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April 20, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI *ZS.*
HENRY OWEN *HO*

VIA: TIM KRAFT

SUBJECT: Meeting in England with
Margaret Thatcher

Margaret Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition in Britain, has requested a meeting with you during your visit there.

Embassy London believes -- and we concur -- that it is important for you to see Mrs. Thatcher in London, perhaps for a 10-minute courtesy call. This will help to ensure that your travel to the North of England is not read as unduly political in England, a country with a strong sense of "fair play." There is also a good chance that Mrs. Thatcher will eventually become Prime Minister; this could even happen before her scheduled visit here this fall.

The State Department concurs in this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION

That you agree in principle to a brief meeting with Margaret Thatcher in London, with time to be arranged.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____