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PRIME MINISTER

YOUR VISIT TO THE FAR EAST

I attach the latest outline programme. It is beginning to look very full. There is no provision for a day off during the 12-day programme. On the other hand, there is a certain amount of slack in the programme in China.

I should be grateful for your decisions on the following points:

Japan

- (a) Princess Chichibu has proposed that you and Mr. Thatcher should have tea with her. The Embassy hope that you will accept this invitation since the Princess has consistently encouraged stronger Anglo/Japanese relations. Agree?

Yes m

- (b) The Japanese have suggested a call by a Mr. Esaki, the Special Trade Representative who called on you in March. This would provide an opportunity to restate our views about the need for more far reaching trade liberalisation measures. But it would probably involve dropping the proposed visit to the National Museum. Agree to receive Mr. Esaki?

- (c) A call on you by the Chairman of Nissan has been suggested. The Embassy, the FCO and the Department of Industry recommend that you should accept this. Agree?

Yes m

China

We are adjusting the programme to include a short visit to Canton. In Shanghai, both BP and the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation have offered hospitality. So has Y.K. Pao. The Embassy's advice, with which I agree, is that it would be better for your visit to Shanghai to be marked by a Reception given by the Ambassador for the small British community, for a

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certain number of Chinese and Y.K. Pao and his party.  
There is further detail in the letter at Flag A. Agree that  
a Reception should be given at Shanghai on the above lines?

Yes - but what is the  
Timing Club like?  
A.S.C.  
Would B.P.'s premises be  
better. H.M.C. is a considerable  
shareholder in B.P. - which distroy wishes  
it from the other G's. All of those who  
have offered a reception must be invited to  
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7 September 1982

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*From the Private Secretary*

9 September 1982

Prime Minister's Visit to the Far East

This letters deals with several outstanding points.

The Prime Minister has decided that it will be helpful for her to be accompanied throughout her visit by an official from the Department of Trade. It has been agreed that this should be Robin Gray.

Your letter of 3 September sought decisions on various points about the programme in Japan. The Prime Minister and Mr. Thatcher will be glad to have tea with Princess Chichibu. Mrs. Thatcher agrees to receive Mr. Esaki and accepts that the visit to the National Museum will have to be abandoned. She also agrees to receive the Chairman of Nissan. I agree that it will be more appropriate for her to meet the Chairman of the Nippon Electric Company socially.

Your letters of 3 and 8 September referred to entertaining in Shanghai. I agree that a reception should be given by the Ambassador for the small British community and for British business visitors. The Prime Minister would certainly wish all those who themselves offered to give a reception to be invited. She has asked whether BP's premises would be better than the Jinjiang Club for the occasion. The fact that HMG is a considerable shareholder in BP distinguishes it from the other companies. I think the Prime Minister will be perfectly prepared to accept the Ambassador's decision on the venue - you need not bother to come back to me about this.

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