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PRIME MINISTER

Lunch for President of EC Commission

You are giving M. Thorn a working lunch next Friday (16 March). He will be accompanied by two officials. The Foreign Secretary cannot be present. May I ask David Williamson and Michael Butler to be there?

Yes

A & C

8 March 1984

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PRIME MINISTER

President of the European Commission

M. Thorn wishes to pay his usual round of visits to capitals before the European Council. He wants to come here last. You could give him a working lunch on Friday, 16 March. Agree?

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Yes

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1 March 1984

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visit of M. Thorn : 16/3.

In your letter of 9/3 you asked the FCO for the names of the two officials who will be accompanying M. Thorn.

I chased for an answer;

they will be;

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Details will be given in the brief.

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Thank you.

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cc Sve Goodchild

10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

9 March 1984

Visit of President of EC Commission

I understand that M. Thorn wishes to be accompanied by two officials at his working lunch with the Prime Minister next Friday, 16 March. I should be grateful if you could let me have their names in due course.

You told me that the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary would not be able to attend. The Prime Minister would be grateful if Sir Michael Butler and Mr. Williamson could be present.

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

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Roger Bone, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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From the Private Secretary

12 March 1984

M. Thorn's Meeting with the Prime
Minister

Thank you for your letter of 9 March.
I agree with the telegram of instructions
which you propose to send to UKREP Brussels
today.

A. J. COLES

Roger Bone Esq
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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9 March 1984

Jan Thorn

M. Thorn's Meeting with the Prime Minister: 16 March

UKRep Brussels have told us that M. Thorn's Cabinet would like to make a press announcement at 1200 hours on Wednesday 14 March in Strasbourg, about M. Thorn's visit to London on Friday, 16 March. The announcement will say that M. Thorn will visit Rome, Bonn, The Hague and London between 14 and 16 March for Community discussions prior to the European Council. The Thorn Cabinet have suggested that a simultaneous announcement should be made in London.

I understand that no prior announcement was made of the similar visit of Thorn before Athens and that your press office would prefer to follow this precedent and simply brief lobby correspondents on the morning of the visit.

Given that M. Thorn would like to announce his visit, we suggest that, once that announcement has been made, you and we should simply confirm, if asked, that he will be coming to London on 16 March. I enclose a draft telegram to UKRep which, if you agree, we would propose to despatch on Monday.

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(R B Bone)
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq
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 9 AND TO IMMEDIATE UKDEL STRASBOURG (FOR MR PHILIPPE LEWE, M. THORN'S
 10 CABINET)
 11 M. THORN'S VISIT TO LONDON: PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT
 12 1. No 10 do not intend to make a formal announcement in advance
 13 but they and we will confirm if asked that M. Thorn will have a
 14 working lunch with the Prime Minister on 16 March, adding if
 15 appropriate that M. Thorn's visit will be part of his tour of
 16 Community capitals for discussions prior to the European Council
 17 in Brussels on 19 and 20 March.
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 19 2. Please inform M. Thorn's Cabinet.
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With the compliments of Thank you
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FROM UKREP BRUSSELS 021745Z MAR 84

TO PRIORITY FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 773 OF 2 MARCH 1984

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THORN'S VISIT TO LONDON 16 MARCH

1. THORN HAS ACCEPTED WITH PLEASURE THE PRIME MINISTER'S INVITATION TO A WORKING LUNCH AT NO 10 DOWNING ST AT 1245 ON FRIDAY 16 MARCH (TELECONS SHEPHERD/FAIRWEATHER AND BONE).

2. THORN WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY TWO OFFICIALS AND A PA. OFFICIALS WILL BE NOEL OR LACROIX AND DURIEUX OR SCHAUB.

3. ON PRESENT PLANS THORN WILL ARRIVE FROM AMSTERDAM (AFTER A WORKING BREAKFAST WITH LUBBERS) AT 1100 ON BA 407. HE WILL FILL THE INTERVAL BEFORE LUNCH BY VISITING THE COMMISSION OFFICE.

4. THORN WILL HAVE BEEN IN ROME ON THE EVENING OF 14 MARCH AND IN BONN FOR LUNCH WITH KOHL ON 15 MARCH.

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SIR J BULLARD

SIR C TICKELL

MR JENKINS

MR HANNAY

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MR COLES

dinner.

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You asked about a meal for M. Thorn on or around 15 March. I can do a lunch on Friday, 16 March, or a dinner (if absolutely necessary).

The Prime Minister is also free for dinner on Thursday, 15 March but she will be giving a big reception for the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association that evening so this is obviously not an ideal date unless it was going to be a working dinner.

I could also do lunch or dinner on Wednesday, 14 March.

CR.

28 February, 1984



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The President of the EC
Commission (THORN) wants
to come on or about
15 Nov. The P. R. is likely
to want to give him a
working meal. What can you
manage?

A. J. C. $\frac{25}{2}$.