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Mr Graham  
PS/PBS  
Private Secretary

~~Mr Jones~~ 4/7  
~~Mr Hughes~~ 4/7  
I have now written <sup>initials</sup> ~~initials~~ to Mr. Russell  
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MRS THATCHER'S VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES

PROBLEM

1. What arrangements we should ask the Embassy in Washington and our posts in New York and Houston to make for Mrs Thatcher's intended visit to the United States in September.

BACKGROUND AND ARGUMENT

2. We had already heard from the US Embassy in London and from our Embassy in Washington informally that Mrs Thatcher was planning to visit the United States in September. The US Embassy in London had originated this idea and had started to make some of the necessary appointments in Washington. President Carter had expressed his willingness in principle to meet Mrs Thatcher during her visit.

3. Her Parliamentary Private Secretary, Mr Adam Butler, MP, called on me today to let me have full details of what they were planning and to ask for the assistance of the FCO, the Embassy in Washington and our Consuls-General in New York and Houston, in making the necessary arrangements. Mr Butler told me that they had in fact made quite a number of arrangements themselves but, since he wanted to make sure that everything went well for the trip, he hoped he might enlist official assistance which had been invaluable in planning similar journeyers in the past. When I said that we would not wish to cross wires with the arrangements already made by the State Department, Mr Butler said that he very much hoped that we could take over the planning of Mrs Thatcher's official calls in Washington since he had more confidence in our arrangements than in those of the State Department.

4. Mr Butler then gave me full details of Mrs Thatcher's planned programme, the main features of which I have included in the attached draft telegram. I will convey the rest to the posts by letter.

/RECOMMENDATIONS



## RECOMMENDATIONS

5. I recommend that we should agree to offer official assistance to Mr Butler and Mrs Thatcher in making appointments for her in Washington.

Ramsay Melhuish

]Ramsay Melhuish  
North America Department

29 June 1977

cc:  
Mr Edmonds

This seems in order and generally in accordance with precedent.

JAN GIBSON  
30/6.

Mr Jay is content, and in touch with Mrs Thatcher about arrangements.

J. D. Kew  
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Michael Sanson  
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