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Prime Minister:  
I do not think you need  
study these in any detail now  
but you may like to know they  
exist!

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Dear Michael,

Paul 2/10

Prime Minister's Visit to Yugoslavia: Notes for Speeches

We have already sent you drafts of the Prime Minister's main speech at the Yugoslav Prime Minister's dinner on 24 September and the arrival statement at the airport. I now enclose notes for the other occasions on which she is likely to make brief speeches. These are:-

- / (a) a draft opening statement for the talks with Mr Djuranovic on 24 September;
- / (b) a speaking note for the opening of the British Silver Exhibition on 24 September;
- / (c) a speaking note for the lunch given by President Mijatovic on 25 September;
- / (d) a speaking note for the visit to Smederevo steel works on 25 September;
- / (e) a speaking note for the dinner given by the President of Macedonia on 25 September;
- / (f) a speaking note for the lunch given by the Mayor of Dubrovnik on 26 September.

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POSSIBLE OPENING STATEMENT FOR TALKS WITH  
PRIME MINISTER AJURANOVIĆ.

1. Britain and Yugoslavia have enjoyed close and largely untroubled relations for many years. We greatly admire both your achievements at home and the role you play in international affairs, for example in the non-aligned movement. I am therefore delighted to have this present exchange and hope there will be many more.
2. We have no problems to raise under bilateral relations which demonstrates how good our relations are. There are however many subjects which our two countries can profit by discussing. I would therefore like to emphasise the value we place on regular exchanges both at Ministerial and working levels. I look forward to having a thorough discussion of our bilateral relations in a moment.
3. On the international front there have been a number of recent developments which have caused us great concern as I am sure they have you. I would in particular like to discuss with you the worsening of East-West relations caused by the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and any suggestions you may have for resolving the problem; the implications of recent developments in Poland; the prospects for the Madrid conference; the situation in the Middle East and Iran and on the international and economic front; the problems now facing the developing countries. I should

/also very much

also very much like to hear how you see the future of the Non-aligned movement and the part it may play in some of these problems.

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA: DRAFT NOTES FOR SPEECH  
AT OPENING OF EXHIBITION OF BRITISH SILVER ON THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 80

1. Delighted to be able to use opportunity of visit to Belgrade to open this exhibition of British silver. It has been organised by the Victoria and Albert museum in London together with the Museum of Applied Arts in Belgrade and has been supported by the British Council. It represents an important occasion in cultural exchanges between Britain and Yugoslavia.
2. ~~In talks this afternoon with Mr Djuranović we have covered whole field of our bilateral relations. Cultural exchanges particularly important because they provide a means of bringing other peoples into contact with ideas and achievements which are at the very basis of our society. Delighted that exchanges with Yugoslavia run so smoothly.~~
3. Exhibition covers five centuries of British silver making from the reign of Henry VII <sup>1485</sup> until the outbreak of the First World War in 1914. Possible through it to trace a number of important influences on British life throughout the period. ~~For example,~~ <sup>The</sup> influence of religion demonstrated by number of Church pieces. Similarly the influence of sport demonstrated by an 18th century cup for boxing owned by the Lonsdale family and 17th century prize for archery presented by the wife of Charles II. Also possible to trace the different external cultural influences to which Britain has been exposed at various stages in its history. Our Yugoslav hosts may be particularly interested in some of the late 18th century silver which was heavily influenced by Robert Adam who in 1764 published a folio of ~~of~~ engravings ~~of~~ the ruins of Emperor Diocletian's palace at Spalatro (now known as Split). Most striking of all, however, is the consistency of the craftsmanship and quality of the items exhibited.
4. ~~Pride in the quality and reliability of what we produce very much a part of the British tradition. Today it is allied to innovatory skills and modern technology and is reflected in some of the world's finest high technology engineering such as~~  
/aeroengines,

aeroengines turbo-generators and deep sea oil extraction, technology. One example of where we can cooperate with Yugoslavia in this area is the steel mill being constructed by Davy Loewy in Smederevo which I hope to visit tomorrow. I am sure that there are many more such areas in which our two countries can cooperate.

5. Would like to thank the Director and staff of the Museum of Applied Arts for the great care in which they have taken in setting up this exhibition. We await with interest the exhibition of Serbian silver which is to be shown next year in London at the Victoria and Albert Museum.

6. Now have great pleasure in declaring this exhibition open.

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA: DRAFT NOTES FOR SPEECH AT  
LUNCH GIVEN BY PRESIDENT MIJATOVIĆ ON THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 1980

General and Introductory

- Gratitude for Yugoslav invitation. Honour to be first British Prime Minister to visit Yugoslavia.
  
- Opportunity during first 24 hours of visit to renew acquaintance with Federal Capital, Belgrade, and its surroundings. Useful and extensive discussions enjoyed with the Prime Minister and other Yugoslav leaders.

