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From the Private Secretary

10 September 1982

Prime Minister's Visit to the Far East

The Prime Minister asked me this afternoon whether it might not be a good idea for Sir Percy Cradock to come to Tokyo while she is there so that he can be brought up to date by her personally on how she plans to handle her talks in Peking. The Prime Minister believes that these talks will need the most careful planning and that it may be better to do this a few days in advance of her arrival in Peking. It is possible that it would also be easier, from a security point of view, to have a thorough discussion of this in Tokyo. If Sir Percy Cradock sees substantial disadvantages in this idea, you should not hesitate to let me know. I am sure the Prime Minister would attach great weight to his views. Mrs Thatcher well understands, of course, that he would need to return to Peking before she arrived.

I should be grateful if you could investigate this idea and let me have your reactions as soon as possible.

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Prime Minister

Percy Cradock will join us
in Tokyo from 17 to 19 13 September, 1982
September.

Dear John,

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Prime Minister's Visit to China

In your letter of 10 September you asked whether it might not be a good idea for Sir Percy Cradock to come to Tokyo while the Prime Minister is there so that he can be brought up-to-date on her plans for her talks in Peking.

We have consulted the Ambassador as suggested. He agrees that a discussion in Tokyo would be valuable. He has therefore made arrangements to fly to Tokyo on the evening of Friday 17 September, and to remain there until the afternoon of Sunday 19 September. This would enable him to get back to Peking in time to finalise arrangements for the Prime Minister's visit there and also to talk to the Governor of Hong Kong when he arrives on Tuesday 21 September.

The Ambassador in Tokyo has said that it should be possible to find time for discussion of the China visit on the Sunday.

Yours ever

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