

MR THATCHER

VISIT TO ISRAEL

I enclose the proposed programme for your visit to Israel with the Prime Minister at the end of May. Those parts of the programme which you would conduct on your own are underlined in red. I would be grateful to know whether you would be broadly content with this. Are there any particular visits which you wish to make which are not included? In particular, are you agreeable to the proposed Sunday afternoon programme which would be devoted to visiting a mixed Arab/Jewish community and to sightseeing in the Old City of Jerusalem? It occurs to me that you may prefer to visit another company with close links with Britain that afternoon.

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18 April 1986

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- Mr. Powell,*
1. Thank you.
 2. I don't know what time it gets dark but I would prefer auster factory to a "mixed community" and then a bit of sight seeing
 3. As an alternative to

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Sight seeing I could do

Some more work by a

visit to the British Council

if they are in Jerusalem

4. The rest of the programme
is fine.

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PROGRAMME FOR MR THATCHER'S VISIT TO ISRAEL

Saturday 24 May

- 2000 Arrive Ben-Gurion airport, Tel Aviv. Met by Mr Peres
Welcoming ceremony.
- 2020 Leave Airport
- 2100 Arrive King David Hotel, Jerusalem
- 2200 Informal supper at Mr Peres' residence: 15-20 people
including academics, authors, etc.

Overnight at King David Hotel

Sunday 25 May

- 0900 Leave Jerusalem
- 1000 Visit to Osem Food Industries Ltd, Petah Tiqwa
(outskirts of Tel Aviv) for a talk with management
and short tour of plant and roboticised warehouse.

Comment: Osem are a major supplier of food products
to the UK and buy a good deal of equipment and raw
materials from Britain.

- 1100 Leave Osem
- 1115 Visit to the Israel Diamond Exchange, Ramat Gan, to
meet the President and visit the trading floor.
- 1200 Leave for Jerusalem
- 1300 Lunch hosted by President Herzog at Beit Hanassi
(President's residence)
- P.M. Possible visit to Neve Shalom, a mixed Arab/Jewish
community or visit to ORT school (if this cannot be

fitted into Prime Minister's programme).

Sightseeing in Old City of Jerusalem.

2050 Dinner hosted by Mr and Mrs Peres

Monday 26 May

0845 Helicopter from Knesset heliport

0945 Arrive Sde Boker. Visit Ben-Gurion memorial.

1100 Leave by helicopter

1145 Arrive Ashkelon. Prime Minister lays foundation stone of new school, donated by Mr Gerald Ronson. Meet municipal officials, British volunteers.

1230 Report by car

1300 Arrive Weizmann Institute, Rehovot, for lunch hosted by President of Institute.

1445 Return to Jerusalem by car.

P.M. Meeting with Israel-British Chamber of Commerce, and the Israel/Britain and the Commonwealth Association.

1830 British reception at King David Hotel

2030 Dinner hosted by HM Ambassador at a restaurant in Jerusalem with small group of leading Israelis, mainly from the business community.

Tuesday 27 May

0945 Leave hotel with Prime Minister for visit to Ramat Gan municipality. Received by Mayor and Municipal Council.

1115 Leave

1130 Arrive airport. Departure ceremony.

1200 Take off for London

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Mr. Thatcher

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I attach your
programme for Israel,
together with the Prime Minister's

15 May 1986

Dear Charles,

Are you broadly content?

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Prime Minister's Visit to Israel: Mr Thatcher's Programme

You asked in your letter of 8 May that we should go back to the Embassy in Tel Aviv about some aspects of Mr Thatcher's programme.

