

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR: CHUCK TYSON
FROM: JIM RENTSCHLER
SUBJECT: Thatcher Visit (U)

Condolences, condolences: I know you're up to the armpits in the Seaga visit, but you need to know the results of my informal contact with the Brits concerning the return function at the time of the Thatcher visit. There may be a problem. (C)

In the absence of Nico Henderson (the Ambassador), I talked to Minister John Fretwell, Henderson's Number Two who is also the key action man on the Thatcher visit for the Embassy. He was distressed to learn that there is a disinclination on our side to commit ourselves firmly now to a return engagement following the State dinner. He told me that they had already gone forward on the strength of Dick's assurances and had printed invitations in London. In fact, fifty couples have already been informed that they will be Mrs. Thatcher's guests in Washington to meet the President. (C)

I told Fretwell I would report back to my principals and obtain further guidance. It strikes me that the matter is something you or Dick might want to talk directly to Henderson about to ensure that it is fully on track. (U)

Let me know if I can be helpful. (U)

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