more time.

Furthermore, we may have to seek modifications in the times normally allocated for such visits. As you know, Mrs. Thatcher has expressed an interest in addressing a Joint Session of Congress. I have received conflicting information on when such a session normally begins, but it may be that we will have to begin the White House meeting with a working lunch to be followed by the normal discussion meeting.

Concerning the Joint Session, I have spoken to both B. Oglesby and State. B. has spoken to the Speaker's office, who would first like an official request from the British Embassy. After the British have made their request, we will follow it up with a Presidential endorsement. Since the British first raised this with the Vice President, Don Gregg has asked, and I have agreed that he could inform the Embassy of the need for a letter from Wright to the Speaker.

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Ambassador Wright has also expressed interest in the President attending a dinner on the evening of February 20th that he will host commemorating the 200th anniversary of the establishment of U.S.-U.K. diplomatic relations. Mrs. Thatcher plans to attend the commemorative dinner. The British Embassy told me Wright planned to write Deaver about the dinner invitation. I told the Embassy, Wright should write you.

RECOMMENDATION:

At this time, I need your guidance on the format and timing for the seminar.

Hold meeting to normal length of approximately two hours and forty minutes (including pre-brief)

Seek additional time

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CC: Jack Matlock
Ron Lehman
Chris Lehman

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Department of State
By 610 2/15/68

Thatcher Visit

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TO: MR. TUCKER
FROM: MR. KELLY

INFO: MR. WENICK
MR. JANNING

EUR/NE: J. WACHOB
S/S:

URGENT LONDON

President

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SUBJECT: ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICIAL WORKING VISIT OF
PRIME MINISTER THATCHER FEBRUARY 20, 1985

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1. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT

2. THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO INFORM HMG THAT ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, AT NOON, THE WHITE HOUSE ^{would like} TO ANNOUNCE THE FEBRUARY 20 OFFICIAL WORKING VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER THATCHER TO WASHINGTON. THE WHITE HOUSE HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO A SIMULTANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENT BY HMG. PLEASE ADVISE REGARDING HMG PLANS. TEXT OF WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT FOLLOWS.

3. BEGIN TEXT OF ANNOUNCEMENT

THE PRESIDENT HAS INVITED ^{make an official working visit to the} BRITISH PRIME MINISTER MARGARET THATCHER TO WASHINGTON, ^{United States} FOR AN OFFICIAL WORKING VISIT. PRIME MINISTER THATCHER HAS ACCEPTED THE INVITATION AND WILL MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT AT THE WHITE HOUSE ON FEBRUARY 20, 1985.

END TEXT OF ANNOUNCEMENT VV

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*THATCHER VISIT*ACTION

January 10, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: PETER R. SOMMER *PRS*SUBJECT: Presidential Letter to Speaker O'Neill
Endorsing Mrs. Thatcher's Desire to
Address Congress

As we worked out via B. Oglesby, Ambassador Wright has now written Speaker O'Neill formally asking if Mrs. Thatcher could address a joint session of Congress at 11:00 a.m. on February 20 (Tab II).

We promised to follow-up Wright's letter immediately with a Presidential endorsement letter.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the Tab I memo (B. has already signed it), forwarding the endorsement letter for Presidential signature.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

PRS

Chris Lehman concurs

Attachments

Tab I Memo to President
Tab A Presidential Letter to Speaker O'Neill
Tab II Wright's Letter to Speaker O'Neill

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ROBERT C. McFARLANE/M. B. OGLESBY, JR. *RO*

SUBJECT: Presidential Letter to Speaker O'Neill
Endorsing Mrs. Thatcher's Desire to Address
Congress

You will recall that we learned during Mrs. Thatcher's recent visit that she hopes to address a joint session of Congress when she returns to Washington in February.

We have been working to facilitate her request. The first step was for the British to make a formal request, which Ambassador Wright has done in a letter to Speaker O'Neill. The next step is for you to endorse the British request.

We have has prepared an endorsement letter in coordination with State.

RecommendationOKNo

_____ _____
That you sign your Tab A endorsement
letter to Speaker O'Neill.

Attachment:

Tab A Presidential Endorsement Letter

Prepared by:
Peter R. Sommer



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Date 7 January 1985

Dear Peter,

*Meet
Thatcher Visit*

As agreed between David Hannay and Don Gregg, and between you and me this morning, I enclose copies of the letters which my Ambassador has today sent to the Vice President and the Speaker about the proposed address by Mrs Thatcher to a joint session of the two Houses of Congress.

We are most grateful for your agreement, in accordance with the advice we have received from the Speaker's office, to arrange for the President to write to the Speaker to confirm his support for our proposal without waiting for a formal enquiry from the Speaker.

Yours sincerely,

J O Kerr

J O Kerr
Head of Chancery

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