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*From the Private Secretary*

15 May 1986

We understand from John Marshall, MEP that he and a group of MEPs are going to Israel on 25 May until 1 June. He has asked whether it would be possible for him and his Conservative colleagues to have a photograph taken with the Prime Minister whilst she is in Israel.

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Could you ask the Israeli authorities whether there are any points at which the programme for the MEPs and the Prime Minister come into close contact so that a photograph could be fitted in without difficulty. I do not think the Prime Minister would want her present programme altered significantly or reduced to make way for this.

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## PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO ISRAEL

You may find it helpful to have the answer to a number of detailed points which I have spotted in recent telegrams from Tel Aviv.

The Prime Minister is ready to start the programme on 26 May at 0730 (paragraph 1(b) of Tel Aviv telegram 211).

Gifts can in general be exchanged through the MFA Protocol Office (paragraph 3 of Tel Aviv telegram 218).

I have no strong feelings on the timing of the photograph with the Conservative MEPs, and would be content with whichever time least interferes with other arrangements. It must be made clear to them that a maximum of 3-4 minutes will be available for this. They will have to be all ready. It would be helpful if the Embassy could indeed provide a photographer (paragraph 5 of Tel Aviv telegram 218).

Since the Prime Minister will be meeting Mr. Khalifa, and thus participating in the Sport Aid event in London before her departure, I see no strong reason for her to be further involved in Israel. It's probably better therefore to stick to the programme as planned (Tel Aviv telegram 222).

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