



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

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Dear Caroline,

Prime Minister

You could see him for 30 mins on
the morning of Friday 15 May. Agree?

Yes

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Visit of Sir Julius Chan, Prime Minister of Papua
New Guinea

We have already been in touch on the telephone about Sir Julius Chan's visit to the United Kingdom. Unfortunately, there has been another change of plan and the dates of his visit will now be from 11 to 15 May.

Sir Julius took office in March 1980 and was recently appointed a Privy Councillor. This will be, as far as we know, his first visit to Britain, and from a protocol point of view he will naturally hope to see the Prime Minister. Papua New Guinea has some very substantial mining, plantation and power generation projects under development in which UK firms are participating. There is already quite a lot of British investment there (eg by the RTZ in the Bougainville copper mine) and a British community of 5,000.

PNG is taking a more active role in regional affairs and is growing in importance. Sir J Chan's decision to send PNG troops to Vanuatu immediately after independence was a demonstration of this (and was incidentally very useful from our point of view). PNG is in a good position to influence some of the smaller Pacific states, and will of course attend the CHOGM in Melbourne.

We are anxious to demonstrate our continuing interest in PNG at the highest level, and would therefore hope that the Prime Minister is able to see him for a short call. Lord Carrington and Mr Biffen hope also to see Sir Julius.

Yours Ever,

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MR ALEXANDER

Courtesy Call by the Prime Minister
of Papua New Guinea

The Prime Minister wants to bring with him his Foreign Affairs Minister who is also Minister for Trade. Would this be acceptable?

Do you wish anyone from the Foreign Office to be present?

CAROLINE STEPHENS

11 May, 1981



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From the Private Secretary

6 April, 1981.

Visit of Sir Julius Chan, Prime Minister
of Papua New Guinea

Thank you for your letter of 2 April recording the visit of Sir Julius Chan. I am writing to confirm that the Prime Minister would be happy to see him on the morning of Friday, 15 May, at 11 a.m.

We will require a full brief to reach this office by close of play on Thursday, 14 May.

CAROLINE STEPHENS

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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