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From the Private Secretary

26 April 1986

Dear Robert,

## PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO ISRAEL

I have seen copies of Tel Aviv telegram numbers 138 and 139 raising a number of points about the Prime Minister's visit to Israel. You may find it helpful to have my views.

Informal supper with Mr. Peres on the first evening

Although the gesture is much appreciated, I think the Prime Minister would find a supper starting at 2230 rather late. Her preference is likely to be to have a drink at the hotel with HM Ambassador so that she can go over her programme and discuss what she is going to say. I suggest, therefore, that we thank Mr. Peres very much for this kind offer but say that it might be better for the Prime Minister to get a relatively early night ahead of the very busy programme she will have.

Proposed visit to Desert Agricultural Research Institute

I am sure the Prime Minister would be interested to visit this if it can be fitted into the programme. It would certainly be preferable to a visit to the Ben Gurion Museum.

Attendance at meetings

I propose the following attendance:

- (i) **Breakfast with Kollek**  
PM, HMCg, 1 PS, 1 FCO adviser, Sir David Wolfson.
- (ii) **Yad Vashem/ORT School/War cemetery**  
PM, HMA, 2 PS, Sir David Wolfson, 2 press officers, 1 FCO adviser.
- (iii) **Breakfast with President and Mrs. Herzog**  
PM and Mr. Thatcher, HMA and wife, Sir David Wolfson, 2 PS, 1 press official, 1 FCO adviser.
- (iv) **Talks with Peres**  
PM, Mr. Powell, plus HMA.
- (v) **Call by Shamir**  
PM, HMA, 1 PS, 1 FCO adviser. PS will take the record.

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(vi) Official dinner

I agree with the attendance proposed by the Embassy.

(vii) Breakfast with Rabin

PM, HMA, 1 PS, 1 FCO adviser. PS will take the record.

(viii) Helicopter trip

PM, Mr. Thatcher, HMA plus wife, Sir David Wolfson, 2 PS, 2 press officials, 1 FCO adviser, 1 duty clerk, 1 Garden Room girl. If there are any extra seats, then defence attache and first secretary can be added.

(ix) Knesset Foreign Affairs Committee

PM, HMA, 2 PS, 1 press official, 1 FCO adviser, 1 notetaker from Embassy.

(x) Breakfast with Peres

I am sure the Prime Minister will be happy for this to be an informal occasion but would like 1 PS present in case anything comes up which needs to be acted upon.

(xi) Ramat Gan

PM, Mr. Thatcher, HMA plus wife, Sir David Wolfson, 2 PS, 2 press officials.

Despite the occasional references in Tel Aviv telegram number 138 to two FCO advisers, we agreed that only one would actually be accompanying the Prime Minister on this visit.

*Yours sincerely,  
Chris Powell*

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO ISRAEL: ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

1. WE HAVE HAD A PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION WITH MFA AND HAVE PROMISED THEM EARLY VIEWS ON WHICH MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY SHOULD ATTEND WHICH FUNCTIONS. FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS UPDATE FULLER'S LETTER OF 16 APRIL TO CHARLTON.

24 MAY

INFORMAL SUPPER WITH PERES: WE AWAIT CLEAR INDICATION FROM MR PERES' OFFICE.

25 MAY

BREAKFAST WITH KOLLEK: PM, HMCG, ONE PS, ONE FCO ADVISER. + *with*  
YAD VASHEM/ORT SCHOOL/WAR CEMETERY: PM, ME, SIR D WOLFSON,  
ONE PS, BOTH PRESS OFFICIALS, ONE (OR BOTH?) FCO ADVISER(S).

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LUNCH WITH PRESIDENT AND MRS HERZOG: POSSIBLY 8-10 PLACES: PM, MRS THATCHER, ME AND MY WIFE, SIR D WOLFSON, ONE (OR BOTH?) PS, ONE PRESS OFFICIAL, ONE (OR BOTH?) FCO ADVISER(S).

TALKS WITH PERES (PERES HAS NOW SAID HE WOULD LIKE THE ENTIRE SESSION OF 60-90 MINUTES TO BE TETE-A-TETE: ON THE LONDON VISIT FORMAT THIS MEANS PM AND ONE PS. THE ISRAELI MFA HAVE ADDED THAT 1 + 2 WOULD ALSO BE ACCEPTABLE).

CALL BY SHAMIR: PM, ME, ONE PS, ONE FCO ADVISER, NOTETAKER.

