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From the Private Secretary

30 September 1984

Dear Peter,

PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER OF  
NEW ZEALAND ON 30 SEPTEMBER 1984 AT CHEQUERS

The Prime Minister entertained the Prime Minister of New Zealand and Mrs. Lange to lunch at Chequers today. Mr. O'Flynn, the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and Defence, and a number of New Zealand officials were also present.

After lunch the Prime Minister had a brief tete-a-tete discussion with Mr. Lange. In the course of this the Prime Minister raised the question of New Zealand's vote on the Falklands Resolution at the United Nations and urged Mr. Lange not to change it. Mr. Lange said that he had seen President Alfonsin in New York. He had not been impressed with Alfonsin's view of self-determination for the Falklands which seemed to amount to whatever Argentina determined to be good for them. If the Resolution remained on the lines of the draft which he had seen early last week, New Zealand would vote against it. But he expected amendments to be made and was not willing to commit himself as to exactly how New Zealand would vote on an amended Resolution. The Prime Minister had the impression that he may have given a commitment to President Alfonsin to abstain on a more moderately worded Resolution.

The Prime Minister also raised the subject of nuclear ships visits. Mr. Lange said that he had made certain public commitments to which he must adhere. The Prime Minister commented afterwards that it was clear that Mr. Lange had not thought through all the implications and had not been fully informed of the accommodations which the United Kingdom had reached with a number of other countries. But she thought that he would find it difficult to go back on the commitments he had made.

Mr. Lange had seen Mr Gromyko in New York and found him totally rigid. In the Prime Minister's view, the meeting had had a useful educational effect on Mr. Lange.

There was also some discussion of political developments in Australia and the various accusations of corruption. Mr. Lange said that it was not the first time that Mr. Hawke had resorted to public tears as part of an election campaign.

During his toast at lunch, Mr. Lange referred with evident sincerity to New Zealand's gratitude to the United Kingdom for its support in Brussels for New Zealand interests. He said that New Zealand's support for Britain during the Falklands conflict would have been as assured under a Labour Government as from Sir Robert Muldoon. He committed his Government to maintain the closest possible links with Britain.

I am sending copies of this letter to Ivor Llewelyn (MAFF) and Richard Mottram (Ministry of Defence).

*yours sincerely,  
Charles Powell*

(C.D. POWELL)

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Mr. Powell

LIST OF GUESTS ATTENDING THE LUNCHEON TO BE GIVEN BY THE  
PRIME MINISTER IN HONOUR OF THE PRIME MINISTER OF NEW ZEALAND  
AND MRS. LANGE ON SUNDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 1984 AT 12.30 PM FOR 1.00 PM

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The Prime Minister

The Hon. David Lange, MP  
and Mrs. Lange

The Hon. F.D. O'Flynn, QC, MP                      Minister of State and Deputy  
Minister of Foreign Affairs

His Excellency the High Commissioner for New Zealand  
and Mrs. Young

Mr. M. Norrish    Permanent Secretary, Ministry  
of Foreign Affairs

Mr. G.K. Ansell    Deputy Secretary, Ministry of  
Foreign Affairs

Mr. K. Richardson    Senior Private Secretary to the  
Prime Minister

Rt. Hon. Michael Heseltine, MP  
and Mrs. Heseltine

Rt. Hon. Michael Jopling, MP  
and Mrs. Jopling

Rt. Hon. Baroness Young  
and Dr. Geoffrey Young

Dr. D.S. Mitchell    Director, Aero Engines, Rolls  
and Mrs. Mitchell    Royce

Mr. L.A. Sanson    Corporate Marketing Director,  
and Mrs. Sanson    British Aerospace

Sir Antony Acland

Mr. Charles Powell  
and Mrs. Powell

DRAFT SEATING PLAN FOR LUNCH AT CHEQUERS ON SUNDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 1984

Mr. K. Richardson

Mrs. Powell

Mr. L.A. Sanson

Dr. D.S. Mitchell

Mrs. Jopling

HE High Commissioner for  
New Zealand

Sir Antony Acland

Rt. Hon. Baroness Young

Mrs. Young

THE HON. DAVID LANGE

Rt. Hon. Michael Heseltine

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MRS. LANGE

Mr. F.D. O'Flynn

Rt. Hon. Michael Jopling

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Dr. Geoffrey Young

Mr. Charles Powell

Mrs. Sanson

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