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PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

1 December 1983

Your Majesty,

I am delighted to have this opportunity of conveying to you, through my Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, Mr. Norman Tebbit, my personal good wishes.

The close co-operation in economic and trade matters between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Kingdom is a reflection of the good relations which exist between our two countries. The visit of Mr. Tebbit serves to re-affirm the very high regard in which we hold the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the importance we attach to maintaining good relations with Your Majesty and the people of Saudi Arabia.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

His Majesty King Fahd bin Abdul Aziz bin Abdul Rahman Al Faisal Al Saud

1 December 1983

Visit to Saudi Arabia

You wrote to Tim Flesher on 29 November.

The Prime Minister has signed the enclosed letter to King Fahd and would be grateful if this could be delivered during Mr. Tebbit's visit.

AJC

Miss Ruth Thompson
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29 November 1983

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*When does
S/S go?
Reference*

- 1) Mr Coles *AA 20/11.*
- 2) Prime Minister

Agree message? Yes
DMS 30/11

Dear Tim,

VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA 2 - 5 DECEMBER 1983

My Secretary of State's host in Saudi Arabia, the Minister for Commerce, Dr Suliman Al Solaim, is attempting to arrange an audience for Mr Tebbit with HM King Fahd during his forthcoming visit to the Kingdom. The Minister has suggested that a message from the Prime Minister to the King would be appropriate.

2 Our relations with Saudi Arabia are good. The FCO see no objection to such a message but, like this Department, have no particular points to make. This argues for a brief message of goodwill; I attach a draft for the Prime Minister's approval. I would be grateful if the signed letter could be returned by close of play on 1 December. I apologise for the short notice, but we only learned of the likely audience with the King earlier this week.

3 I am sending a copy of this letter to Peter Ricketts (FCO).

Yours ever,
Ruth

RUTH THOMPSON
Private Secretary