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From the Private Secretary

12 September 1984

Visit to the UK by Mr. David Lange, New Zealand
Prime Minister and Foreign Minister

I wrote to you on 30 August about the arrangements for this visit.

The Prime Minister has now confirmed that she would prefer to have a strictly private meeting with Mr. Lange without other Ministers and officials present. We are therefore arranging for Mr. and Mrs. Lange and the other guests to be invited at 1230 for 1300, and the Prime Minister will take Mr. Lange off for a private chat after lunch.

You will wish to ensure that the briefs are written in a way appropriate for the sort of meeting now envisaged. It will be for Departments concerned to brief their Ministers on any specific points which they should raise with Mr. O'Flynn.

I am sending copies of this letter to Richard Mottram (Ministry of Defence), Ivor Llewelyn (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food) and Stewart Eldon (Foreign and Commonwealth Office).

Charles Powell

Peter Ricketts Esq
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PRIME MINISTERMeeting with the Prime Minister of New Zealand

You have invited the new Prime Minister of New Zealand for lunch and talks at Chequers on 30 September. He will be accompanied by his wife, his Deputy Foreign Minister (he is his own Foreign Minister) and two or three officials. At present he is invited for 1200.

The options for handling the meeting are:-

- A) Stick to 1200: you have a strictly private meeting with him from 12-1230 while other Ministers you have invited look after Mrs. Lange and the other New Zealand guests. No delegation talks.
- ✓ B) Slip the invitation to 1230 for 1300. You take him off afterwards for a private chat, leaving other Ministers to talk to the Deputy Foreign Minister and officials.
- C) Wider talks before or after lunch including Mr. Jopling, Mr. Heseltine and Lady Young on our side and the Deputy Foreign Minister and officials on theirs.

Since it is the first meeting, and occasion for you to get to know Mr. Lange and there are no pressing business problems I would favour (B). Agree?

C.D.P.

Yes
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11 September 1984



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From the Private Secretary

30 August, 1984

VISIT TO THE UK BY MR. DAVID LANGE, NEW ZEALAND

PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER

Thank you for your letter of 29 August about Mr. Lange's visit.

The Prime Minister agrees that Mr. and Mrs. Lange and Mr. O'Flynn be accorded Guest of Government status. She also agrees that Mr. O'Flynn should be included in the guest list for the Chequers lunch.

You ask about attendance at the talks. I suspect the Prime Minister would prefer these to be very relaxed and principally an opportunity for her to get to know Mr. Lange. It is quite likely therefore that she will wish to see Mr. Lange alone. However, Mr. Jopling and Lady Young have also been invited to the lunch and would therefore be available to take part in discussions. As this implies, preparation of the guest list for the lunch is already in hand.

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Prime Minister.

1. Agree to give Mr. & Mrs. Lange
& Mr. O'Flynn Guest of 29 August 1984
Government status?Dear Charles,
2. Agree to add Mr. O'Flynn to the
lunch?
C.D.P. 29/8.Yes
mfVisit to the UK by Mr David Lange, New Zealand Prime
Minister and Foreign Minister

We have already been in touch about the visit to the UK of Mr and Mrs Lange, from 27 September to 2 October. The Prime Minister has invited Mr Lange to Chequers on 30 September for talks followed by lunch.

We now learn that Mr Lange will be accompanied by Mr Frank D O'Flynn, his Deputy Foreign Minister and Associate Minister for Overseas Trade and Marketing, who will be here from 27 September to 1 October.

Sir Geoffrey Howe recommends that Mr and Mrs Lange and Mr O'Flynn be accorded Guest of Government status. They are the first Ministerial visitors from the new New Zealand Cabinet and their visit offers an excellent opportunity to demonstrate goodwill towards the new Government. The New Zealand Government normally accord visiting British Ministers Guest of Government status, the most recent example being Lady Young, who will be visiting New Zealand in October.

I would be grateful to know whether the Prime Minister agrees. It would also be helpful to have an idea of which other Ministers the Prime Minister would wish to be at the talks on 30 September. This will help us to compile a suggested guest list for the lunch. Sir Geoffrey will probably be returning that morning from his visit to Central America and the UN General Assembly, where he will already have met with Mr Lange, and would therefore be content for Lady Young to represent the FCO, if the Prime Minister agrees.

Already agreed.

The New Zealand High Commission have also asked if it would be possible for Mr O'Flynn to be included in the invitation to Chequers for 30 September. We endorse their request and should be grateful if it too could be put to the Prime Minister.

Yes

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