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Prime Minister.

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5 June 1984

To note.

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PRIME MINISTER

LONDON ECONOMIC SUMMIT - PROVISION OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE  
AT LANCASTER HOUSE

I thought you would wish to know that in accordance with well established practice the Military Police will be providing assistance to search and secure the inside of Lancaster House on 7-9 June, and to search the press corps and their equipment on the occasions on which they will be permitted inside the building. Up to 30 personnel will be involved at any one time, although they will be going about their duties in small groups and we would expect them to be quite unobtrusive. Whilst they are carrying out the search of buildings they will be in uniform; when they are dealing with the press corps they will be in plain clothes. This distinction has been found to work in the past and avoids drawing attention to the presence of the RMP. The Metropolitan Police, whilst they leave the securing of the insides of the buildings to the RMP, are of course in control of the overall security operation.

In addition to this routine assistance, I have agreed to provide a further 13 Royal Engineers who are specialists in the detection and disposal of explosives. The need for these additional servicemen is because the search task at Lancaster House is greater and more complex than at previous conferences, due largely to the extensive renovations and alterations that have been carried out specifically for the Summit. The Engineers are the search experts and have a considerable amount of sophisticated detection equipment. They will carry out their search on 7 June, and will not be at Lancaster House during the Summit itself.

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The Metropolitan Police have asked that the Royal Engineers should be in civilian clothes in order to maintain the lowest possible profile for the whole security operation at Lancaster House, though they will be briefed that they should make it clear that they are Servicemen acting in support of the civil police should they by any chance be asked their identity whilst they are carrying out their search of the building. For the Engineers to arrive in uniform with all their equipment would produce undesirable speculation that security at the Summit was being treated as a major military operation.

I am sending copies of this note to the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary and the Home Secretary.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J.S.', is positioned above the typed name.

JOHN STANLEY

The Prime Minister



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6 June 1984

London Economic Summit: Provision of  
Military Assistance at Lancaster House

The Prime Minister has seen Mr. Stanley's  
minute of 5 June and has noted its contents.

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Colin Farthing, Esq.,  
Ministry of Defence.

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

2 July 1984

Dear Colonel Watkins,

I should be grateful if you would kindly pass on my personal thanks to all those involved in the RMP's splendid contribution to the success of the Summit. The quiet and efficient manner in which your people conducted themselves made a great impression on everyone who took part, and I am really most grateful.

Yours sincerely

Rajiv Gandhi

Lieutenant-Colonel C Watkins, R.M.P.

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Mr D Barclay



From the Secretary of the Cabinet

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David to AM's sig pm

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25/6

I attach a draft letter for the Prime Minister to send to the Royal Military Police to thank them for their contribution at the Economic Summit.

Lindsay  
25/6/84.

*Miss L. Wilkinson*



*Draft as requested*

*With the compliments of*

**PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT**

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The Prime Minister

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LONDON ECONOMIC SUMMIT

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CAVEAT.....

I am very grateful to you and for ~~the sterling~~  
work <sup>to</sup> of Warrant Officer One Gilfellon and the Non  
Commissioned Officers of London District Provost Company  
~~whilst carrying out their duties at Lancaster House and~~  
~~elsewhere.~~  
*for the sterling work you put in at Lancaster House*

The quiet and efficient manner in which <sup>your people</sup> ~~they~~  
conducted themselves made a great impression on all ~~those~~  
<sup>everyone who took part, and I am <sup>really</sup> most grateful.</sup>  
attending, and contributed in a material way to the  
~~overall success of the Summit.~~

I should be pleased if you would pass on my  
personal thanks to all involved for their very hard  
work.

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pass on my <sup>personal</sup> thanks to all those  
involved in the RMP's splendid contribution  
to the success of the Summit.*

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COMMISSIONER OF POLICE  
OF THE METROPOLIS

Sir Kenneth Newman QPM

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19 June 1984

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The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher MP  
Prime Minister  
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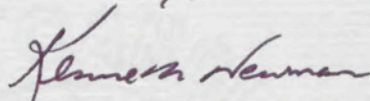
London Summit June '84

Dear Prime Minister,

Thank you for your kind letter of 18 June.

It was good of you to take the trouble to write in such generous terms about the way in which my Force have policed recent major demonstrations in London and it will give me great pleasure to convey your message to my officers.

Yours sincerely,

  
Kenneth Newman





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PETER MARSHALL Q.P.M.  
COMMISSIONER OF POLICE FOR THE CITY OF LONDON

Our ref: S4/276/84

20th June, 1984.

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.,  
10, Downing Street,  
London, S.W.1.

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PPS

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Dear Prime Minister,

Your kind comments about the manner in which the City Police carried out their duties at the final press conference of the Summit at Guildhall on Saturday 9th June are greatly appreciated.

I will convey your thanks to the Force with pleasure.

Yours sincerely  
Peter Marshall



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