

Sue Goodchild ✓ 59 S/1

I have written to the F.C.O. re. asking them to send ①  
a draft guest list over as soon as possible.

A.J.C.  $\frac{5}{1}$

PRIME MINISTER

President of Egypt

A firm decision is now needed on whether it is convenient to receive President Mubarak in London on 6/7 February. These are apparently the only dates on which he is likely to be able to visit this country in the near future.

Unfortunately, the dates cover a weekend. Would you be prepared to have talks with Mubarak on Saturday, 6 February and to offer him lunch?

Yes - duty lunch *mb*

You are due to be at Chequers that weekend. Would you like the talks and lunch to take place there?

Yes *mb*

A.J.C.  $\frac{4}{1}$

4 January 1982

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cc. C. Stephens  
S. Goodchild

5 January 1982

Visit of the President of Egypt

Following discussion with your office yesterday, I have now had an opportunity to consult the Prime Minister about the proposed visit by President Mubarak on 6/7 February.

The Prime Minister would be prepared to hold talks with President Mubarak at Chequers at 1130 on Saturday, 6 February and to give him lunch following the talks. Would you please confirm as soon as possible that this arrangement is acceptable to the Egyptians.

A. J. COLES

F.N. Richards, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.



Foreign and Commonwealth Office  
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12 January 1982

Dear John,

Visit of the President of Egypt

Thank you for your letter of 5 January. Our Embassy have confirmed that the arrangements proposed in your letter are acceptable to the Egyptians. We shall be making separate arrangements to accommodate President Mubarak and his wife in London on the night of 6/7 February.

We do not yet know who the President will be bringing with him, but on past form we would expect him to be accompanied by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister for Presidential Affairs. We have asked the Egyptians to let us have details quickly so that a decision can be made on participation in the talks and on a guest list for the luncheon.

The Egyptian Middle East News Agency has already revealed that Mubarak will be coming to London and 10 Downing Street will no doubt wish to make an announcement soon. I enclose a background note for the Press Office.

Yours ever,

(F N Richards)  
Private Secretary

*Francis Richards*

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1) Copy to Mr. Lyham Egypt  
2) Action to me. A.P.C. 12/1

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### Background Note

#### Visit of President Hosni Mubarak of the Arab Republic of Egypt 6-7 February 1982

President Mubarak (pronounced 'Moobarrack' with accent on the 'bar') was elected in October 1981 shortly after the assassination of President Sadat. Mubarrak, who had been Vice President since 1975, was sworn in on 14 October 1981 as the fourth President of Egypt. Initially he retained the post of Prime Minister (as Sadat had done from May 1980) but appointed a separate Prime Minister, Mr Mohieddin in January 1982. No Vice President has yet been appointed.

As Vice President Mubarak (with his wife) paid an official visit to Britain from 1-5 September 1980. The programme included a call on the Prime Minister followed by luncheon at 10 Downing Street and a visit to the Farnborough Air Exhibition (Mubarak, a former Commander in Chief of the Egyptian Air Force is an accomplished pilot; he was promoted Air Marshal in 1974 (but is now addressed as 'Mr')).

Mubarak, who speaks English, has two children by his half Welsh wife.

Anglo-Egyptian relations are excellent with regular exchanges of high level visits. Lord Carrington was in Cairo in January 1981. Mr Nott and Mr Biffen also visited Egypt last year as did the Duke of Edinburgh and the Prince and Princess of Wales. President Sadat came on 2-4 August 1981. Trade figures for 1981 not available but expected to be less favourable for UK than 1980 (UK exports £347m, Egyptian exports £337m).

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