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“Margaret Thatcher”

March 15, 1967

Mrs. Margaret Thatcher  
Palmer House  
State and Monroe  
Chicago, Illinois 60603

Dear Mrs. Thatcher:

Welcome to Chicago. We hope you will enjoy the program we have arranged for your visit. We called Mr. Jerry West whom you will be seeing on Saturday and of course he was delighted to learn the details of your itinerary so that his plans and ours would not conflict.

Sunday, March 19th

noon One of our volunteers, Miss Frances Tuckerman, 7363 North Sheridan Road, would like to show you around the city and then drive you to Evanston for a dinner engagement. She will appreciate it if you will call her, RC4-7630, at noon so that you can talk over what might be of interest to you and set a time and place to meet.

5:00 p.m. You are invited to have dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Hilton, 2338 Bryant Avenue, Evanston, DA8-3411. Mr. Hilton is with Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. and Mrs. Hilton is a former teacher. They have a son aged 7 and a daughter, 4. They have travelled extensively in Europe and their family interests are music and theater.

Monday, March 20th

9:15 a.m. We would like to suggest that you visit the Grain Exchange, Board of Trade Building, 141 West Jackson at LaSalle Street. This is a 10 minute walk from the hotel, west on Adams to LaSalle, then one block south. Please go to the 5th Floor Visitors Gallery where you can see the market open at 9:30 a.m. and also see a half hour film at 9:45.

10:30 a.m. Please come to the Center so that we can meet you and discuss your program. Our office is between Monroe and Adams, a block and a half from your hotel.

12:00 noon You are invited to have luncheon with Margaret G. Reid, Professor Emeritus, now doing research in Economics at the University of Chicago. Professor Reid is asking some of her colleagues to meet you. Please meet her at the Quadrangle Club, 1155 East 57th Street. Take the Illinois Central train from Van Buren and Michigan to the 55-56-57th Street stop and walk six blocks west.

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Professor Reid's telephone is MI3-0800, ext. 4362.

afternoon Following luncheon, please go to the American Bar Center, 1155 East 60th Street (HY3-0533), and ask for Mrs. Sue Manker who will show you around. Mrs. Manker will also be happy to take you to points of interest in the University area if you would enjoy spending some time there.

Tuesday, March 21st Mr. West has made arrangements for you to visit the Chicago Tribune and meet some of the staff. He will tell you about the plans when he sees you.

You may wish to visit our Art Institute, at Adams and Michigan some time during your stay. It is open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. every day but Sunday when the hours are 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. For other points of interest, Mr. West, Miss Fickerman and Mrs. Manker will be happy to make suggestions.

We hope you will find your stay in Chicago interesting and we look forward to meeting you. If for any reason you are not able to keep an appointment, please call the person involved directly and notify the Center.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Pattie Q. Ginnes  
Program Officer

cc: Mr. Jerry West

February 13, 1975

TO: Jean Lashly, Deputy Director, CU/WE

FROM: Albert Keogh

SUBJECT: Margaret Thatcher

As you and I both agree, Margaret (not Maggie!) Thatcher possess both political acumen and a deft sense of timing so necessary for anyone in her profession. Possibly the latter might be considered a contributing element in her very recent and successful take over of the Tory Party so as to coincide with the "International Woman's Year-1975".

Whereas many persons consider her a most unlikely prospect to become a P.M., nevertheless she is to my knowledge the first woman to lead a major political party or faction in the Western world.

Margaret, who was a FY-67 grantee, was in the U.S. from February 20 to March 31, 1967. Enclosed is a copy of her rather ambitious Washington program; however, this does not list her numerous personal contacts which included nearly every well known English journalist in Washington. Her U.S. program included visits to: DuPont in Wilmington, Delaware; friends in Miami; space center and petroleum people in Houston; Kaiser medical plan, educational TV, secondary education and the University of California at Berkeley in San Francisco; Board of Trade and the University of Chicago in Chicago; Professor Paul Samuelson at MIT and Harvard Business School plus bankers in Boston; leading bankers and Federal Reserve officials in New York with a side trip to Albany to meet Governor Rockefeller.

Possibly Jim Brigg's office might have an interest in Margaret Thatcher's accomplishments or would it not be appropriate to bring it to the attention of John Richardson who always needs good ammunition when he makes his annual visit to Capitol Hill.

