

PRIME MINISTER

Goa Retreat : Bilaterals

It has not been possible to fit into the programme all the bilateral meetings which you wanted to have. We have "done" Mrs Gandhi, Mr. Ramphal, Mr. Hawke and Mr. Mugabe. You have also spoken to Mr. Shagari and Mr. Adams at dinner.

I hope you will get an opportunity at Goa to have talks with the following since there is a need to cover a number of points:-

Mr. Mugabe (again - but a private chat this time)
Mr. Jayewardene (Sri Lanka)
Mr. Obote (Uganda)
Mr. Moi (Kenya)
Mr. Lee Kuan Yew (Singapore)
Mr. Price (Belize)
Mr. Chambers (Trinidad and Tobago)
Sir Dawda Jawara (Gambia)

I attach a card for each. It would be very helpful if you could let us have a brief account of what you were able to do.

If you need fuller background briefs Robin will have them with him at Goa.

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MR. JAYEWARDENE (SRI LANKA)

Grateful Sri Lanka voted with us on Falklands at UN.

Continue to support development (extra £10m for Victoria Dam announced in October).

Tamil problem

- violence caused concern in UK
- recognise terrorist problem
- support unity of Sri Lanka
- hope for progress following Mr Parthasarathy's visit to Colombo

Sorry State visit (October) could not take place but understand why.

British military assistance (if raised) - regret had to turn down request at time of riots - could not get directly involved in communal strife.

MR. OBOTE (UGANDA)

Security situation - understand need to control guerilla activity. Hope Commonwealth military training team has been helpful with training.

Economic - considerable progress. We support efforts of IMF and World Bank.

Buganda - will continue to support his efforts re displaced persons. Hope your government will assist work of voluntary agencies.

Compensation for Expropriated Property
Glad you have enacted legislation. Hope early decisions on claims for compensation and repossession of property.

MR. MOI (KENYA)

Reassure him about British attitudes to Kenya.

Congratulations on re-election (Sept).

Lord Whitelaw looking forward to attending 20th Anniversary celebrations.

Success of Queen's visit.

(If Raised) - Hope to take up invitation to visit Kenya before too long.

Shall continue to help with aid (over £300m since Independence; £30m spent in 1981/82. Made new commitment of 10m in response to Moi's appeal last year.

Kenya's adherence to IMF programme great encouragement.

Economic Situation (collapse of commodity prices, high oil costs, world recession, 4% per annum birth rate.)

Cooperation in military matters much appreciated. Hope relations with your defence forces can now become more relaxed. (restrictions introduced last May have been complicating the work of our Defence Advisor, military training teams and British units on exercises). Recognise this is delicate for you but, if there are any problems, let us discuss them.

/ Greatly admire

Greatly admire your handling of OAU affairs. Kenyan diplomacy largely responsible for successful resolution of East African community issue (on 14 November Moi, Obote and Nyerere agreed apportionment of assets of defunct community - Tanzania re-opened border with Kenya)

Grateful for Falklands absention.

MR. LEE KUAN YEW (SINGAPORE)

Glad to continue to have his views on
(a) Hong Kong
(b) Brunei (his advice helped us to
resolve impasse in talks earlier
this year).

Worried about technology exchange to
Soviet Union: Russians devote massive
resources to this; think they may be
trying to exploit Singapore and other
major centres for acquisition of
strategically sensitive items. Support
Singapore as bastion of free trade and
enterprise - but could we let you have
note on this - and then have informal
exchange of views at political level
with your people?

Give British firms full weight in awarding
contracts for Mass Rapid Transit project.

MR. PRICE (BELIZE)

Belize-Guatemala

Anxious for settlement of dispute soon.
Understand you have firm proposals
(Guatemala use without sovereignty of
southernmost cay; maritime delimitation
to give passage to sea; use of sea port).
Next meeting?

British garrison

You know will not withdraw at end of year.
But can't stay indefinitely. Aim to
withdraw as soon as possible.

Falklands

Thanks for voting with us.

MR. CHAMBERS (TRINIDAD)

(Not essential but why did he want to see you?)

Grenada

Effect on CARICOM?

(If Raised) We can agree to their national airline (BWIA) calling at Antigua on one of its two services to London via Barbados either instead of, or in addition to, the stop at Barbados. Can't offer more - but you can call for talks under our Air Service Agreement.

PRESIDENT JAWARA (GAMBIA)

(When you could not see him in September
we promised him a talk at CHOGM)

Thank you for voting with us on Falklands
for second year running.

Will continue help with aid (£3.5m this
year).

Gambia Army - following MOD visit in
September, we can provide training team
for two years, some training in UK and
£100,000 of non-lethal equipment (no more).