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Sir Bernard Ledwidge, Chairman of the UK Committee for UNICEF, telephoned me this morning. His message was that James Grant, the Director General of UNICEF, would be coming to London on 18-19 December for the publication of UNICEF's Annual Report on the State of the World's Children. He very much hoped that the Prime Minister would find time to see Mr. Grant as she had done in similar circumstances two years ago. He understood that a recommendation in this sense was on its way to No. 10 from the Foreign Office. From Mr. Grant's point of view, 18 December was better than 19 December. Sir Bernard asked if we could let him know when a decision had been reached. His telephone number is 405-5592.

I told Sir Bernard that we would put a request to the Prime Minister once FCO advice had been received. I thought that she would be sympathetic to it. But it was not certain that the Prime Minister would be in the country at the time.

I think, in fact, that the Prime Minister ought to see Mr. Grant if she is here. UNICEF is a very worthwhile organisation; indeed, about the only sensible UN body. And seeing the leader of an organisation dealing with children would obviously be a Good Thing at Christmas.

No further action until we receive a letter from the FCO.

C. D. POWELL

10 October, 1984



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20 November 1984

Dear Charles,

Visit to London by James Grant, Executive Director of the
United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

James Grant, who will visit London on 18-20 December to preside over the international lunch of the 1985 UNICEF State of the World's Children Report, has mentioned to our Ambassador to the United Nations that he would welcome an opportunity to meet the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister will of course be in China on those dates. But Mr Raison will be hosting a meal for Mr Grant on 19 December and could, if the Prime Minister agrees, convey her best wishes to Mr Grant and her regret that her overseas visit prevented her from meeting Mr Grant on this occasion (he called at No 10 when he was in London in December 1982).

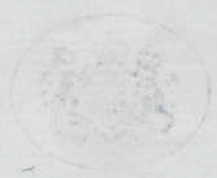
*Yours ever,**Peter Ricketts*

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From the Private Secretary

20 November, 1984.

Visit to London by James Grant

Thank you for your letter of 20 November.

The Prime Minister would wish Mr. Raison to speak as you suggest.

Charles Powell

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