Talks

- Talks demonstrated that Britain and Yugoslavia share same concern at growing deterioration in international relations and at threat that this has brought to world peace. Reaffirmation of common determination to take action to preserve détente.

-(More detailed reference, if appropriate, to UK position on Afghanistan and Madrid CSCE Meeting.)

- Concern for relaxation of tensions in the world shared by President Tito. His efforts throughout his long life to bring peace. President Tito a great leader and statesman.

Tito

- For British people, Tito a personification of the courage and love of freedom of Yugoslav people, of their perservance and dedication to build up their country to its present prosperous and stable position and of their determination to preserve their independence.
  
- Vivid memory of discussions with President Tito. Privilege to have shared his thoughts and ideas.

/Succession

### Succession

- Praise for present leadership in carrying through smoothly the arrangements made by Tito for his succession and maintaining Yugoslavia's stability and unity.
- President Mijatović the head of a collective leadership. Yugoslavia fortunate to have such a wealth of strength and responsibility amongst its leaders. My own good fortune to have had talks with so many of them.
- Confidence that Yugoslav leaders will continue to safeguard and advance Tito's heritage.

### Yugoslav System

- Talks in Belgrade and with federal leaders an opportunitie to learn much about the working of the Yugoslav system at its highest level. Anticipation of visit to the Socialist Republic of Macedonia to learn about the system from the view point of a constituent republic.

### Yugoslavia's International Position

- Yugoslavia's unique position in the world. Holding of UNESCO General Assembly in Belgrade further evidence of Yugoslavia's constant aim to bring peoples together and overcome misunderstandings.
- Yugoslavia respected as a truly non-aligned country, which seeks to overcome differences and bridge the differences between various countries and blocs in the world.

### Bilateral

- Love of freedom and determination to work for world peace among the many things Yugoslavia and Britain have in common.
- Talks have demonstrated that bilateral relations remain at least



as good today as when Britain and Yugoslavia worked together as allies in wartime.

- No obstacle to prevent cooperation across the board and even more links between the citizens of Britain and Yugoslavia.

- Pleasure this afternoon to be visiting at the Smederevo Metallurgical Complex a joint economic venture between Britain and Yugoslavia of vital importance to the future development of Yugoslavia as a whole. Evidence of determination of UK to increase and strengthen economic and commercial ties with Yugoslavia.

- Importance of new Cooperation Agreement between European Community and Yugoslavia. Hope that this will provide greater opportunities for Yugoslavia's external trade.

#### Britain's Commitment to Yugoslavia

- Value placed by Britain on continuing unity and territorial integrity of Yugoslavia. Respect for its independence and non-aligned position.

- Visit served to reinforce conviction in strength and purpose of Yugoslavia and of its determination to progress along the path set by President Tito.

#### Toast

- To the freedom, prosperity and success of the Yugoslav people and the further strengthening of Anglo-Yugoslav relations.

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA: DRAFT SPEAKING NOTES FOR  
USE IN VISIT TO SMEDEREVO STEELWORKS (METALURSKI KOMBINAT  
SMEDEREVO) ON THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 1980

- Praise for way in which they have converted a small, old fashioned works into a large integrated complex, using latest technology.
- Admiration for courage in embarking on further expansion in difficult economic conditions. Proud that British companies, led by Davy Loewy, will be playing an important role in this process.
- Pleased to learn that the steelmen of Smederevo and Sheffield are working so well together to produce a giant of modern industry of such vital importance for the future development of Yugoslavia as a whole and of Serbia in particular. Davy Loewy, which has a long history of working successfully in Yugoslavia, is pleased to be associated with this project. They are giving and will continue to offer all possible assistance, based on their long experience in steel mills throughout the world, to the fine Smederevo team to produce and operate one of the most up-to-date cold rolling complexes in the world.
- Also pleased to note large role played by British financial institutions, led by Grindlay Brandts with the help of ECGD, in arranging support for this project.
- Compliments to the Serbian government, led by Mr Ivan Stambolić, on their courage and determination to industrialise their Republic in such a short space of time. Also to the General Manager of the Steelworks, Mr Radivojević, and all his colleagues on their efforts in coping with the enormous problems of modern steel making. Wish success in their future endeavours.



PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA: DRAFT NOTES FOR SPEECH AT DINNER GIVEN BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PRESIDENCY OF MACEDONIA, MR LJUPCO ARSOV, ON THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 1980

### General

- Thanks for invitation. Honour to be in the Socialist Republic of Macedonia.
- Valuable opportunity to obtain at first hand an insight into the functioning of the Yugoslav system at the Republican level and of the inter-relationship of Yugoslavia's constituent parts. Gratitude for opportunity to learn more about this fascinating country and its unique system of self-management.
- Reaffirmation of the value UK puts on maintaining and increasing its links with Yugoslavia and with all the Socialist Republics and Autonomous Provinces which make up the Federation.

