

PRIME MINISTER

I think it would
be unwise to refuse
now

PRESIDENT MUBARAK

The Egyptian Ambassador has asked - I think on his own initiative - whether you would like to see President Mubarak who will be in Europe in late January. He is in Strasbourg on the morning of 28 January and could visit London briefly on the afternoon of 28 January or any time on 29 January.

The dates are in fact exceedingly inconvenient for you and there is no strong reason to see the President at the moment. The Foreign Secretary shares this view.

Content that I should explain tactfully to the Egyptian Ambassador that it would not be possible for you to see President Mubarak on this occasion?

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CHARLES POWELL

17 December 1985

Spoke to Prime Minister
& subsequently told the
Egyptian Ambassador that
this was not possible.
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Mr Powell spoke to P. Ricketts
& cleared this by 'phone.
They agreed to not see
Mubarak in January.

Duty Clerk

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From the Private Secretary

12 December 1985

The Egyptian Ambassador has telephoned me to say that President Mubarak will be in Strasbourg on 28 January. He wondered whether it would be a good idea to suggest that the President might come to London on the afternoon of 28 January or sometime on 29 January to see the Prime Minister. I said that I would think about it.

I am not sure that there is a great deal that the Prime Minister could usefully discuss with President Mubarak just at the moment. Moreover the dates in question are very difficult for her. She is out of London on 29 January and virtually the only time she could find on 28 January would be between 1700 and 1800 hours. She could not entertain him.

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My inclination therefore is to go back to the Ambassador and say that, much as the Prime Minister would like to see President Mubarak, she simply cannot manage the dates in question. Would you wish to discourage me?

(Charles Powell)

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