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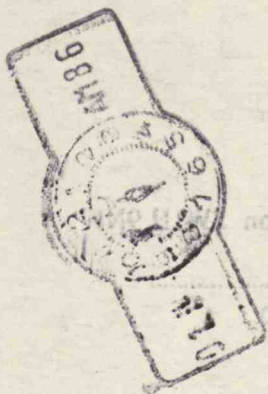
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To Charles,

One of the visits which I believe not only that the Prime Minister should pay but which would interest her greatly during her trip to Israel would be to an ORT secondary school. This would give her some indication of the educational system in a country where well over half of the young people receive technical education and to standards we should greatly envy.

There are over 100 ORT schools in Israel as well as some other higher institutions but I believe she would be most interested in a standard secondary school. I know that the Ambassador would be happy to make arrangements and the ORT people would feel greatly honoured. If you would give me some indication of the itinerary, I would be more than happy to speak to the ORT people over here.

*Les,
David*



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cc: Sir P. Craddock

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From the Private Secretary

5 April 1986

Dear Robert,

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO ISRAEL

I mentioned recently that we might consider the possibility of including a visit to an "ORT" secondary school in the Prime Minister's programme for Israel. I now enclose a copy of a letter I have received from Lord Young which supports this proposal. I should be grateful if the necessary arrangements could be made.

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Yours sincerely,
Charles Powell

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Robert Culshaw, Esq.,
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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: PROGRAMME

1. 'SPORTAND' (MY TELNO 222). MR PERES HAS NOW SAID THAT HE WOULD BE DELIGHTED IF MRS THATCHER COULD JOIN HIM IN GREETING THE RUNNERS AS THEY PASS HIS OFFICE ON 25 MAY. THE EVENT WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE BY SATELLITE. IF THIS GOES AHEAD, MR SHAMIR'S CALL WOULD BE DELAYED UNTIL 1845 HRS, AND MRS THATCHER'S HAIR APPOINTMENT UNTIL 1945 HRS (DEPART FOR DINNER AT 2050 HRS).

2. THE ISRAELIS WISH TO INCLUDE AN EXTRA PROGRAMME ITEM ON THE MORNING OF 25 MAY. BY SLIGHTLY CURTAILING THE VISITS TO YAD VASHEM AND THE ORT SCHOOL, THEY CAN MAKE TIME FOR A 15-MINUTE STOP AT THE ISRAELI NATIONAL LIBRARY (ON THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY CAMPUS VERY NEAR THE ORT SCHOOL). MRS THATCHER WOULD BE GREETED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY AND A FORMER ACADEMIC ASSOCIATE OF HERS, PROFESSOR LISA HELLER KALLAI (LONDON UNIVERSITY 1951) - NOW PROFESSOR OF GEOLOGY AT THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY. (THE ISRAELIS WISHED THIS TO BE A SURPRISE; WE HAVE PERSUADED THEM OTHERWISE). TIMETABLE FOR REST OF PROGRAMME WOULD NOT BE AFFECTED.

You will want to be aware of this → //

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