

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506ACTION

October 17, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN M. POINDEXTER

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SUBJECT: Thatcher Visit

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Approve \_\_\_\_\_

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Frank Lavin concurs.

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SUBJECT: VISIT BY PRIME MINISTER THATCHER TO WASHINGTON

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1. ~~SECRET~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. THE TIMES OF LONDON REPORTED THIS MORNING THAT PRIME MINISTER THATCHER HAS "CALLED OFF PLANS FOR AN EARLY VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN THE WAKE OF THE FAILURE OF THE REAGAN-GORBACHEV SUMMIT IN ICELAND." I HAVE SPOKEN TO MRS. THATCHER'S PRIVATE SECRETARY, CHARLES POWELL, WHO TELLS ME THAT MRS. THATCHER STILL VERY MUCH WANTS TO VISIT WASHINGTON ON NOVEMBER 14-15 AS REPORTED IN THE REFTEL. POWELL SAYS HE HAS CALLED THE TIMES AND TOLD THEM THAT THEIR REPORT IS "RUBBISH." ... says Thatcher

3. MRS. THATCHER IS CLEARLY ANXIOUS TO HAVE THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE ANNOUNCEMENT OF A VISIT. I UNDERSTAND THAT AN INSTRUCTION HAS GONE TO THE UK EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON ASKING THAT A DECISION PERMITTING AN ANNOUNCEMENT TOMORROW, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, BE MADE IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. THE PRIME MINISTER NO DOUBT WOULD LIKE THEREBY TO UNDERCUT THE EXPECTED FLURRY OF ATTENTION IN THE MUCH-READ SUNDAY PAPERS WHICH THE TIMES ARTICLE WILL PROVOKE.

4. I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF A POSITIVE DECISION COULD BE MADE JUST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND AGREEMENT REACHED WITH HMG ON A JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT.

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