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Prime Minister

You earlier agreed in principle to this.

Can we now offer him a date in

Dear Charles, June, please?

It would involve one hour of talks followed by a lunch.

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13 November 1984

Proposed Invitation to Visit Britain: Mr Michael Somare, Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea

I wrote to John Coles on 16 February about an invitation to Mr Somare, the Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea, to visit this country as a Guest of Government. John Coles asked us to explore dates for a visit in October 1984 (his letter of 17 February to me). But Mr Somare was obliged to cancel his planned visit to Europe. At the time, John agreed that we should tell Port Moresby that the Prime Minister would welcome a visit by Mr Somare in 1985 if mutually convenient dates could be found.

I set out in my letter of 16 February the reasons for proposing a visit by Mr Somare. These hold good. Our interests in PNG continue to grow: The Prince of Wales' visit in August was a great success; Lord Jellicoe led a high-level Trade Mission there last month; we are taking part in the Centennial celebrations of the establishment of the British Protectorate of Papua; it is reported that commercially viable oil reserves have been discovered. Mr Somare continues to dominate the political scene - if anything his position is even more secure. An invitation to visit Britain in 1985 would be an excellent way of marking PNG's tenth anniversary of independence.

Our High Commissioner has established informally that Mr Somare would very much appreciate an invitation to visit next year. If this could be arranged he would prefer to come in May or June, since his commitments would make it difficult for him to get away later in the year. We would obviously avoid 21/22 May, when the Finnish Prime Minister will be here.

I would be grateful to know whether the Prime Minister is content that Mr Somare should come as a Guest of Government on these dates, and if not, whether we could explore other dates.

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I am sorry that Mr Somare was not included in the list of forthcoming visitors that Len Appleyard sent you with his letter of 8 October. This was an oversight here.

Yr ever,
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From the Private Secretary

15 November 1984

Invitation to the Prime Minister of
Papua New Guinea

Thank you for your letter of 13 November proposing that we should restate the invitation to Mr. Somare to visit the United Kingdom as a guest of the Government.

The Prime Minister agrees that he should be invited. The dates which would suit her best would be around 5 June 1985, on which day she could offer Mr. Somare talks at 12 noon followed by lunch.

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3 December 1984

- 1) Mr Powell
- 2) Prime Minister

You could do talks and lunch
on Wednesday 26 April.

Agree?

Dear Charles,

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Yes ✓

Invitation to the Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea

In your letter of 15 November you indicated the Prime Minister's agreement that the Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea should be invited to visit the United Kingdom as a guest of the Government. You suggested dates around 5 June 1985, and agreed that it would be possible to arrange a call on the Prime Minister followed by lunch on that day.

Our High Commissioner in Port Moresby has put this suggestion informally to Mr Somare's officials. Unfortunately the Papua New Guinea Parliament will still be in session at that time and Mr Somare considers that he cannot absent himself. He has indicated that the week beginning 22 April would be preferable. We realise the pressures on the Prime Minister's diary, but wonder whether it would be possible to accommodate Mr Somare's request.

Yours ever,

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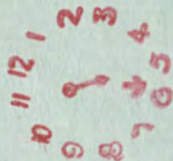
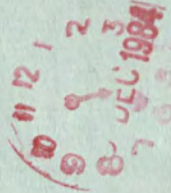
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From the Private Secretary

6 December, 1984.

Invitation to the Prime Minister of Papua
New Guinea

Thank you for your letter of 3 December suggesting that Mr. Somare should be invited to Britain in the week beginning 22 April.

The Prime Minister could manage talks and lunch on Wednesday, 24 April. I should be grateful if this could be put to Mr. Somare.

Charles Powell

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