



John

Prime Minister

You could have talks
 for, say, 1 hour and then
 give a dinner.
 Do you will to?

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Yes not

8 September 1983

John

Dear John, A.J.C. $\frac{8}{9}$

Possible Visit by President Mubarak of Egypt

We have heard from Cairo that President Mubarak is contemplating a brief visit to London. So far we have not received a direct request from the Egyptians for a visit, but there have been vague reports in the Cairo press and hints from the President's office that he might wish to come here.

President Mubarak is travelling to New York for the United Nations General Assembly session, and to Paris en route. He will, while in the United States, be holding talks with the Americans.

President Mubarak visited the UK in February this year for talks with the Prime Minister. Sir G Howe believes that it is important in the interests of our long-term bilateral relationship and for our interests in the region to maintain close and regular ties with Egypt. The Post has therefore been instructed to sound out the President's office about reports that he would like to come here on 5 October. The Egyptians have told us informally that 5 October is the day Mubarak would be likely to be in London. Would the Prime Minister be able to hold talks on that day and offer a dinner?

The next move is with the Egyptians but I should be grateful for the Prime Minister's views and agreement to the timing of possible talks and entertainment.

Yours ever

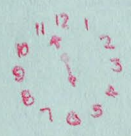
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Dear John,

Possible Visit by President Mubarak

The Egyptian Chargé d'Affaires here has now told us that President Mubarak will not now be visiting London on 5 October, but will return directly to Egypt from the United States. This looks like a firm decision.

Yours ever

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From the Private Secretary

12 September 1983

POSSIBLE VISIT BY PRESIDENT MUBARAK OF EGYPT

Thank you for your letter of 8 September.

The Prime Minister would be able to offer talks at 1830 hours on 5 October followed by dinner at 1930 hours.

If the Egyptians confirm that President Mubarak will visit London on that day I should be grateful for a draft guest list for dinner (a total of 48) as soon as possible.

A.J. COLES

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Diary.

Could I now pl. have a time

for talks and dinner?

A.S.C. $\frac{12}{7}$

1830 talks.

Foreign

Do talks have to be
followed immediately by dinner?
If not 1600 for talks, 1930
for dinner.

Diary