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*From the Private Secretary*

16 July 1984

Visit by Governor Wallace of Alabama

Roger Bone wrote on 12 July to convey a request from Governor Wallace to call on the Prime Minister.

I should be grateful if Governor Wallace could be informed that the Prime Minister regrets that her other engagements make it impossible for her to see him.

I note that you intend to offer instead a call on a Minister in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Agree not  
to see him?

12 July, 1984

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Visit by Governor Wallace of Alabama: 27-28 July

Governor George Wallace of Alabama will be visiting London on 27 and 28 July to promote inward investment and has asked through the US Embassy whether he might call on the Prime Minister. We understand he previously met Mrs Thatcher in 1975.

Governor Wallace has been active in political life in the US over many years. He was an independent US Presidential candidate in 1968. He was the victim of an assassination attempt in 1972 and has since been confined to a wheel chair.

Our view, which is shared by the Embassy in Washington, is that there are no particular grounds for a meeting between the Prime Minister and Governor Wallace. Although he has considerably modified his segregationist views and is a less controversial figure these days, his national standing has also declined. It is in any event not the normal practice for the Prime Minister to receive the Governors of US States and we would wish to avoid creating a precedent on this occasion. Unless therefore the Prime Minister particularly wishes to see the Governor, we would propose instead to offer a call on a Minister in the FCO.

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