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THE PRIME MINISTER

3 April 1985

**PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. T60/85.**

Your Majesty

Your Majesty very kindly suggested earlier in the year that I might pay a short visit to Oman on my way to or from South East Asia where I go tomorrow. I would much like to have taken up this invitation but felt that I would not be able to find sufficient time in my very full programme to do justice to a visit.

Because of my regard for Your Majesty I would not wish there to be any misunderstanding about the brief stop I shall be making in Riyadh on 14 April on my way back to London. I am making my refuelling stop there rather than in Bahrain in order to discuss with King Fahd an important and urgent specific matter which has arisen at short notice. King Fahd therefore suggested over last weekend that I should break my journey in Riyadh.

I hope very much that we shall have an opportunity to meet again soon and that when you are next in England you will do me the honour of coming to lunch at Chequers. There is much for us to discuss.

With my warmest personal good wishes.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said, GCB, GCMG, GCVO.

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From the Private Secretary

3 April 1985

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA:
MESSAGE TO SULTAN OF OMAN

Thank you for your letter of 2 April.

I have somewhat revised the draft message to the Sultan and the Prime Minister has now signed it. It is enclosed. I should be grateful if it could be telegraphed Flash to Muscat for delivery today so that we can go ahead with an announcement of the Prime Minister's visit to Riyadh this afternoon.

Charles Powell

Peter Ricketts, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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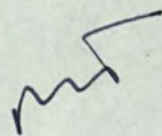
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YOUR TELEGRAM NUMBERS 144 AND 145

VISIT BY THE PRIME MINISTER TO SAUDI ARABIA

1. I DELIVERED THE PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO THE SULTAN THIS AFTERNOON. QABOOS SAID THAT HE WAS GRATEFUL TO MRS THATCHER FOR TAKING THE TROUBLE TO INFORM HIM OF HER PLANS IN ADVANCE. HE ASKED ME TO CONVEY TO HER HIS WARM GOOD WISHES.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

2 April, 1985

Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's Visit to Saudi Arabia: Message to Sultan of Oman

I enclose as you requested a draft message from the Prime Minister to the Sultan, together with a draft telegram of instructions to our Ambassador in Muscat.

Yours ever,
Peter Ricketts

(P F Ricketts)
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
10 Downing Street

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| 11 | VISIT BY THE PRIME MINISTER TO SAUDI ARABIA |
| 12 | 1. No 10 will announce on 3 April that at the invitation of |
| 13 | King Fahd, the Prime Minister will pay a brief visit to |
| 14 | Saudi Arabia on 14 April on her way back from her series of |
| 15 | visits to South and South East Asian countries. The Prime |
| 16 | Minister will stop ^{for a few hours at Riyadh} at Dhahran (the King will be visiting the |
| 17 | Eastern Province) on her return journey from Delhi to London. |
| 18 | 2. When considering this invitation the Prime Minister has |
| 19 | weighed carefully the risk that Sultan Qaboos, whose invitation |
| 20 | she declined in February (FCO telno 62 of 12 February), will be |
| 21 | offended that she is now to call at Saudi Arabia. Although the |
| 22 | Prime Minister has decided to make the stopover, she wishes |
| 23 | to minimise any awkwardness in relations with Qaboos. Please |
| 24 | therefore convey the message to Qaboos in MIFT as soon as |
| 25 | possible. <i>Signed text follows in next bag.</i> |

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| | 11 | SULTAN QABOOS |
| | 12 | 1. Following is text of message: |
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| | 14 | You suggested with characteristic thoughtfulness earlier |
| | 15 | in the year that I might break my journey to South East Asia |
| | 16 | by paying a brief visit to Oman. |
| | 17 | I have been very conscious of your kindness in making that |
| | 18 | offer and most sorry that the pressures on my programme are |
| | 19 | such that I am unable to take it up. |
| | 20 | In view of your kind suggestion, I particularly wanted to |
| | 21 | let you know that I have just received a personal invitation |
| /// | 22 | from King Fahd in Saudi Arabia to stop over in Dhahran for a |
| // | 23 | few hours on my return home on 14 April. Given the important |
| / | 24 | developments in recent weeks in the search for an Arab/Israel |
| | 25 | peace settlement, and the worrying trend of events in the Gulf |

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 2 war, I have decided that it would be right to accept the
 3 King's invitation. I thought that it would be useful to
 4 compare notes with the King following his own visit to
 5 Washington. I am sure that we must seize the present
 6 opportunity for progress towards Arab/Israel peace, and I
 7 shall want to encourage the King to do all he can in that
 8 direction.
 9 I do hope that your Majesty will understand that it will
 10 simply not be possible for me in the time available to visit
 11 Muscat as well on this trip. I very much hope that when
 12 you are next in England you will be able to come to lunch
 13 at Chequers. There is much for us to discuss. With my
 14 warmest personal good wishes.
 15 Margaret Thatcher.
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