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Mr. Geoffrey S. Garstin  
5603 Kennett Pike  
Wilmington 7, Delaware

Dear Mr. Garstin:

I was very happy to learn you and your wife enjoyed your meeting with the Hon. Margaret Thatcher, Member of Parliament, United Kingdom. Personally, I can only reiterate what you have written - that she is a most delightful person. I might add further that I found her to possess considerable political acumen with a thorough knowledge of economic and fiscal matters.

In regard to your question in the last paragraph of your letter, possibly a more complete answer is in order than merely a yes or no. The Department of State's International Visitor Program is established under the Fulbright-Hayes Act, for the purpose of bringing to the United States persons from other countries who play a vital role in the decision making process. As you know, in Mrs. Thatcher's instance, she is the holder of the Economic and Treasury portfolio of the Conservative or opposition party, and is, therefore, one of the key spokesmen in Parliament on these vital issues.

In contrast to the so-called "protocol" visits of state and governmental heads, the International Visitor Program, places great emphasis on the individual professional interests and thereby, unlike so many other programs, is designed for each person's area of interests. Only by such individual tailoring can we hope to gain the essential objectives - to permit a foreign visitor to become better acquainted and, if possible, to understand in depth American attitudes in regard to our social, political, and economic institutions which so often influence international policies. In this regard Mrs. Thatcher's program encompasses such subject matters as American foreign and do-

Mr. Geoffrey S. Garstin

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mestic policies, economic and fiscal policies, as well as such other fields as education, business, mass media, etc.

The majority of the International Visitors sponsored by the Department of State Cultural and Educational Exchange Program, of which Mrs. Thatcher is one, are provided with basic financial support for their travel to the United States and during their stay in this country. However, of greater importance, is that this program essentially depends upon literally tens of thousands of Americans, who voluntarily are not only interested in meeting foreign visitors, but in assisting them to better understand our society and to enter into a mutual exchange of ideas. This part of our International Visitors' experience often constitutes the most meaningful and significant part of their entire program.

I well realize that this is only a capsule form of description of this program; however, should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Albert E. Keogh

cc; Miss Jean Lashly - CU

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OFFICIAL INFORMAL  
UNCLASSIFIED

March 29, 1967

Mrs. Natalie Greening  
American Embassy  
London

Dear Natalie:

I am writing you about Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, who is undoubtedly one of the most delightful and competent visitors we have had. She has charmed and impressed local sponsors from coast to coast.

The reason I am writing about her is that I have just had a chat with Grace Belt in New York who had a select dinner for Mrs. Thatcher and then took her to the opera the other night. In this less official atmosphere, Mrs. Thatcher admitted that she had been rather unhappy her first days in Washington-something she did not tell me although I saw her on several occasions. It seemed that she was perturbed not to have known in advance what hotel she would be staying in, had not realized that we would not have planned her evenings and did not know her second day here would fall on a holiday. She has numerous friends to whom she could have written in advance had she known she would have this free time but by the time she got here and phoned them many of them had previous engagements and so I gather she felt pretty lonely during that time. Grace explained that the visitors usually did not know the hotel in advance because of course they were met, but she (Grace) felt that perhaps in the pre-departure briefing grantees should be made aware that they will be free evenings, weekends and holidays so that they could plan accordingly.

I don't know whether you were involved in her briefing, since I believe the political section of the Embassy may do most of this in the case of MP's. But I pass this on to you as I doubt that

Mrs. Thatcher herself will mention it - just as she did not to me. Perhaps this is more important for women travelling alone than for men grantees. Had I realized that she was at loose ends, I would of course have invited her out but she seemed to have so many friends locally that it didn't occur to me that she might be lonely. Next time I'll try to be more perceptive.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Jean Lashly, Chief  
United Kingdom and Northern European Programs  
Office of European Programs  
Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs



XXXXXXXXXXXX  
250 West 57th Street  
New York, New York

April 20, 1967

Mrs. Margaret Thatcher  
House of Commons  
Westminster  
London S.W. 1  
England

*Thatcher*

Dear Mrs. Thatcher:

The enclosed clippings and letter were just received. Fortunately your name was spelled correctly!

