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THE PRIME MINISTER

21 June 1985

My dear Premis,

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Thank you for your letter of 8 June.

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On a personal level, I very much welcomed the opportunity to renew our friendship, and to repay at least in part the magnificent hospitality which you have shown me in Peking.

With best wishes.

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## Foreign and Commonwealth Office London SW1A 2AH

18 June 1985

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## Visit by Premier Zhao Ziyang

I enclose a letter of thanks to the Prime Minister from the Chinese Premier following his recent visit. This contains no message of political substance, but it would be in accordance with Chinese courtesy, and certainly much appreciated in Peking, if the Prime Minister were to send a reply pitched on a similar level. I enclose a draft.

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(P F Ricketts) Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq 10 Downing Street

DSR A (Revised) minute/letter/teleletter/despatch/note TYPE: Draft/Final 1+ DRAFT: Reference FROM: Prime Minister TEL. NO: DEPARTMENT: Your Reference TO: SECURITY CLASSIFICATION His Excellency Top Secret Mr Zhao Ziyang Secret Copies to: Confidential Restricted Unclassified PRIVACY MARKING SUBJECT: Thank you for your letter of 8 June. .....In Confidence I was delighted that your visit to Britain was such CAVEAT..... a success. I agree that our talks, and the five full days you were able to spend in Britain, have laid the foundation for the continued rapid development of relations between our two countries. On a personal level, I very much welcomed the opportunity to renew our friendship, and to repay at least in part the magnificent hospitality which you have shown me in Peking. With best wishes. Enclosures—flag(s).....