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Prime Minister

May we find a time
after 11am to the new
American Ambassador to call?

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

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Yes no

Dear John,

Proposed Call on the Prime Minister by the United States Ambassador

The newly arrived United States Ambassador, Mr Price, has indicated that he is hoping to pay an initial call on the Prime Minister.

While Ambassadors in London do not have a right of access to the Prime Minister and do not usually make such calls, the Foreign Secretary considers that the Prime Minister should make an exception for Mr Price, as has frequently been done for previous American Ambassadors. The political arguments are self-evident. Moreover, as recorded in your letter of 1 November, Mrs Thatcher told the departing Ambassador that she would like to see more senior figures in the US Administration. It would in our view be entirely in keeping with this and would certainly contribute to strengthening our dialogue with the Americans if the Prime Minister would agree to receive Mr Price.

Yours ever,

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