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London SW1A 2AH

Prime Minister:

21 September 1982

Dear John,

Agree to see
 Professor Freitas Do
 Amaral?
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Yes

Visit by the Portugese Deputy Prime Minister

Professor Diogo Freitas Do Amaral, the Portugese Deputy Prime Minister and Leader of the Portugese Conservative Party, is coming to London to give a speech on 4 November at the annual dinner of the Anglo-Portugese Society. He has asked through the Portugese Embassy for a meeting with the Prime Minister while he is in London.

Professor Freitas Do Amaral feels instinctively close to the British Conservative Party. He addressed the Party Conference in 1978. His own party is part of the ruling coalition in Portugal and his personal influence appears to be growing. Professor Freitas Do Amaral is also Defence Minister and will have been influential in encouraging Portugese support for the UK during the Falklands operation when they were especially helpful in authorising flights over Madeira airspace and in public statements.

Against this background, the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary recommends that the Prime Minister should agree to see Professor Freitas Do Amaral in the context of his visit to London. I understand that the diary is full from 3-5 November, which would be the preferred dates for the Portugese, but that it might be possible to arrange a time on 2 November.

Yours over.

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From the Private Secretary

30 September, 1982

VISIT BY THE PORTUGUESE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER

Thank you for your letter of 21 September. I gather that since you wrote Professor Diogo Freitas Do Amaral has changed his dates and would now like to come the following week.

B/F
The Prime Minister will be happy to receive him here on Wednesday, 10 November at 1445 for half an hour. Could your brief please reach us by close of play on Monday, 8 November.

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