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20 May 1986

Dear Charles,

Expo '86: Vancouver

/ Thank you for your letter of 13 May suggesting some
lightening of the draft programme for the Prime Minister's
visit to Vancouver. I enclose Ottawa telegram number 277,
which argues strongly for the retention of visits to the
Canadian and British Columbian pavilions, for a 5 minute
token look at the EC pavilion, and for sticking to the
pattern of a tour of the UK pavilion before the daily
public opening. The draft programme has, however, been
/ trimmed: I enclose Ottawa telegram number 278, giving a
revised version.

Yours ever,

Colin Budd

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YOUR TELNO 185: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO VANCOUVER

1. MPT CONTAINS A REVISED PROGRAMME ON THE BASIS OF PARA 3 OF YOUR TUR. WE HAVE BEEN GUIDED BY THE FOLLOWING CONSIDERATIONS:

(A) THE FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS WOULD BE MUCH OFFENDED IF THE PRIME MINISTER DID NOT PAY EVEN A RITUAL VISIT TO THE CANADIAN AND BRITISH COLUMBIAN PAVILIONS. SUCH VISITS, OF A REASONABLE DURATION, WILL BE A FEATURE OF THE NATIONAL DAY PROGRAMMES FOR ALL GUESTS OF HONOUR SOME OF WHOM MAY WELL VISIT OTHER NATIONAL AND CANADIAN PROVINCIAL PAVILIONS. THE SUGGESTIONS IN MPT ARE THE MINIMUM NEEDED FOR COURTESY. WE SAVE TIME BY COMBINING THE TALK WITH PREMIER BENNETT WITH THE VISIT TO HIS PAVILION, WHICH ADJOINS THE SITE OF THE NATIONAL DAY CEREMONY.

(B) THE PRIME MINISTER'S PRESENCE AT EXPO, INCLUDING HER VISIT TO OUR PAVILION, WILL SERVE TO PROMOTE BRITISH TRADE. HER REMARKS AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AND AT THE OFFICIAL LUNCHEON CAN BE USED TO HIGHLIGHT BRITISH ACHIEVEMENTS IN TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS. THE PUBLICITY ATTENDANT UPON THE VISIT TO EXPO WILL REINFORCE THE IMPACT OF THE VISITS TO STORE PROMOTIONS.

(C) WE CAN STRIKE OUT THE VISIT TO THE EC PAVILION BUT:

(i) THE PRIME MINISTER WILL HAVE TO WALK STRAIGHT IN FRONT OF IT TO REACH THE HOVERCRAFT,

(ii) WE WILL HOLD THE PRESIDENCY ON JULY 12,

(iii) THE MAIN EXHIBIT RELATES TO THE CHANNEL TUNNEL. THIS DETOUR NEED NOT TAKE MORE THAN 5 MINUTES AT THE MOST. THE DECISION RESTS ON UK/EC RATHER THAN UK/CANADA CONSIDERATIONS.

(D) THE REVISED PROGRAMME WOULD ELIMINATE THE SEPARATE LUNCH ON THE P AND O CRUISE SHIP. BUSINESSMEN WOULD HAVE MET THE PRIME MINISTER IN THE MORNING AND SOME WOULD BE INVITED ALSO TO THE BALLET AND RECEPTION.

(E) THE SECURITY AUTHORITIES WILL RIGHTLY INSIST ON KEEPING OUR PAVILION CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC UNTIL AFTER THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT (AS THEY DID FOR THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES). THEY SEARCH AND SWEEP THE PREMISES IN THE EARLY MORNING. AN EARLY VISIT WOULD THUS MINIMIZE THE PERIOD THAT THE PAVILION IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC. FURTHERMORE SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS MAKE IT

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PREFERABLE FOR THE PRIME MINISTER TO ARRIVE BEFORE THE GENERAL PUBLIC ARE ADMITTED AT 1000 HOURS. THIS WOULD ENABLE THE PRIME MINISTER'S PARTY TO DRIVE DIRECT TO OUR PAVILION. THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE ONCE THE PUBLIC IS PRESENT. THE GENERAL PUBLIC WOULD HOWEVER BE PRESENT BY THE TIME THE PRIME MINISTER LEAVES OUR PAVILION AND, SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS PERMITTING, THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD BE ABLE TO PRESENT THE SUNBIRD, AND MEET THE BRITISH YOUNGSTERS IN PUBLIC. WE ALSO PLAN TO INVITE TO THE PAVILION FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT A LIMITED NUMBER OF BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED THERETO.

