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*From the Private Secretary*

5 August 1986

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO NORWAY

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The Prime Minister will no doubt need to make a brief speech at the Norwegian Government's dinner in her honour. I should be grateful for advice on the length and nature of this, and for a draft by 1 September. You will wish to consult the Department of Energy and Department of the Environment about what the Prime Minister should say on environmental matters.

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Dear Mark,

Prime Minister's Visit to Norway

In Charles Powell's letter of 5 August he asked for advice on the length and nature of the Prime Minister's speech at the dinner to be given in her honour by the Norwegian Government on 11 September. She will also be expected to speak at the lunch in Tromso the same day. Both meals will be hosted by the Norwegian Prime Minister, Mrs Brundtland. No speeches will be made at the lunch to be given by King Olav on 12 September.

Both speeches will be short - no more than four to five minutes. The form, following Norwegian tradition, will be that Mrs Brundtland will welcome her guest at the beginning of each meal (the Prime Minister will not be expected to reply at this stage). After the main course, Mrs Brundtland will speak for about three or four minutes. The Prime Minister will then respond.

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We understand that the Norwegians do not expect the speeches to be exclusively political. However, we suggest that the remarks in Tromso should include comment on the importance to the UK of NATO's Northern Flank, as well as some reference to the links between that city and the UK. At the dinner in Oslo, we believe it would be appropriate to mention the longstanding ties between the UK and Norway; our shared interest as members of the Alliance; the importance of links between the EC and EFTA countries; and Anglo-Norwegian cooperation in the North Sea. We are in touch with the Department of Energy and the Department of the Environment about what should be said about the environment. This could be affected by the outcome of the E(A) discussion on Acid Rain which is scheduled for early September.

We shall let you have drafts of both speeches by 1 September.

We have also discussed with the Norwegians a draft agenda for the talks between the Prime Minister and Mrs Brundtland on 12 September. The Norwegian proposals, set out in Oslo telegram 191 (attached), seem to us to cover the main points of mutual interest. The agenda does not specify Acid Rain, and we understand that the Norwegians do not want to give the subject a high profile during the visit. However, discussion of it can be expected under "Bilateral questions". (The Prime Minister is also almost certain to be closely questioned on it at her press conference.) The draft agenda is being submitted in this form to Mrs Brundtland. We should be grateful to know if the Prime Minister is content with it.

*Yours Sincerely,  
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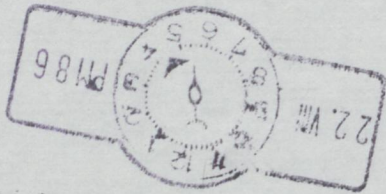
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*From the Private Secretary*

3 September 1986

Prime Minister's Visit to Norway

BF // I enclose drafts of the Prime Minister's speeches in Tromso and in Oslo in the form in which I am putting them to her. I should nonetheless be grateful for any further embellishments and improvements which the Department has to offer.

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PRIME MINISTER

VISIT TO NORWAY: SPEECHES

You will be expected to make two very short speeches in Norway:

- (i) at lunch in the city of Tromso on the first day (just 3/4 minutes); and
- (ii) at the Norwegian Government's dinner in Oslo that evening (5/6 minutes). This latter speech will have to say something about environmental problems/acid rain. But we can only settle this after the E(A) discussion on 10 September.

I attach two drafts for you to consider.

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3 September 1986

GR att.  
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