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PERSONAL MESSAGE TO DOWNING STREET  
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THE PRIME MINISTER

6 October 1988

Dear General Jaruzelski:

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I am looking forward greatly to coming to Poland and I hope my visit need not be long delayed. Unfortunately I am committed to visit the United States on the dates you propose and my programme then after would preclude my coming to Poland until next year. I hope very much therefore that 3-4 November - which our Ambassador has proposed - will be convenient for you.

I know how occupied you must be with the important changes now taking place in Poland, which I am following with great interest. I hope very much to be able to discuss them with you personally in a few weeks' time. This timing would provide an excellent opportunity for me to gain an insight into the direction of your Government's policies in the coming years.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Thatcher

His Excellency General Wojciech Jaruzelski

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*From the Private Secretary*

6 October 1988

**PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO POLAND**

Thank you for your letter of today's date proposing a reply from the Prime Minister to General Jaruzelski's message. The Prime Minister has agreed to this and I enclose the version of the reply which she has signed. I should be grateful if it could be telegraphed to Warsaw overnight.

(CHARLES POWELL)

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6 October 1988

Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's Visit to Poland

Despite repeated and insistent efforts by the Embassy, the latest of which was made yesterday, our Ambassador reports that he has so far been unable to obtain a response from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs about new dates for the Prime Minister's visit. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs say that, because Jaruzelski and other members of the Polish leadership are so heavily tied up with the political changes now taking place, they have not yet been able to give the matter their attention.

That is a manifestly thin excuse and the Ambassador concludes that the Poles may be apprehensive that the Prime Minister's visit would give a boost to Solidarity at a particularly inopportune moment.

He advises therefore that a quick personal message from the Prime Minister to General Jaruzelski might help forestall a negative reply. I enclose a suitable draft.

Yours ever,

L Parker

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Private Secretary

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