We have done so and I enclose a revised outline programme for Mr Thatcher's consideration (together with the latest version of the Prime Minister's programme), which now includes a call on the British Council office in Tel Aviv, and tea with Chambers of Commerce leaders. A few explanatory notes are needed:

- (a) Mr Thatcher must return to Jerusalem for lunch on 25 May after his visits in Tel Aviv. To go back to Tel Aviv in the afternoon would involve 2-2½ hours further tiring road travel and leave little time in Tel Aviv. Factories would be closed in the late afternoon when Mr Thatcher would arrive. We therefore recommend a programme in Jerusalem on this afternoon;
- (b) The British School of Archaeology and the St John's Ophthalmic Hospital are well-respected bodies which make important contributions to the British effort in Israel and the West Bank. HRH The Duke of Gloucester is the Grand Prior of the Order of St John and visited Jordan in 1983 to thank King Hussein for his support for the Hospital. The King takes a close personal interest in the St John's Hospital and has bequeathed his eyes to it;
- (c) Our Embassy judge that there is insufficient time in Tel Aviv on the afternoon of 26 May for more than one visit if Mr Thatcher is to arrive back in Jerusalem in good time for the reception at 1830.

Yours ever

(R N Culshaw)
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
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MR THATCHER'S PROGRAMME

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1115 Visit to the Israel Diamond Exchange, Ramat Gan, to meet the President and visit the trading floor.

1200 Leave for Jerusalem.

1315 Lunch hosted by President Herzog at Beit Hanassi (President's Residence).

1515 Visit British School of Archaeology.

1600 Visit St John's Hospital.

1700 Tea at King David Hotel with leaders of the Israel-Britain and Britain-Israel Chambers of Commerce, and of the Israel-Britain and the Commonwealth Association.

2030 Dinner hosted by Mr and Mrs Peres.

Monday 26 May

am As for Prime Minister until 1445.

1515 Visit British Council Office in Tel Aviv.

1600 Leave for Jerusalem.

1715 Arrive King David Hotel.

1830 Reception at King David Hotel hosted by Prime Minister and Mr Thatcher.

2030 Dinner hosted by HM Ambassador at a restaurant in Jerusalem with small group of leading Israelis, mainly from the business community.

Tuesday 27 May

0945 Leave hotel with Prime Minister for visit to Ramat Gan and airport.



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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO ISRAEL: OUTLINE PROGRAMME AS AT 9 MAY

Saturday 24 May

- 2100 Arrive Ben-Gurion airport. Met by Mr Peres. Welcoming ceremony.
- 2120 Depart Airport.
- 2200 Arrive King David Hotel, Jerusalem. Overnight at King David Hotel.

Sunday 25 May

- 0820 Breakfast with Mayor Kollek at King David Hotel.
- 0910 Depart hotel
- 0925 Visit Yad Vashem (Holocaust Memorial). Tour of historical exhibit. Wreathlaying in Hall of Remembrance.
- 1015 Depart Yad Vashem.
- 1025 Visit Ort Technical High School, Givat Ram, Jerusalem.
- 1115 Arrive Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery, Mount Scopus, wreathlaying and greet representatives of British organisations in Israel.
- 1145 Depart Mount Scopus.
- 1200 Arrive King David Hotel.
- 1215 Call by Editors' Committee at hotel.
- 1255 Depart hotel.

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- 1300 Lunch hosted by President and Mrs Herzog at Beit Hanassi (President's Residence).
- Meeting with relatives of a "refusenik" at hotel.
- 1600 Tete-a-tete meeting with Mr Peres at his office.
- 1800 Arrive back at hotel.
- 1815 Call by Mr Shamir at hotel.
- 2030 Dinner hosted by Mr and Mrs Peres, Prime Minister's residence, Jerusalem.

Monday 26 May

- 0800 Breakfast meeting with Mr Rabin, at King David Hotel.
- 0845 Depart Hotel.
- 0900 Take off from Knesset Helipad for Helicopter trip to Sde Boker Kibbutz.
- 1000 Arrive Sde Boker. Wreath-laying at Ben-Gurion's tomb. Visit Desert Agricultural Research Institute.
- 1100 Depart Sde Boker by helicopter to Ashkelon.
- 1145 Arrive Ashkelon. Meet mayor, municipal officials and British volunteers at Community Centre and mark laying of a foundation stone of new school, donated by Mr Gerald Ronson.
- 1230 Depart Ashkelon by car.
- 1315 Arrive Weizmann Institute, Rehovot, for lunch hosted by President and faculty of Institute.
- 1445 Return to Jerusalem by car.

