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Date 23 August 1982

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO JAPAN

1. To your thankyou letter of 13 August to the Ambassador you added a note saying that the Prime Minister would be grateful if we could arrange to let you have, before the Prime Minister leaves for the Far East on 16 September, a report of the outcome of the visit to Japan in September of Arthur Dunkel, Director-General of the GATT.
2. I am afraid the timing will not allow this to happen. I enclose a copy of Barry Harding's letter of 16 August to Love in our Embassy in Tokyo which shows that Dunkel will be in Tokyo on 13 and 14 September. Dunkel has said to us that if any points of special interest come out of his talk with the Japanese Prime Minister on 14 September he will be glad to arrange to pass a message to Mrs Thatcher through our Embassy. He has not promised us a report unless there is something he judges particularly worthwhile. If you think that the Prime Minister will need a full account of Dunkel's visit (whatever its outcome) I think the best way to arrange this would be for our Embassy in Tokyo to contact Hartridge of Dunkel's staff as soon as he gets to Tokyo in order to set up an arrangement for Hartridge to give them, perhaps late on 14 or early on 15 September, an account of what has transpired. I am sending copies of this letter to Love in Tokyo and the other recipients of Harding's letter of 16 August: perhaps you would confirm to them what you require.
3. On another subject, we have noted your interest in the "W particle" and will report when we can.

*Yours ever
 Christopher Long*

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Dear David

PM's VISIT TO JAPAN

1. While the Prime Minister was paying a private visit to Switzerland recently, she met the Director-General of GATT, Arthur Dunkel at the Residence here. As you probably know, Dunkel enjoys close contacts with the Japanese (!) and will be visiting Japan on 13 and 14 September, immediately prior to the Prime Minister. He is due to see Suzuki on the afternoon of 14 September and has offered to pass any message arising from this meeting to the Prime Minister. I have given your name to David Hartridge, Dunkel's British Chef de Cabinet (whom you may know from your Department of Trade days) and suggested any message should be passed through you at the Embassy. I suspect there will be no action but it is as well if you are fore-warned just in case.

Yours ever
Barry Harding
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From the Private Secretary

25 August 1982

Prime Minister's Visit to Japan

Christopher Long sent you a copy of his letter to me of 23 August about the Prime Minister's interest in the visit that Arthur Dunkel, Director-General of the GATT, will be making to Japan in September. This is just to confirm that the Prime Minister will only need to be told if any points of special interest come out of Dunkel's talk with the Japanese Prime Minister, and that we will not need a full account of his visit.

I am copying this letter to Christopher Long and to the recipients of his letter of 23 August.

W. F. S. RICKETT

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From the Private Secretary

13 August 1982

I hate to add a note of business to a note of thanks. But I should just say that I know the Prime Minister would be very grateful if you could arrange to let us have a report on the outcome of M. Dunkel's visit to Japan in September, preferably before the Prime Minister leaves for the Far East on 16 September. I know she would also like to be told if and when CERN's UA1 experiments on proton-antiproton collisions find conclusive evidence of the existence of the intermediate vector boson (the W particle)!

With best wishes.

W. F. S. RICKETT

His Excellency Mr. Peter Marshall.