I hope your visit to America was sufficiently incomplete to give you reason to return for another. Should you see Peter and Tessa Thomas please be sure to give them my love and remember me also to the Chichester Clerks. You said you would let me know when next Mr. Thatcher comes over. Please do.

It was good to have this opportunity of sending you very best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Grace M. Belt  
Director  
New York Reception Center

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October 11, 1979

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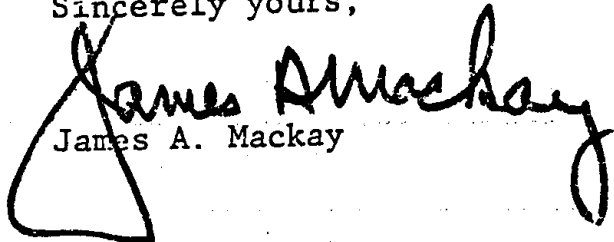
Honorable John E. Reinhardt  
Director, U. S. International  
Communications Agency  
Room 700  
1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20547

Dear Mr. Reinhardt:

Mrs. Margaret Thatcher was a guest of the Atlanta Council for International Visitors in 1967 and as a member of that group it was my privilege to have her as a guest in my law office, my home and for lunch. A story about this ran in the Atlanta newspapers and then in the Coserv Bulletin. The article attracted much interest and it also aroused my interest in what her entire tour schedule was on that visit and also whether she ever visited any of our volunteer organizations in any other year.

Would you be good enough to write me and tell me whether any records were kept about her visit and if so could I have a copy of her itinerary or any other information which you might have concerning the 1967 visit.

Sincerely yours,

  
James A. Mackay

JAM/mc



**International  
Communication  
Agency**

United States of America  
Washington, D.C. 20547

DRAFT

October 26, 1979

Dear Mr. Mackay,

Thanks very much for your letter of October 11 inquiring about the program arranged for Mrs. Margaret Thatcher when she was in the United States on a grant from the U.S. Government. Let me take this opportunity to thank you also for your own part in making her stay here a professional success and a personal pleasure.

I am enclosing the record of her visit here which we retrieved from USICA's archival resources. As you can see, it is rather extensive and is well summed up in the following paragraph from a memorandum from the officer in the contract agency to a colleague in USICA at the time Mrs. Thatcher became the leader of the Conservative Party in the United Kingdom in 1975.

"Mrs. Thatcher,

Margaret, who was a FY-67 grantee, was in the U.S. from February 20 to March 30, 1967. Enclosed is a copy of her rather ambitious Washington program; however, this does not list her numerous personal contacts which included nearly every well known English journalist in Washington. Her U.S. program included visits to: DuPont in Wilmington, Delaware; friends in Miami; space center and petroleum people in Houston; Kaiser medical plan, educational TV, secondary education and the University of California at Berkeley in San Francisco; Board of Trade and the University of Chicago in Chicago; Professor Paul Samuelson at MIT and Harvard Business School plus bankers in Boston; leading bankers and Federal Reserve officials in New York with a side trip to Albany to meet Governor Rockefeller. "

Despite this fine summary I think you'll find that a perusal of the whole file will give you a good idea of a typical program in the United States for a Government grantee of the stature of Mrs. Thatcher, as worked out by the contract agency in Washington and of course by the thousands of private citizens, like you, on whom we are so dependent for the success of the international visitor program. We cannot thank you enough for these voluntary services even though we realize that all of you learn much about the visitors' countries in the process, making the program the genuine "two-way street" we

all want it to be.

Again, my thanks for your continuing interest in our international visitor program. I hope you will share this information with your friends and associates in the Atlanta Council for International Visitors.

Sincerely,

John E. Reinhardt  
Director



**International  
Communication  
Agency**

United States of America  
Washington, D.C. 20547

MEMORANDUM

10/26/79

To: PGM- Mr. Schneidman  
From: PGM/R- Mr. Donovan

*gad jr.*

Subject: Attached letter from the Director concerning Margaret Thatcher's program in the U.S. when she was here on Gov't grant in 1967

First, I have tried to make the Director's answer to Mr. Mackay in Atlanta short without being abrupt and to let the documents speak for themselves. I believe you will agree <sup>that</sup> ~~she~~ <sup>Mr. T.</sup> was more than well-received, got a fine professional as well as social program ~~she~~ <sup>she</sup> sent (witness the note from Grace Belt of the N.Y. Reception Center indicating that she took Mrs. Thatcher to the opera herself- typical of the kind of "service" still rendered by USICA employees).

