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Prime Minister

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

15 November 1984

Dr. Soares has decided to bring a bigger delegation to London, partly for his own political needs. He is pressing strongly for them to be invited to your dinner.

We had been planning the usual 40-guest dinner with round tables. If we agreed to Dr. Soares' request it means going up to the big horseshoe table and having 56/60.

Visit of the Portuguese Prime Minister: 20-23 November

As you know, the Prime Minister is giving a dinner in honour of Dr Soares on 21 November. I sent you a draft guest list on 16 October. — with CDP of Sue Goodchild

Agree to this? CDP 15/11

The Portuguese line at the time was that Dr Soares' party would number no more than 3 or 4. It has now increased to 8 (list attached). The enclosed copy of Lisbon telno 352 of 14 November explains the main reason why.

I fully recognise that it may be impossible at this late stage to include the extra members of the delegation in the dinner. You should however be aware that Dr Soares attaches considerable importance to having them present. He has even suggested that the wives, including his own should be excluded. Mr Byatt, our Ambassador at Lisbon, has made the same offer in respect of his own wife. While this would virtually solve the problem it would not I imagine be attractive to the Prime Minister.

Yes Mr

If you can see no way of including the extra bodies then we shall of course make other arrangements.

Yours ever,  
Colin Budd

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Private Secretary

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PARTY ACCOMPANYING PORTUGUESE PRIME MINISTER:  
20-23 NOVEMBER 1984

- Minister of State for External Trade,  
Sra Raquel Ferreira
- President of the Commission for European Integration,  
Dr Antonio Marta
- Sr Rogerio Martins, Member of Political Commission of  
Social Democratic Party
- Prof Freitas do Amaral, Professor of the Faculty of  
Law (Lisbon)
- Dr Rui Vilar, Deputy Governor of the Bank of Portugal
- Sr Joao Uva de Matos Proenca, Political Director,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Sr Joao Nunes Barata, Diplomatic Adviser to the Prime Minister
- Sr Carneiro Jacinto, Press Adviser to the Prime Minister

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*From the Private Secretary*

16 November 1984

Visit of the Prime Minister of Portugal

Thank you for your letter of 15 November about the dinner for the Prime Minister of Portugal.

The Prime Minister has agreed to invite all the Portuguese delegation listed in the enclosure to your letter, including also Mrs Freitas do Amaral.

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VISIT OF PORTUGUESE PRIME MINISTER.

1. THE LATE INCREASE IN THE SIZE OF SOARES' PARTY REFLECTS STRAINS WITHIN THE COALITION.
2. IN A CONVERSATION WITH SOARES LAST WEEK HE SPOKE TO ME WITH GREAT FEELING ABOUT THE DIFFICULTY OF WORKING WITH THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS (P S D) WHO TENDED TO FUNCTION AS AN OPPOSITION WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT.
3. SOARES'S PRESS ADVISER (CARNEIRO JACINTO) HAS TOLD US THAT SOARES INTENDS TO MAKE A BROADCAST TO THE NATION (POSSIBLY BEFORE HE GOES TO LONDON) APPEALING TO THE P S D TO WORK THE COALITION ACCEPTING JOINT RESPONSIBILITY FOR ECONOMIC POLICY AND REFORMS OR TO LEAVE . SOARES BELIEVES THIS SHOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF HOLDING THE P S D SUFFICIENTLY TOGETHER UNDER MOTA PINTO'S HAZY LEADERSHIP TO PRESERVE THE COALITION INTO THE SUMMER. HE IS OF COURSE ALSO ANXIOUS TO PREVENT THE P S D SUPPORTING A JOINT (POSSIBLY MILITARY ) CANDIDATE WITH THE RIGHT WING C D S WHICH HE THINKS COULD BE A SERIOUS CHALLENGE TO HIS OWN POSITION.
4. SOARES AND OTHERS IN THE P S AND P S D SEEM TO ASSUME THAT PRESIDENT EANES WILL NOT MOVE TO PROVOKE DISSOLUTION AND FRESH ELECTIONS SO LONG AS THE COALITION CAN HANG TOGETHER WITH SIXTY FIVE PERCENT OF THE VOTE. THERE IS ALSO A FEELING THAT EANES IS NOT YET READY TO LAUNCH ANY ALTERNATIVE POLITICAL MOVEMENT.
5. NONETHELESS SOARES AND OTHERS IN HIS PARTY ARE WORRIED AT THE EXTENT TO WHICH STRESSES WITH AND WITHIN THE P S D HAVE DEVELOPED RECENTLY. YESTERDAY HE TOLD ME THAT HE WANTED TO BRING A MEMBER OF THE P S D WITH HIM TO LONDON TO SHOW THE COALITION IN BEING. CHOICE HAD EVENTUALLY FALLEN ON ROGEIRO MARTINS (PERSONALITY NOTE IN

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PM of Portugal: Portugal, March 1980

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M I F T) TO GIVE A NATIONAL FLAVOUR TO HIS DELEGATION HE HAD ALSO INVITED PROFESSOR FREITAS DO AMARAL AS SOMEONE KNOWN PREVIOUSLY TO MRS THATCHER AND FROM THE POLITICAL RIGHT. ALTHOUGH FREITAS DO AMARAL HAS TAKEN HIMSELF OUT OF CURRENT POLITICAL LIFE, SOARES CLEARLY INTENDS HIS INCLUSION AS A GESTURE TO CONSERVATIVE OPINION.

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*From the Private Secretary*

15 November 1984

PRIME MINISTER'S TALKS WITH THE PORTUGUESE PRIME MINISTER  
ON WEDNESDAY 21 NOVEMBER AT 1845 HOURS

Thank you for your letter of 14 November about the Prime Minister's talks with Dr. Soares.

We can agree to six on the Portuguese side if that is what Dr. Soares wants. On our side, I suggest the Foreign Secretary and/or Mr. Rifkind, Mr. Channon, Mr. Williamson and Mr. Thomas.

I am copying this letter to Steve Nicklen (Minister for Trade's Office) and to David Williamson.

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14 November, 1984

*Dear Charles,*

Visit of the Portuguese Prime Minister: 20-23 November

Dr Soares is as you know having talks with the Prime Minister at 6.45 pm on 21 November.

The Portuguese originally told us that he would be accompanied only by the Portuguese Ambassador, the Political Director at the MFA, and his diplomatic adviser. They have now however said they would like to include in their delegation Senhora Ferreira, Minister of State for External Trade, and Dr Marta, President of the Commission for European Integration (given that enlargement is certain to be one of the main themes of the talks).

That would make a Portuguese team of six. Too many?

*Yours ever,*

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