### Development of Macedonia

- Macedonia fortunate in being such a beautiful country and one that is blessed with rich deposits of mineral ores.

Praise for the courage and determination which made possible the remarkable economic and social transformation in Macedonia over the last 25 years.

- Enormous material and social achievements already witnessed in short tour of Skopje. Looking forward to visiting OHIS Petrochemical Plant to see more of Yugoslavia's industrial expansion and commercial development.

### Talks

- Useful talks with Macedonian leadership. Opportunity to discuss problems of common interest and exchange views over wide range of /domestic



domestic and international issues. Concern with deterioration of international relations and common reaffirmation of need to preserve détente. (References to Afghanistan, CSCE if appropriate)

#### Succession

- Tribute to Tito. Praise for present leadership in carrying through smoothly the arrangements made by Tito for his succession and maintaining Yugoslavia's stability and unity.

- Talks with federal leaders and now Macedonian government strengthened feeling that Yugoslavia indeed has a wealth of strong and responsible leaders who will continue to safeguard and develop the precious legacy of President Tito.

#### Bilateral

- Although first visit to Macedonia, links between the Republic and UK traditionally strong. Successful visit of Republican Prime Minister, Mr Popov, to UK in 1978.

- Strong links also on municipal level. Glad that British companies were able to play such a useful role in rebuilding of Skopje after the cruel earthquake in 1963. We can share some of your pride in having constructed a beautiful modern city.

- Glad also that cooperation in '60s has led on to further links. Skopje is twinned with Bradford and active cooperation between two towns and their institutions.

- Commercial links between UK and Macedonia are also firm. Several projects in which UK involved in Republic, including the construction of your impressive new Opera House.

- Determination of UK to improve commercial contacts. Importance of new EC/Yugoslavia Cooperation Agreement.

/Britain's Commitment



Britain's Commitment to Yugoslavia

- Macedonia rather like Yugoslavia in miniature. A host of different nationalities living peacefully together and achieving rapid economic and social purpose. Your stability and prosperity a reflection of Yugoslavia overall.

- Value placed by UK on continuing unity and independence of Yugoslavia. Respect for its non-aligned foreign policy.

- Visit reinforced conviction of strength and purpose of all parts of Yugoslavia to progress along Tito's path.

Toast

To the future success and prosperity of the Socialist Republic of Macedonia and to the further strengthening of relations between Yugoslavia and the United Kingdom.



PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA: DRAFT SPEAKING NOTES FOR USE  
IN SPEECH FOR LUNCH GIVEN BY THE MAYOR OF DUBROVNIK ON FRIDAY 26  
SEPTEMBER 1980

### General and Introducing

- Gratitude for invitation to visit Dalmatia. Pleasure to visit the lovely city of Dubrovnik.

### Dubrovnik

- Thanks for rich and interesting tour of the city. Welcome opportunity to learn about the proud history of Dubrovnik and the medieval Republic of Raguša (Ragoosha)

- Courage and determination with which the people of the Republic of Raguša defended their independence over the centuries against numerous and powerful enemies.

- Spirit of independence and love of freedom lives on in Dubrovnik and throughout Yugoslavia.

- Dubrovnik not just a beautiful old city; also a flourishing modern <sup>town</sup> ~~town~~ and holiday resort with an internationally renowned summer arts festival.

### Bilateral

- Links between Dubrovnik and Britain, many and of long standing. Maritime and trading contacts flourished at the time of the Roman Empire and have continued ever since. Common understanding of seafaring peoples.

- Tourism most obvious present day link between Dubrovnik and Britain. Thousands of tourists flocking to Dubrovnik every year from all parts of the world. British tourists a large proportion of these. ~~No sign of declining interest, which is understandable when one has seen Dubrovnik.~~ Beauty of Dubrovnik and fascination of its history will surely continue to attract more and more visitors.

/ Relations



- Relations between Britain and Yugoslavia good across the board. Visit revealed the warmth of those links. Many happy memories of tour through Yugoslavia to be cherished.

- But real strength of relations lies in what is evident throughout Dubrovnik: the free flow and contacts between the British and Yugoslav peoples in which Governments play little or no part.

#### Conclusion of Visit

- Visit revealed the diversity and rich variety of Yugoslavia, the countryside and the peoples.

- Equally reinforced conviction of strength and purpose of all parts of Yugoslavia to progress along Tito's path.

#### Toast

- To the future success and prosperity of the City of Dubrovnik and the Yugoslav people. To the further deepening of friendship between Great Britain and Yugoslavia.