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Lady Thatcher's 1993 Travel Plans

Julian Seymour in Lady Thatcher's office telephoned on 15 January to tell me the results of their recent meeting with Lady Thatcher to plan her foreign travel for the next six months or so. She has to fit this around the final editing of her autobiography. He mentioned the following plans:

- United States. Lady Thatcher had two visits planned. Sir R Renwick was fully in the picture. No further action or advice needed from us.
- Russia. A trip on 14-16 April was now firmly in her diary. Sir B Fall knew the details. One aim was to see Gorbachev and do some filming for a TV documentary. It had not proved possible to arrange this outside Moscow, since Gorbachev was no longer intending to travel any time soon. Lady Thatcher would welcome Brian Fall's suggestions to fill the remaining gaps in her programme.
- Poland. On 16 April Lady Thatcher now planned a private weekend visit to Warsaw. They already had an embryo Thatcher Foundation office there, and she had a commitment to the Forte Group to preside at the re-opening of the Bristol Hotel, which they had acquired. She would arrive either Friday evening, 16 April or early Saturday morning, and stay until Sunday night or Monday morning. They would welcome advice from us or HMA Warsaw on other elements for a programme. I undertook to alert the Ambassador to these plans and suggested that Julian Seymour might be in direct contact next week with him. I gave Julian the Embassy's telephone and fax numbers.
- Mexico. Julian Seymour confirmed that there was an opening for a visit to Mexico City in August, though

he recognised the possible difficulties of this. We again agreed that he should be in direct touch next week with the Ambassador. I gave him the details.

- Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore. A trip to these three might be possible in September, though it was only a thought at this stage. Citibank were pressing Lady Thatcher to go on their behalf, after her splendid efforts for them last year elsewhere in the Far East.
- Denmark and Sweden. Finally, Julian Seymour mentioned her plans to visit Copenhagen and Stockholm next week. (18-19 Jan.) She would be making speeches in both capitals, on familiar themes! Both Ambassadors were in the picture. For obvious reasons they were not looking to us for anything further on these.

I said that we were most grateful for all this information and would want to help in any way we could.

Comment. This exercise has got off to a good start. I would be grateful for any steer about handling this contact in the future. It would seem most sensible for Lady Thatcher's office to deal direct with Embassies about the details of in-country programmes. But any strategic direction which we might wish to give might perhaps be passed down this channel.

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