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PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE  
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THE PRIME MINISTER

29 November 1982

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Dear Prime Minister.

Thank you very much for your letter of 16 November.

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Unfortunately my programme for the coming months is already very crowded and I am, therefore, unable at present to suggest dates when I might take up your generous offer. I look forward, however, to doing so in due course.

With my warmest best wishes.

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Mr Kåre Willoch

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Prime Minister

The Norwegians are obviously  
been that you should visit  
Norway soon.

but it is not a very high  
priority and unless you particularly  
want to do it it seems best to  
send this non-committal reply.

(apparently no British Prime Minister  
in office has ever visited Norway).

A.J.C. 26/11.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

26 November 1982

*Jon Thur.*

Invitation for the Prime Minister to Visit Norway

In your letter of 22 November you asked for advice on the letter from Mr Willoch inviting the Prime Minister to visit Norway.

Norway is a close friend and was particularly helpful over the Falklands. It would be very desirable to return the visit which Mr Willoch made to London last March. But this is not a priority and in the light of your letter of 18 October to John Holmes saying that the Prime Minister does not want to be committed to further overseas visits in 1983, Mr Pym recommends that the reply to Mr Willoch should say that dates cannot be proposed at present. I enclose a draft letter.

*You are*  
*R B Bone*

(R B Bone)  
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq  
10 Downing Street

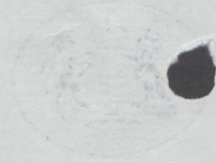
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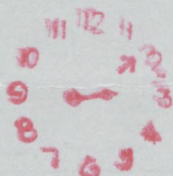
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The Royal Norwegian Government

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