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Mr. McCaffrey suggested that I might write to
Mrs Thatcher on Cosgrave's article in this week's
Spectator and I have dictated the attached note. I have
deliberately kept the area narrow and have not gone into
questions raised in the latter part of the article. As
this is to a large extent a matter concerning the staff,
I would like your reactions to my proposed letter and also
I would be glad if you would apply your skill of draftsmanship to its contents.

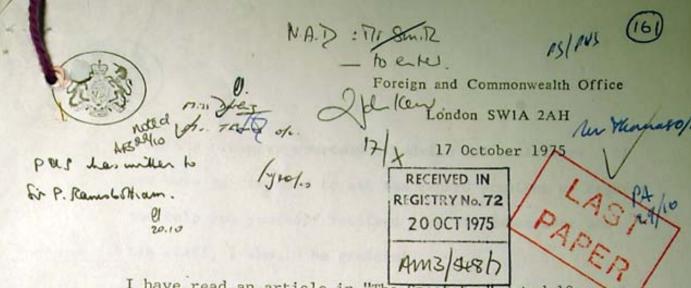
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(JAMES CALLAGHAN) 17 October 1975

I submit a redress which I have bliscassed with the Types.

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altached . I have read an article in "The Spectator" dated 18

October on page 492 which says that it is clear that the Foreign Office and particularly the British Embassy in Washington did nothing whatever to extend even the ordinary courtesy of advice and assistance to you during your recent visit to the United States.

I find it difficult to believe this. It has always been customary for our Embassies to give advice and assistance to the Leader of the Opposition on the occasion of visits such as the one you made to the United States.

A member of your staff telephoned to the North American Department of this Office after your return to express appreciation of the help that had been given to you.

So I am writing to enquire whether you have any complaints to make about lack of courtesy or advice or assistance, and if so I should be ready to look into them closely and to let you know the result. If not, I should appreciate your letting the Editor of "The Spectator" know that you regard as unfounded his statement that you had received less

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than the ordinary courtesy of advice and assistance. If you were so disposed to set the record straight as regards the help you yourself received from the Ambassador and his staff, I should be grateful.

I receive many expressions of appreciation from members on all sides of the House of the help that is given to them by our Embassies when they are abroad: and it would certainly be contrary to my desire if such help was not willingly and freely given.

(JAMES CALLAGHAN)