Second, I have not tried to explain to Mr Mackay the administrative complications involved in the fact that the Governmental Affairs Institute is no longer used as a program agency, nor that COSERV, the name, that is, went out of existence on Oct. 1, 1979. I doubt that he cares, but suspect he knows, as he was an active participant in the Atlanta Council for International Visitors for many years.

Third, you will note his letter is dated Oct 11 but this office did not hear about it <sup>until</sup> ~~until~~ Oct 24. Somehow people - where? - in the Director's office? <sup>in</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>ECA</sup> should be alerted to the fact that such letters requiring the tapping of USICA's archival sources ought to come directly to this office for prompt handling and ~~response~~ <sup>response</sup> even tho

we may not always be able to produce as good results as this, indeed may have to admit that except for the bare facts on the computer printout ~~we~~ the file has been destroyed.

Fourth, it occurs to me that someone should have dug out this information for the White House (or was this done?) before the President met Mrs Thatcher for the first time. I judge Mr. Carter would have been delighted to know she was so welcomed and programmed in Atlanta, and to make "small talk" about that on their first meeting. Incidentally, by the same token, when an American participant like Mayor Barry, around whom there will be a lot of publicity, at least in ~~the~~ Washington, is to visit a number of countries in Africa, the persons in PGM/<sup>D</sup>ought to check the USICA archive to see if any of the persons the Mayor (or whoever) is scheduled to meet have been to the US on a Govt grant. Again, how good it would have been for the Mayor to have seen Julius Nyerere's U.S. itinerary in the U.S. before they met in Tanzania!

In short, I suggest better use of archival sources ~~as~~ as a "management tool".

→ Finally, I promised Pamela Smith in the Director's office that this letter would get to his office today. Of course I present you with a draft which you may wish to alter, and it must be typed in decent form anyway. I have checked out the letter and enclosure with ECA and CPL and found no objections to its going out without their seeing it.

November 2, 1979

Dear Mr. Mackay:

Thank you for your letter of October 11 inquiring about the program arranged for Mrs. Thatcher on her visit to the United States in 1967. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for your part in making her stay here a professional success and a personal pleasure.

I am enclosing the record of her tour, which, as you can see, was an ambitious program. It is also quite typical of the International Visitor Programs that are arranged for visitors of the stature of Mrs. Thatcher. The International Communication Agency works with a private contracting agency in Washington and with thousands of private citizens to ensure successful and representative visits for our guests from overseas. It is often the contributions of private citizens associated with the National Council for International Visitors (the former COSERV) that make the most direct and meaningful impression on foreign visitors.

Again, my thanks for your continuing interest in our International Visitor Programs. I hope you will share this information with your friends and associates in the Atlanta Council for International Visitors.

Sincerely,

John E. Reinhardt

James A. Mackay, Esquire  
Mackay & Elliott  
One West Court Square, Suite 500  
Decatur, Georgia 30030

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December 14, 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR:

The Honorable  
Alonzo McDonald  
Assistant to the President  
and Staff Director  
The White House

FROM:

John E. Reinhardt

SUBJECT:

Mrs. Thatcher's 1967 Visit  
to the United States

The following may be useful information for conversation during Mrs. Thatcher's visit with the President and Mrs. Carter.

In 1967, Mrs. Thatcher received a grant from the U. S. Government for a tour of this country and a series of professional appointments with Americans in government and in the private sector. The grant was given as part of the International Visitor Program, now administered by the International Communication Agency. From February 20 to March 31, 1967, Mrs. Thatcher visited Washington, D.C., Wilmington, Miami, Atlanta, Houston, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Omaha, Chicago, Boston and New York.

While in Georgia, Mrs. Thatcher met with and was entertained by James A. Mackay, a former Democratic Congressman (1965-1967), who represented Decatur and Georgia's Fourth District. Mr. Mackay, now in private law practice in Decatur, may be known to the President and Mrs. Carter.

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Clearance: PGM/RL-Mr. J. Donovan(s)

cc: PGM/RL, EU, D/SS