OFFICIAL DINNER: 15-16 PLACES: PM, MR THATCHER, ME AND MY WIFE, SIR D WOLFSON, BOTH PS, BOTH PRESS OFFICIALS, BOTH FCO ADVISERS. I SHOULD ALSO LIKE TO INCLUDE HEAD OF CHANCERY AND HIS WIFE, MR DOWSE, AND DA AND HIS WIFE. ONE OR TWO UK JOURNALISTS ARE ALSO LIKELY TO BE INVITED.

27 MAY

BREAKFAST WITH RABIN: PM, ME, ONE PS, ONE FCO ADVISER, NOTETAKER.

HELICOPTER TRIP TO SDE BOKER/ASHKELON/WEIZMANN INSTITUTE:  
PM, MR THATCHER, ME AND MY WIFE, SIR D WOLFSON, ONE PS,  
ONE (OR BOTH?) PRESS OFFICIALS, ONE (OR BOTH?) FCO ADVISER(S),  
DA AND 1ST SECRETARY CHANCERY. THERE WILL ALSO BE SOME SEATS FOR PRESS.

KNESSET FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: PM, ME, ONE PS, ONE (OR BOTH?) FCO ADVISER(S), ONE PRESS OFFICIAL, NOTETAKER.

28 MAY

BREAKFAST WITH PERES. MFA SAY PERES ORIGINALLY ENVISAGED THIS AS AN INFORMAL OCCASSION WITH SPOUSES PRESENT, NOT A BUSINESS SESSION. THEY ARE HAPPY TO BE GUIDED BY MRS THATCHER'S PREFERENCE. IF SHE WOULD PREFER A WORKING BREAKFAST, WE COULD INCLUDE ME AND ONE PS.

DAYAT GAN: PM, MR THATCHER, ME AND MY WIFE, SIR D MOLESON, ONE PS, ONE PRESS OFFICIAL. (REST OF PARTY WOULD TRAVEL DIRECTLY TO AIRPORT).

3. IN ADDITION TO ABOVE, DETECTIVES WOULD OF COURSE BE PRESENT WHENEVER REQUIRED FOR SECURITY REASONS.

4. GRATEFUL FOR ANY COMMENTS.

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MY TELNO 132-133: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: PROGRAMME

1. ISRAELIS HAVE CONFIRMED THAT PERES IS CONTENT TO FOLLOW MRS THATCHER'S WISHES OVER THE INFORMAL SUPPER ON 24 MAY. IF MR AND MRS THATCHER WOULD NOT FIND A LATE MEAL TOO TIRING, PERES WOULD BE VERY HAPPY TO OFFER ONE, BUT HE WILL UNDERSTAND IF THEY PREFER TO DROP THE ENGAGEMENT. (THE MEAL WOULD BE UNLIKELY TO START BEFORE 2215 HRS, EVEN IF THE PARTY WENT DIRECTLY TO PEREAS' HOME FROM THE AIRPORT). GRATEFUL FOR ADVISE ON THIS POINT.

2. PERES HAS ALSO ASKED THAT THE TALKS ON 25 MAY SHOULD START HALF AN HOUR LATER, AT 1600 HRS. HE WOULD LIKE THE ENTIRE SESSION TO BE TETE-A-TETE. (PRIME MINISTER PLUS ONE OR TWO). THE ISRAELIS ENVISAGE IT LASTING FOR 60-90 MINUTES. COMMENT: THIS LATER START OPENS A CONVENIENT TIME-SLOT AFTER LUNCH WHEN MRS THATCHER COULD MEET THE RELATIVES OF A "REFUSENWK". TTSTHE KING DAVID HOTEL (FCO TELNO 116). IT WOULD ALSO ALLOW THE PRESIDENT'S LUNCH TO BE SLIGHTLY DELAYED, TO GIVE MORE TIME WITH THE EDITOR'S COMMITTEE (MY TELNO 136).

3. THE ISRAELIS SAY THAT PERES WILL NOT (NOT) ACCOMPANY THE PARTY TO SDE BOKER. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, I WONDER WHETHER, AFTER THE WREATH LAYING AT BEN GURION'S TOMB, MRS THATCHER MIGHT LIKE TO VISIT THE ADJACENT DESERT AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF BEN GURION UNIVERSITY? (THE VISIT TO BEN GURION'S HOUSE/MUSEUM WOULD THEN BU DROPPED). THE INSTITUTE IS INTERESTING IN ITSELF, AND IT WOULD PROVIDE A CONTACT WITH ANOTHER IMPORTANT ISRAELI ACADEMIC CENTRE WITH BRITISH CONNECTIONS. OVER ALL TIMINGS WOULD REMAIN UNCHANGED. I BELIEVE BEN GURION HIMSELF WOULD CONSIDER THIS AN IMPROVEMENT.

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