2. WE HAVE NOT ALLOCATED A SPECIFIC TIME FOR AN EXCLUSIVE TV INTERVIEW, WHICH IT WOULD FAVOUR. THIS COULD, IF ACCEPTABLE, BE FITTED IN AT THE PRIME MINISTER'S HOTEL AFTER HER RETURN FROM THE GENERAL PRESS CONFERENCE.

3. VANCOUVER ARE BEING PRESSED HARD BY THE PRESS ABOUT MRS THATCHER'S INTENTIONS IN RESPECT OF THE BALLET. WE ARE STICKING FIRMLY TO THE LINE THAT DETAILS OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S PROGRAMME FOR HER VISIT TO VANCOUVER HAVE NOT YET BEEN SETTLED AND THAT WE HAVE NOTHING TO SAY AT THIS STAGE. IT WOULD NOT IN ANY EVENT, ON SECURITY GROUNDS, WANT TO MAKE ANY EARLY PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DETAILS OF THE VISIT. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, WE DO HOWEVER NEED A STEER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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0830) MEETING WITH BUSINESSMEN IN HOTEL.
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0930 DEPART HOTEL FOR EXPO SITE.

0945 ARRIVE UK PAVILION. VISIT PAVILION: MEET BRITISH YOUTH;
PRESENT SUNBEARD YACHT.

1040 LEAVE UK PAVILION (VIA EC PAVILION).

1050 BOARD HOVERCRAFT.

1100 ARRIVE PLAZA OF NATIONS.

1110 NATIONAL DAY CEREMONY BEGINS.

1140 DEPART FOR BC PAVILION. TALKS WITH PREMIER BENNETT.
BRIEF LOOK AT PAVILION.

1210 DEPART BC PAVILION FOR CANADA PLACE.

1225 ARRIVE CANADA PLACE.

1230 PRE-LUNCH DRINK.

1245 LUNCH BEGINS

1400 LUNCH ENDS
BRIEF VISIT TO CANADIAN PAVILION.

1420 DEPART FOR OAKRIDGE SHOPPING CENTRE.

1435 ARRIVE OAKRIDGE.

1535 LEAVE OAKRIDGE.

1555 ARRIVE BREL

1620 DEPART BREL

1635 ARRIVE MEDIA CENTRE (ROBSON SQUARE)

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1705 LEAVE MEDIA CENTRE
1720 RETURN TO HOTEL
1945 DEPART HOTEL FOR QUEEN ELIZABETH THEATRE.
2000 ROYAL BALLET PERFORMANCE.
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From; Mr C K Davies
Date: 13 May 1986

DUTY CLERKS
NO 10 DOWNING STREET

cc Miss Waghorn FCO
Protocol Dept

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO VANCOUVER FOR EXPO 86:
11-13 JULY 1986

1. I am told by the Post that a private circuit would cost "thousands of dollars" and that telephone calls can be made over dial-up instruments to the UK with no difficulty. I have therefore ordered two direct dial telephones for the Private Office and another for the Duty Clerk's bedroom. The instruments will be of a special type employing what is termed "Speed Call" facilities. This allows short numbers to be used instead of the full UK telephone number.

2. Additional direct dial instruments can be provided at a cost of approximately £70, plus calls at about £1 per minute. Will you please let me know who else will require dial-up lines. [I am writing separately to the Press Office]. I also plan to provide the same telephone unit in a small suitcase as was provided for the visit to Korea.

3. BRAHMS will be provided for secure speech. Since the Prime Minister will be going on Concorde it will not be possible to provide secure telegraph during the flight nor will it be easy to provide secure telegraph facilities at Vancouver. However, if it is considered that these will be required I will have to make suitable arrangements. Will you please let me know.

C K DAVIES
Telecommunications Secretariat