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Prime Minister

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Would you like to give him
talks followed by dinner
on Wednesday, 2 February?
A.J.C. $\frac{2}{12}$

Yes

no

1 December 1982

Dear John,

Visit of President Mubarak of Egypt

The Egyptians have asked whether we could accept a short visit to London by President Mubarak in early February 1983.

The President is planning a trip to the United States (27-30 January) and Canada (30 January - 1 February), and has asked if he could come to London on 2 and 3 February. If this were acceptable the President has it in mind to arrive in London at around 0900 on Wednesday 2 February and leave in the early afternoon of Thursday 3 February.

✓ If the Prime Minister's diary permits, Mr Pym recommends that Mrs Thatcher agree to see the President for talks on 2 February, followed by a dinner at 10 Downing Street that evening.

Mr Pym believes that it would be useful for us to hear at first hand current Egyptian thinking on attempts to find a lasting peace in the Middle East; a process in which President Mubarak still has an important role to play.

I should add that the President's visit will unfortunately coincide with that of the Algerian Foreign Minister, Dr Abdul Taleb Ibrahim, with whom Mr Pym expects to have talks and lunch on 2 February. In view of our rapidly developing relations with the Algerians, who have shown increasing interest in commercial and defence cooperation with Britain, Mr Pym will probably wish to recommend that the Prime Minister agree to receive Dr Taleb Ibrahim for a courtesy visit, perhaps on 3 February. This will be the first visit to London by a leading Algerian since the rescue operation involving Mr Mark Thatcher over which the Algerians were so helpful.

I should be grateful to know if the Prime Minister is content.

Yours ever
John Holmes

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1 DEC 1982



Egypt

bcc Caroline HU



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From the Private Secretary

6 December 1982

Visit of President Mubarak of Egypt

Thank you for your letter of 1 December.

The Prime Minister would be glad to hold talks with President Mubarak on Wednesday 2 February and to give a dinner for him immediately following these talks. The precise timings could be discussed by our diary secretaries.

Mrs. Thatcher has made no comment on the possibility of receiving the Algerian Foreign Minister on 3 February - I note that you are not yet in a position to let us have a firm recommendation on this point.

A. J. COLES

John Holmes, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

Spoke to abo. KEO
Suggested 1800. She will
confirm to morrow. 4.5/1

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1) Caroline

Timing O.K.? ^{Final} ^{es. 2/11}

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

2) back to me.

London SW1A 2AH

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20 January 1983

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Dear Idun,

Visit of President Mubarak

The Egyptian Embassy have confirmed that President Mubarak would prefer to have his meeting with the Prime Minister immediately before the dinner at 10 Downing Street on 2 February (the talks would thus be from 1800 to 1930 and the dinner at 1930 for 2000).

The Egyptians have proposed that six members of the President's suite should attend the meeting. It would be difficult to leave out any of those they have proposed (you will see that contrary to previous indications, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, General Kamal Hassan Ali, will be with the President). Subject to the Prime Minister's views we therefore suggest that the following should take part in the talks:

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| The Prime Minister | President Mubarak |
| Mr Pym | Mr Kamal Hassan Ali |
| Mr Hurd | Dr Boutros Ghali |
| Sir J Leahy | Mr Ezz el Din Mokhtar |
| Sir M Weir | Ambassador Osama Al Baz |
| Private Secretary | Egyptian Ambassador |
| | Private Secretary to the President |

Briefing for the talks is being coordinated by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and will be submitted later.

I am copying this letter to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

Yours ever
(J E Holmes)
Private Secretary *J.E. Holmes*

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Egypt

27 January 1983

Visit of President Mubarak

Thank you for your letter of
20 January. I agree with the arrangements
which you describe.

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John Holmes Esq
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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MR. COLES

re Egypt
VB
c. Mrs Goodchild

Dinner for President Mubarak of Egypt:
2 February 1983

Lord Weinstock (GEC) would like to be invited to this dinner.

I am asking Sue Goodchild to ring a Mr. Lippitt on 493 8484 when a decision on the guest list has been reached.

CAROLINE STEPHENS

21 January 1983