

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506ACTION

October 1, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN M. POINDEXTER

FROM: PETER R. SOMMER *Peter*

SUBJECT: Mrs. Thatcher's Request to Meet with the President

As you know, Mrs. Thatcher has asked to meet with the President in mid-November. Her original request was made in anticipation of a Gorbachev Summit in late November, i.e., before we announced the Reykjavik meeting.

Nonetheless, she clearly continues to want to come in mid-November -- hopefully to Camp David on Saturday, November 15. The British Embassy confirmed this in a meeting with me today. Price has also sent a message and called the President. Your note on the President's readout of Price's call indicated that the President and Don Regan have agreed in principle to the meeting.

State supports the meeting, particularly since it is not coming out of their normal monthly quota. For my part, I question whether we should push for a session at Camp David on Saturday, November 15. You may recall that we accorded Mrs. Thatcher such treatment in December 1984, and the President has indicated that he would not object to doing it again.

Nevertheless, we could meet on Friday, November 14 and avoid disrupting the President's weekend. It is my impression that we avoid weekend Presidential meetings when we can, and I see no compelling reason to go to Camp David -- other than that is what Mrs. Thatcher hopes to do. They could have a small meeting in Washington thereby creating the sense of "intimacy" that Mrs. Thatcher desires.

There is the further complication of not knowing when the President and Gorbachev will meet again following Reykjavik, and how we would handle overall Allied consultations for such a meeting. But I think we need to send forward the Schedule Proposal now and adjust later, if a second meeting with Gorbachev requires us to do so.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That you authorize Rod McDaniel to sign the Tab I Schedule Proposal requesting a meeting and lunch in Washington on Friday, November 14 (if Mrs. Thatcher complains we can then try to move it to Saturday at Camp David).

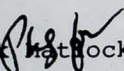
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Disapprove _____

2. That you sign the Tab II note informing Don Regan of the recommendation we are making in the schedule proposal to Fred Ryan.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

Jack  and Frank Lavin concur.

Attachments

Tab I Schedule Proposal

Tab II Memo to Don Regan

Tab A Readout of Price's call to President

cc: Bob Linhard
Ty Cobb

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

TO: FREDERICK J. RYAN, Director
Presidential Appointments and Scheduling

FROM: RODNEY B. MCDANIEL

REQUEST: Meeting and working lunch with Mrs. Thatcher

PURPOSE: To consult with one of our closest Allies.

BACKGROUND: Mrs. Thatcher has asked to meet with the President to consult about current issues with a special focus on US-Soviet relations; South Africa and the Middle East would also be high on the agenda. This meeting fits into our overall Allied consultation plans in connection with the President's meetings with General Secretary Gorbachev. Moreover, the United Kingdom is the current EC President (the Presidency rotates every six months) thus a meeting with Mrs. Thatcher offers a vehicle for reaching a wider number of Allies.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: The President last saw Mrs. Thatcher at the Tokyo Summit in May.

DATE & TIME: Friday, November 14
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. (meeting in Oval Office followed by working lunch)

LOCATION: Oval Office and Family Dining Room

PARTICIPANTS: President, Secretary Shultz, Don Regan, Admiral Poindexter, Ambassador Price, and Mrs. Thatcher plus two

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: Small meeting in Oval Office followed by informal lunch

REMARKS REQUIRED: NSC to provide

MEDIA COVERAGE: Pool photo opportunity and possible departure remarks

RECOMMENDED BY: Admiral Poindexter and Secretary Shultz

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MEMORANDUM FOR DON REGAN

FROM: JOHN M. POINDEXTER

SUBJECT: Mrs. Thatcher's Request to meet with the President

As you know, Mrs. Thatcher has asked to meet with the President in mid-November. The President's note (Tab A) on Charlie Price's call indicates that he is willing to meet with her. A meeting would be helpful in advancing Alliance solidarity on East-West issues.

While Mrs. Thatcher has stated a preference to meet at Camp David on Saturday, November 15, I see no compelling reason, from our point of view, to interrupt the President's weekend schedule. Between now and Christmas will be an especially demanding period for him.

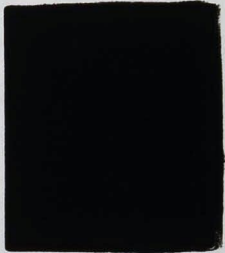
The Schedule Proposal that my office is sending Fred Ryan will recommend a meeting and working lunch on Friday, November 14. We should keep the number of participants small to convey the "intimacy" that Mrs. Thatcher seems to prefer. Our informal information indicates that Mrs. Thatcher could come on November 14; however, if she complains too loudly we could reconsider Camp David on Saturday, November 15.



National Security Council
The White House

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Paul Thompson	_____	_____	_____
Florence Gantt	_____	_____	_____
John Poindexter	<u>1</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	_____
Rodney McDaniel	<u>2</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>A</u>
NSC Secretariat	_____	_____	_____
Situation Room <u>LAVIN</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>[Checkmark]</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>

I = Information A = Action R = Retain D = Dispatch N = No further Action

cc: VP Regan Buchanan Other _____

COMMENTS

Should be seen by: _____
(Date/Time)

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From Ambrose Price.

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State supports the meeting, particularly since it is not coming out of their normal monthly quota. For my part, I question whether we should push for a session at Camp David on Saturday, November 15. I had hoped that we could arrange a meeting on Friday, November 14 and avoid disrupting the President's weekend; but, I understand from Rod McDaniel that a definite decision has been made to meet at Camp David.

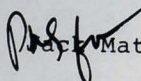
As an aside, I wish to note that should we invite Allied leaders to Washington for a consultation meeting -- assuming a Washington Summit later this year -- we may have to adjust the invitation to Mrs. Thatcher.

RECOMMENDATION

That you authorize Rod McDaniel to sign the Tab I Schedule Proposal requesting a meeting at Camp David on Saturday, November 15.

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Disapprove _____

 Matlock and Frank Lavin concur.

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BACKGROUND: Mrs. Thatcher has asked to meet with the President at Camp David and it is our understanding that he has agreed. The meeting would be a key element of our consultation sessions with Allies this fall. Discussions would likely focus on US-Soviet relations; South Africa and the Middle East would also be high on the agenda. The United Kingdom is the current EC President (the Presidency rotates every six months) thus a meeting with Mrs. Thatcher also offers a useful vehicle for reaching a wider number of Allies.

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OUTLINE OF EVENTS: Small meeting followed by informal working lunch

REMARKS REQUIRED: NSC to provide

MEDIA COVERAGE: White House photographer only

RECOMMENDED BY: Admiral Poindexter and Secretary Shultz

OPPOSED BY: None