



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

1 August 1984

REQUEST FOR CALL ON THE PRIME MINISTER BY MR. JAMES ROOSEVELT

Thank you for your letter of 31 July passing on Mr. Roosevelt's request to call on the Prime Minister in early September. I shall be grateful if Mr. Roosevelt can be informed that the Prime Minister very much regrets that her other engagements make it impossible for her to see him during his visit in London.

Charles Powell

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31 July 1984

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*Prime Minister
Unless you know him
personally, I recommend that
you agree NOT to see him.
C.D.P. 31/7*

Dear Charles,

Request for call on Prime Minister by Mr James Roosevelt

Mr James Roosevelt has asked the Ambassador in Washington whether it would be possible to call on the Prime Minister while he is in London from 1-9 September to address a Rank Xerox Management Conference. I enclose a copy of his letter.

Mr Roosevelt, the son of President Franklin Roosevelt, is a business consultant. He is a former Democratic Congressman and candidate for Governor of California. He is also Director of the Chapman Enterprise Institute, California, in which capacity he approached the Ambassador earlier this year with a suggestion that the Prime Minister might visit the United States in November to receive honorary degrees and lecture at various universities including Chapman College, California. The Ambassador declined the invitation, since there was no prospect of a visit to the United States in November.

In seeking a call on the Prime Minister, Mr Roosevelt appears to have no specific business to transact (other than perhaps to renew his invitation to the Prime Minister to visit the United States). We see no particular grounds on which to recommend that time be found for this. Unless the Prime Minister would like as a courtesy to accede to this request from President Roosevelt's son, we shall ask the Ambassador in Washington to tell Mr Roosevelt that the Prime Minister's schedule is such that she will unfortunately be unable to see him during his visit to London.

*Yours ever,
Colin Budd*

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July 10, 1984

His Excellency Sir Oliver Wright
Her Britannia Majesty's Ambassador
to the United States
3100 Massachusetts Avenue N.W.
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Dear Mr. Ambassador:

If it is not too presumptuous may I take this opportunity of asking you a favor. I have never had the pleasure of meeting Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. In spite of the full realization of how valuable her time and how heavy her schedule, it would be a great honor to have the privilege of paying my respects in person during a visit to London which has just been confirmed.

The Rank Xerox Corporation has asked me to be the speaker at their Management Conference to be held in London on September 7, 1984. Mrs. Roosevelt and I plan to visit and especially to see some of her family from September 1 thru September 9. We shall be staying at Arlington House, Piccadilly as the guests of Mr. & Mrs. Jack Aisher, and I will of course accommodate my schedule to that of the Prime Minister should she be able to fit me in for a few minutes.

Thank you for your kind consideration. With every good wish.

Very sincerely,

James Roosevelt

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