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From the Private Secretary

30 May 1986

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The Egyptian Ambassador came to see me this morning at his own request to hear about the Prime Minister's visit to Israel. I gave him the gist of the Prime Minister's message to President Mubarak and clarified a number of points which had cropped up in the Arab press about her views on self-determination and the representation of Palestinians in peace negotiations. The Ambassador was inclined to the view that it had been a very successful visit and did not cause the Egyptian Government any particular problems.

The Ambassador said that Mr. Osama Al Baz would be in London at the end of next week. President Mubarak would be very grateful if the Prime Minister could find time to receive him briefly. He thought that this was important presentationally to show that the Prime Minister was in direct contact following her visit, not only with Jordan but also with Egypt. I said that this seemed to me sensible and I would recommend to the Prime Minister that she should see Mr. Al Baz briefly on Friday, 6 June. It was left that I would get in touch with the Ambassador after consulting the Prime Minister.

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