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From the Private Secretary

18 June 1985

Visit by the President of the International
Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

Thank you for your letter of 17 June.

The Prime Minister will not be able to see Mr. Jazairy but assumes that he will be received at an appropriate level in the FCO/ODA.

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I don't think that the
fact Mr. Kinnock is seeing
someone is good reason
for you to do so.
And we have nothing to offer him.

17 June 1985

Dear Charles,

Agree not to see him?
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Visit to London by the President of the International
Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD): 18-19 June

You may wish to have advance notice that Mr Idriss Jazairy is visiting London later this week at the invitation of the World Development Movement (WDM). He will be having meetings with the Development Journalists Group and with a group of Members of Parliament at the House of Commons.

IFAD is as you know an international financial institution channelling resources to the poorer farmer in developing countries. Its funds come mainly from OECD and OPEC countries. A second Replenishment should have been provided for a three year period from 1 January 1985, but the USA will not agree to the proposed burden-sharing arrangements. We are content with the proposals, and would contribute 4.8 per cent of the OECD share (the same proportion as last time).

The World Development Movement naturally argue that we should be doing more. They would like us to make a large voluntary contribution, which would have to be at the expense of our bilateral aid programme.

Mr Jazairy has been offered a call on Mr Raison, and will have a more extended discussion with officials in the ODA. We understand that arrangements have also been made for him to see the Leader of the Opposition. Mr Jazairy is concerned not to cause political embarrassment to the Government and has therefore asked whether, in these circumstances, he should also see the Prime Minister. We have said as a first reaction that we do not think this is necessary. If you agree, no further response is necessary. But we thought it right to let you know, in case the WDM try to make capital out of the meeting with Mr Kinnock and seek to contrast it with the lower-level reception on the part of the Government. Mr Jazairy will no doubt ask whether Britain is prepared to contribute to IFAD's new Special Programme for Africa. We have taken no policy decision on this, which would represent another call on the

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aid programme at the expense of our bilateral aid efforts.

Depending on the level of press interest, this is a possible subject for briefing for the Prime Minister's Question Time on 20 June. We are of course ready to provide briefing.

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