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Dear Derek,

Visit of ex-Vice President Mondale

David Aaron, who as you will know left the White House at the change of Administration and is now an investment banker in New York, telephoned me from there late on Friday night "at the request of Walter Mondale" (whose protégé Aaron has always been). He said that Mondale was planning a trip to Europe which was designed to improve his education in European defence matters and was not aimed at publicity. General Rogers would be receiving him and arranging a programme at NATO. In Bonn he would be seeing Apel, visiting a German military installation and possibly calling on Schmidt. He would be in London from the morning of 24th June (having spent the previous night in a transatlantic aeroplane) until the evening of 25th June. Would it be possible for him to call on the Prime Minister?

I said that I knew the Prime Minister's diary was under considerable pressure around that time. But I would make enquiries. Would Mondale in any case be interested in other governmental calls or visits in London, eg MOD and/or FCO? Aaron said that he would; and that he would be particularly interested in meeting the Defence Secretary and perhaps visiting a British naval or air base.

I suggested to Aaron that, after I had called him back, there would be advantage in getting this request into more orthodox channels eg by putting Mondale's office into direct touch either with our Embassy in Washington or with whoever in London might be interested in arranging any kind of programme. Aaron agreed.

When I consulted you on the telephone this morning you doubted whether Mondale would in the FCO view rate a call on the Prime Minister. But you thought he was the sort of person for whom it would certainly be appropriate to arrange a high level programme including possibly a call on the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary. You kindly undertook to concert with Michael Quinlan (to whom I am copying this letter) and to let me know quickly what reply you would like me to give Aaron. His telephone number, in case anyone wants to contact him direct, is New York City 212 825 3213.

I am also copying this letter, for information, to Michael Alexander at No. 10. Unless he thinks that the Prime Minister would wish to take an interest, you suggested that for simplicity's sake he should assume that the FCO will not be recommending a call on her unless he hears from you to the contrary.

Just  
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Robert.

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10 June 1981

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Dear Robert,

VISIT BY EX-VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE

We have discussed your letter BO 6221 of 8 June. This is to confirm that Lord Carrington is happy to see Mr Mondale. I have spoken to Michael Quinlan. Mr Nott would have welcomed a meeting with Mr Mondale; but his programme seems likely to be full at this time and he therefore regrets being unable to make any commitment at this stage. We are pursuing with the MOD the possibility of a visit to a base. We do not recommend a call on the Prime Minister.

2. You have already passed this information to Aaron. We will now discuss detailed arrangements with the American Embassy and will keep our Embassy in Washington informed.

Yours ever,  
David Day

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cc: Mr M Quinlan, MOD  
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