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From the Private Secretary

28 July 1982

Prime Minister's Visit to the Far East

I can now confirm that the Prime Minister is content with the proposed programme for Hong Kong (John Holmes' letter of 25 June refers).

Following her discussion with Sir Percy Cradock today, the Prime Minister is also content with the proposed programme for China (John Holmes' letter of 24 June) subject to the following points:-

- (a) As you know the Prime Minister attaches importance to seeing Vice Chairman Deng Xiaoping twice during her visit.
- (b) She will be glad to visit the Peking Cancer Research Institute.
- (c) She will be happy to visit (but not to open) the British Council's Book Exhibition.
- (d) She would like to visit the Summer Palace in Peking and the Peking Conservatoire and also to see some Chinese painting in Peking.
- (e) She would like to attend a cultural performance in Shanghai.

On the other hand the Prime Minister does not wish to lay a wreath in Tiananmen Square. She also hopes that she will not have to visit the same rural commune as she did on the occasion of her last visit (your files will doubtless show which that commune was).

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A number of points arose about the banquet which the Prime Minister will be hosting. Mrs. Thatcher would like to do everything possible to make this a rather special occasion. To that end, we shall be investigating whether we can take out silver centrepieces for the tables, together with silver candlesticks and perhaps other pieces of silver. Sir Percy Cradock will also be considering whether any other special arrangements can be made. The Prime Minister would like to invite to the banquet any British industrialists who may happen to be in Peking at the time of her visit - and would not mind it being suggested to certain industrialists that if they wishes to time a business visit to China appropriately, they could be invited to the banquet.

I shall be writing separately about gifts.

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Prime Minister's visit to the Far East: composition of party

As you know, the Prime Minister will be accompanied by Mr. Thatcher throughout her visit. Mrs. Thatcher would be grateful if Mr. Alan Donald would also join the party. It was agreed at a meeting here earlier today that Sir Edward Youde would appoint someone from Hong Kong to join the party in China. I should be grateful to know in due course who this will be.

The Prime Minister has considered whether to ask a Minister from the Department of Trade to join the party but has decided that the commercial content of the visit as at present envisaged would not justify this. I should be grateful, however, if you could keep this point in mind and let me know if there are any new developments which might justify a Trade Minister going.

From No. 10, Mr. Butler, I, Mr. Ingham and Mr. Kydd will accompany the Prime Minister. The supporting staff have not yet been determined but we will let you know these shortly.

I should be grateful if you could let me have, when I return from leave on 6 September, some indication of which members of the party will participate in each event. We shall clearly have to fit in with the requirements of the host governments to a large extent. In general, Mr. Thatcher will attend the protocol and social occasions and will accompany the Prime Minister on her visits outside capitals. But he will be happy to pursue separate programmes where our posts so advise. The Prime Minister will wish to be accompanied by a Private Secretary (either Mr. Butler or myself, to be determined nearer the time) at each session of talks. We can decide further participation at the talks, in the light of the wishes of the host governments.

As regards the press, Mr. Kydd will usually be with the press party wherever they are. Mr. Ingham will be with the Prime Minister, subject to decisions later about actual participation in the talks.

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From the Private Secretary

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Prime Minister's Visit to the Far East:
Hairdresser

As you know, it is a standard requirement for visits by the Prime Minister abroad that arrangements are made for a daily call by a hairdresser. I am not sure that this point has been taken into account in preparation of the programme for her visit to the Far East. She will need to see a hairdresser for at least thirty minutes every day - this should be the first item on her programme. On Thursday, 23 September it will be necessary to allow the longer period of about one hour forty-five minutes for a wash and set.

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