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- 1530 Arrive Knesset. Welcoming ceremony including wreathlaying to unknown soldier, followed by meeting with Speaker Shlomo Hillel.
- 1600 Attend Knesset session in Strangers' Gallery to hear formal greeting by Speaker.
- 1615 Meeting with Knesset Foreign Relations and Defence. Committee, chaired by Abba Eban.
- 1700 Return to hotel.
- 1830 Host reception.
- 2030 Supper with leading Palestinians at HM Consul-General's Residence, East Jerusalem.

Tuesday 27 May

- 0800 Breakfast and round-up tete-a-tete with Mr Peres at his home.
- 0850 Press Conference at King David Hotel
- 1020 Depart hotel.
- 1030 Farewell ceremony at Knesset Rose Garden.
- 1100 Depart by car for Ramat Gan (near Tel Aviv).
- 1145 Arrive Ramat Gan Municipality. Received by Mayor and Municipal Council.
- 1230 Depart for Ben-Gurion Airport.
- 1250 Depart for London.

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Mr Charles Powell,

May these please go
"in the bag" to Israel
for addressing and
posting

Thank you

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~~Mr Thatcher~~

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Could you tell me please, (for Charles Powell)
if you have ever played golf in
Israel? (I think it is something
to do with a speech he is preparing
for the P.M.)

JSJ CD

1. No. I've never been to Israel
2. I doubt whether there are even a half dozen golf courses in

Israel and equally
doubt whether the an
Israeli would under-
stand a self analogy
of 'quip'.

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From the Private Secretary

15 May 1986

**PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO ISRAEL :
MR. THATCHER'S PROGRAMME**

Thank you for your letter of 15 May enclosing a revised programme for Mr. Thatcher during his visit to Israel.

I have discussed this with Mr. Thatcher and he is content with it, as well as most grateful.

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NO

Mr Charles Powell

Re my Programme in
Israel

This is fine

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From the Private Secretary

8 May 1986

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO ISRAEL

Tel Aviv telegram number 149 drew attention to a problem in connection with the Prime Minister's visit to Ashkelon, and in particular whether it would be possible for the Prime Minister to visit the site of the new school and to lay a corner stone. I have asked Sir David Wolfson to discuss this with Mr Gerald Ronson's office here and to suggest that the Prime Minister should in some way commemorate the opening of the new school in a ceremony at the Community Centre so that she would not need to make a separate visit to the site. Mr Ronson's office are apparently considering this but it would be helpful if the Embassy in Tel Aviv could also follow the idea up.

On a separate point, Tel Aviv's telegram number 162 deals with Mr Thatcher's programme. I am willing to put to him the possibility of a visit to the British School of Archaeology and St John's Hospital. But I see that his programme for 25 May continues to provide for him to visit Neve Shalom. I ought to have made clear in my earlier letter that he is not particularly keen to do this, and if allocation of the whole time between 1500 and 1800 on 25 May would enable him to undertake more visits to firms with links with Britain in or around Tel Aviv he would prefer this. I should be grateful if this point could be put once again to the Embassy in Tel Aviv.

Lastly, Sir D. Wolfson has now decided that he will travel to Israel with the main party in the VC10.

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INFO ROUTINE JERUSALEM

YOUR TELNO 76: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT:
PROGRAMME FOR MR THATCHER

1. WE HAVE LOOKED AT VARIOUS POSSIBILITIES FOR VISITS TO COMMERCIAL CONCERNS WITH BRITISH LINKS IN OR AROUND JERUSALEM AND HAVE COME UP WITH NOTHING WHICH WE THINK WOULD INTEREST MR THATCHER. TO RETURN FROM JERUSALEM TO A COMPANY AROUND TEL AVIV OR TO VISIT HAIFA ON THE AFTERNOON OF 25 MAY WOULD MEAN A GOOD FOUR HOURS ON THE ROAD THAT DAY.

