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AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
LONDON

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Dear Prime Minister,

I wanted to thank you most genuinely for seeing Mr. Secretary Wallis and me on Sunday morning at Chequer. The issue was of obvious importance but the notice was quite short. You were most understanding to fit us into a very busy

schedule.

Again, I know how much the President appreciates your help and involvement in reaching an early accord on the new agreement.

My very best wishes to you and Dennis.

Sincerely,
Charles Price

November 21, 1984

Prime Minister
It is for Bernard
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GEORGE WILL: REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW WITH THE PRIME MINISTER

1. THE WASHINGTON POST COLUMNIST, GEORGE WILL, HAS ASKED ME IF THERE IS ANY CHANCE OF HIS SEEING THE PRIME MINISTER FOR A 30-45 MINUTES TALK WHEN HE IS IN BRITAIN AT THE END OF THIS MONTH. THE BEST TIME FOR HIM WOULD BE BETWEEN 24-27 NOVEMBER INCLUSIVE WHEN HE WILL BE IN LONDON (SAVOY HOTEL), BUT HE WILL ALSO BE IN YORKSHIRE FROM 27 NOVEMBER - 1 DECEMBER AND WOULD BE READY TO TRAVEL DOWN TO SEE THE PRIME MINISTER AT ANY TIME CONVENIENT TO HER.

2. WILL IS ONE OF THE MOST INTELLIGENT AND WIDELY READ SYNDICATED COLUMNISTS HERE. HIS COLUMNS ARE CARRIED REGULARLY IN THE WASHINGTON POST BUT SYNDICATED AS WELL IN HUNDREDS OF US NEWSPAPERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. HE IS ALSO A WELL-KNOWN TELEVISION INTERVIEWER AND COMMENTATOR; THE PRIME MINISTER MAY REMEMBER MEETING HIM, AND DAVID BRINKLEY AND SAM DONALDSON, INTERVIEWING HER AT NO 10 IN SEPTEMBER 1983 FOR THE SUNDAY TALK SHOW QUOTE THIS WEEK WITH DAVID BRINKLEY UNQUOTE.

3. WILL IS CERTAINLY ONE OF THE MOST PROMINENT U.S. COLUMNISTS WITH REPUBLICAN AFFILIATIONS, AND HAS A CLOSE BUT NOT UNCRITICAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION. HE IS A STRONG BELIEVER IN THE ENTERPRISE ECONOMY, AND IN ECONOMIC DEREGULATION; AND A HARDLINER ON DEFENCE, URGING WASHINGTON TO LIVE UP TO ITS STATUS AS A SUPER-POWER. WILL HAS A STRONG AFFINITY FOR BRITAIN, FROM THE TIME HE STUDIED AT OXFORD AND DEVELOPED A DEEP INTEREST IN BRITISH CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY. HE GREATLY ADMIRES THE PRIME MINISTER, AND HIS OCCASIONAL REFERENCES TO BRITAIN AND THE GOVERNMENT IN HIS COLUMNS TEND TO BE FAVOURABLE.

4. IF THE PRIME MINISTER CAN SPARE GEORGE WILL 30-45 MINUTES (ON OR OFF THE RECORD), I THINK IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE AND REASONABLY REFLECTED IN HIS COLUMN. I AM SEEING HIM ON 23 NOVEMBER; ANY GUIDANCE YOU WERE ABLE TO OFFER ON THIS REQUEST BEFORE THEN WOULD BE WELCOME.

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5. IF THE PRIME MINISTER CAN SEE WILL, WE WOULD SEEK TO ESTABLISH WHETHER THERE ARE ANY PARTICULAR SUBJECTS HE WISHES TO RAISE; BUT I WOULD EXPECT HIM TO WANT TO RANGE OVER THE MAJOR FOREIGN AND ECONOMIC POLICY ISSUES.

6. WILL HIS ALSO TRYING (THROUGH THE US EMBASSY IN LONDON) TO ARRANGE MEETINGS WITH MR KINNOCK, MR STEEL AND DR OWEN.

7. FCO PLEASE ADVANCE TO HEADS OF NEWS DEPARTMENT AND NAD, AND TO NO 10.

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TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE
FROM THE AMERICAN EMBASSY
LONDON
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