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10 DOWNING STREET
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THE PRIME MINISTER

25 July 1988

Dear Hartley,

Thank you very much for having us to lunch on Saturday. It was an extremely good lunch and a most amusing afternoon. I found it very useful to talk to William about Cambodia, and greatly enjoyed David Cornwell's conversation over lunch. The house is really beautiful and it was such a pity that the weather made it impossible to see the garden.

It was a very good 'Traviata' at Glyndebourne, rounding off an exceptional day.

Thank you so much again.

Warm regards,

Yours sincerely

Nargant Dhalke

The Right Honourable The Lord Shawcross, G.B.E., Q.C.

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PRIME MINISTER

cc: Mr. Thatcher
Detectives

LUNCH WITH LORD SHAWCROSS

You are to have lunch with Lord Shawcross in the country tomorrow. You will need to leave shortly after 1045 hours. Lunch is at 1245 for 1300. Lord Shawcross has set aside a room for you to change before you go on to Glyndebourne.

The other guests at lunch are:

Sir George and Lady Christie (from Glyndebourne)
David Cornwall (alias John Le Carré)
Lord Shawcross
Mrs. Huiscampe (Lord Shawcross's "companion")
William Shawcross (son, who has just finished a book
on the Shah)
Olga Polizzi
Charles and Carla Powell

I gather that Sir George and Lady Christie will be travelling in convoy with you to Glyndebourne.

C.D.P.



Charles Powell

22 July 1988

NOTE FOR THE FILE

23 JULY

I spoke to Lord Shawcross. The contact at
Friston is Mrs Tune on 032-152206.

Lunch will be 1245 for 1300. Guests include:

Sir George and Lady Christie
David Cornwall (John Le Carre)
Lord Shawcross
Mrs Huiscampe
William Shawcross
Olga Polizzi
Charles and Carla Powell

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From the Private Secretary

21 March 1988

Thank you very much for your letter of 17 March. We are looking forward very much to the lunch at Friston even though it is still a long way off. I think the Prime Minister would really like quite a small group. I am sure she would be delighted to see Willie and Olga. I think the idea of the Chinese Ambassador and his wife is an interesting one and I am sure she would have no objection to them.

She knows the Christies and would certainly be very happy to see them. But I would be inclined not to go beyond that.

(Charles Powell)

The Rt. Hon. Lord Shawcross, G.B.E., Q.C.

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26 January 1988

From the Private Secretary
PERSONAL

The Prime Minister has now confirmed that, if really convenient to you, she and Mr Thatcher would very much like to have lunch at Friston on Saturday 23 July on their way to Glyndeboune. I do hope this is all right. For reasons of security I should be grateful if you could hold knowledge of their visit as closely as possible until nearer the time.

Meanwhile, if the kind invitation in your letter to Carla and me is still open, we would love to accept for them as well.

Charles Powell

The Rt. Hon. Lord Shawcross, GBE, QC.

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MR THATCHER

Tessa

Charles - I have
put this in the
diary in
brackets.

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SATURDAY 23 JULY

Lord Shawcross has invited you and the
Prime Minister to lunch or dinner at Friston
and Saturday 23 July looks a good day to
go to lunch. It is the day you are going
to Glyndebourne and he will let you have
a room there to change in after lunch.

Tessa

Tessa Gaisman

*1 Thank you
2 Super for me
8 22/1*

22 January 1988

PRIME MINISTER

I understand from Charles that Lord Shawcross has invited you to lunch or dine at Friston. I had a look at dates for the Spring which is when you said you would like to go but these are not terribly good. I wondered if it might be an idea to lunch at Friston before you go to Glyndebourne on Saturday 23 July. I gather that the two are not far apart and I am sure that Lord Shawcross would be happy for you to use a room to change in after lunch.

Would you like me to offer him this date?

PM

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les no

PP Tessa Gaisman

21 January 1988



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From the Private Secretary

19 January 1988

Thank you very much for your kind letter. I have mentioned to the Prime Minister your suggestion that she might one day come to Friston Place for lunch or dinner. She would very much like to do this, perhaps in the Summer. One possible date which I have identified, when she is likely to be in the area anyway, is 23 July. I wonder how this strikes you.

Looking forward very much to seeing you at the Chinese Ambassador's dinner tonight. It was kind of you to offer us a lift but I have fixed up a car from here.

With warm good wishes,

(Charles Powell)

The Rt. Hon. Lord Shawcross, G.B.E., Q.C.

RCP

Chas

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What about Sat. 23rd
July - would this be
any good for HS? Spring
dates are difficult with
expt. to 12 if the 23rd suits words.

PRIME MINISTER

Hartley Shawcross has written to me to say that he would very much like to offer you lunch or dinner one weekend at Friston Place.

T.G.
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It is of course a fine house and an attractive setting, particularly in summer (although the park was very badly damaged by the storm in October). It is also quite close to Glyndebourne. But it is quite a long way (near Eastbourne) and I doubt that you will want to go that far at a weekend.

Agree that I should thank him, but say that you do not see any early prospect of taking up his kind invitation?

C.D.P.

Should love to go
in Spring.
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Charles Powell

18 January 1988

Tessa
Cd. we look at
some possible
dates.
C.D.P.