2. THERE ARE TWO NON-COMMERCIAL BODIES WITH SPECIAL BRITISH LINKS IN JERUSALEM WHICH THE CONSUL-GENERAL AND I THINK WOULD MAKE UP A GOOD PROGRAMME ON THE SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

(A) THE BRITISH SCHOOL OF ARCHAEOLOGY IS A WELL RESPECTED BODY. SINCE 1967 ITS EXCAVATIONS HAVE BEEN EXCLUSIVELY IN ISRAEL PROPER, ALTHOUGH IT DOES CONDUCT ARCHITECTURAL SURVEYS IN THE OLD CITY.

(B) ST JOHN'S OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL IS MORE OR LESS NEXT DOOR TO IT (BOTH ARE CLOSE TO THE EAST JERUSALEM CONSULATE). THIS IS ANOTHER ESTABLISHED INSTITUTION AND BRITISH-RUN WHICH DOES VALUED WORK (LARGELY AMONGST ARABS). IT IS SUPPORTED BY ODA. THERE WOULD BE TIME TO VISIT BOTH THESE TWO AND GO TO NEVE SHALOM.

3. ONE WAY OF STRENGTHENING THE COMMERCIAL CONTENT OF THE PROGRAMME WOULD BE FOR MR THATCHER TO MEET LEADING MEMBERS OF THE ISRAEL-BRITAIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AS WELL AS THE LEADERS OF THE BRITAIN-ISRAEL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WHO WILL BE VISITING AT THE TIME. I SUGGEST THIS COULD TAKE PLACE OVER TEA AT THE RESIDENCE (HOSTED BY MEMBERS OF MY STAFF AS I SHALL BE WITH THE PRIME MINISTER'S PARTY IN JERUSALEM). WE COULD FIT IN TO THAT TWO OR THREE OF THE LEADERS OF THE TEL AVIV CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE ISRAEL-BRITAIN AND THE COMMONWEALTH ASSOCIATION AS WELL.

4. WE HAVE ALSO DISCUSSED WITH THE BRITISH COUNCIL THE POSSIBILITY OF MR THATCHER VISITING ONE OF THEIR OFFICES. THE EAST JERUSALEM OFFICE WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE AS IT IS NOT OF COURSE PART OF THEIR EFFORT IN ISRAEL. THE WEST JERUSALEM OFFICE IS VERY CRAMPED AND SMALL. THE OFFICE IN TEL AVIV IS MUCH MORE IMPRESSIVE BUT THE ONLY TIME THIS COULD BE FITTED IN WOULD BE ON THE AFTERNOON OF MONDAY 26 MAY: AS YOU WILL SEE FROM THE PROGRAMME PROPOSED BELOW THE TIMING WOULD BE TIGHT BOTH FOR MR THATCHER AND FOR SOME OF THOSE AT THE TEA PARTY AND YOU MIGHT THEREFORE PREFER TO DROP THE IDEA.

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From the Private Secretary

21 April 1986

**PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO ISRAEL:
PROGRAMME FOR MR. THATCHER**

I have now been able to consult Mr. Thatcher about the proposals for his programme during the Prime Minister's visit to Israel.

Mr. Thatcher is in general content with what is proposed. But he is not particularly keen on the idea of visiting a mixed Arab/Jewish community or an ORT school, followed by sightseeing in East Jerusalem on the afternoon of Sunday 25 May. He would much prefer to fit in a visit to another factory or company with particular links in the United Kingdom. He has also enquired whether there are any British Council offices which he might visit.

I should be grateful if you could put these points to the Embassy in Tel Aviv.

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From the Private Secretary

18 April, 1986.

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO ISRAEL

Thank you for your letter of 17 April with some additional details about the programme for the visit by the Prime Minister and Mr. Thatcher to Israel.

I have put to Mr. Thatcher the draft programme enclosed with your letter, and will let you have his reactions as soon as possible.

I have written separately about the reception.

I am sure that the Prime Minister would be delighted to have a word with Mrs. Argov at the reception, and have a brief meeting with a refusenik.

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17 April 1986

*Dear Charles,*Prime Minister's Visit to Israel

Our Embassy have completed a further round of programme discussions in Israel based on the guidance in your letter of 26 March. I enclose the latest draft programme for the Prime Minister and Mr Thatcher. We are grateful for the advice in your letter of 12 April on the timing of the proposed Ramat Gan and ORT school visits, and should welcome further comments, particularly on the proposals for Mr Thatcher's programme. You may wish to focus particularly on the points below.

Prime Minister's programme

In addition to the items already listed in the programme, the Prime Minister may wish to consider brief contacts with:

(a) Ex-Ambassador Argov. Following the attempt on his life in London in June 1982, Mr Argov remains paralysed and incapable of speech or writing. A private telephone call to Mrs Argov or a word with her at the British reception would be appropriate.

(b) A refusenik. We could arrange a brief meeting with for example the sister of Ida Nudel, whose case the Prime Minister has publicly supported. This would underline our continuing concern over Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union.

These contacts would attract considerable positive publicity.

British reception.

In your letter of 8 April you asked us to explore an alternative host for the proposed reception on 26 May. Our Embassy report that there is no suitable organisation based in Israel which could take this on. London-based bodies such as the British-Israel Chamber of Commerce would have access to the necessary funds. But it might attract adverse publicity if they or any group other than HMG were to host the reception. We therefore support our Ambassador's conclusion that there is no easy or dignified way to avoid

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offering return hospitality with the Prime Minister or Mr Squire as host, and his recommendation that he should be authorised to negotiate the best deal possible with the hotels.

Mr Thatcher's programme.

The Embassy have recommended a visit to Neve Shalom, a mixed Arab/Jewish community dedicated to the furtherance of intercommunal relations (recent press coverage attached) which is firmly supported by Lord Sieff and President Herzog. We believe that the site is on pre-1967 no-man's land between Israel and Jordan: it is conceivable that there might be Arab objections. We are inclined to play safe and omit the visit but would not oppose it if Mr Thatcher were eager to go. Mr Thatcher may of course have his own suggestions. One possibility would be to replace Neve Shalom by a visit to an ORT school, if time does not permit the Prime Minister to do this.

Yours ever

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From the Private Secretary

19 February 1986

PRIME MINISTER'S VISITS ABROAD

You may find it helpful to have a note of Mr. Thatcher's proposed participation in the Prime Minister's foreign visits this year.

Mr. Thatcher will accompany the Prime Minister to Israel, to Vancouver, to Norway (if 11/12 September), to British Forces Germany (but not the Anglo-German Summit). For the first three, Mr. Thatcher will want a separate programme.

Mr. Thatcher will not accompany the Prime Minister to the Anglo-Italian Summit, Korea, the Tokyo Economic Summit or the European Council in The Hague.

CHARLES POWELL

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MR. POWELL

I had a meeting with Mr. Thatcher this morning and we agreed the following:

1. He will come to Israel.
2. He will come to Vancouver.
3. He would like to come to Norway, but he has a Board meeting on Wednesday 10 September and therefore can only manage 11 or 12 September. I have told the Foreign Office but would it be wise to write? The Prime Minister is in fact not doing anything during the weekend of 13/14 September so it could overlap if desired. But please do not forget about Germany the following week.
4. Mr. Thatcher would like to do the Forces part of the Germany trip. I warned him he would probably have to fly down on a commercial flight to join the Prime Minister following her regular bilaterals.

CAROLINE RYDER
19 February 1986

CJ