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PRIME MINISTER

VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES

You have agreed to visit Washington on Friday 14/Saturday 15 November. Your meeting with the President is on the morning of Saturday 15 November at Camp David. We need to think about the rest of your programme.

I suggest:

| | Yes | No |
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| - depart London at 2 pm on Friday | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - arrive Washington at 5pm local time | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - short bilateral meetings with Shultz and Weinberger if available | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - early supper at Embassy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

*Could we go at 1pm
have lunch on Board?*

✓ I don't believe it is worth trying to see anyone else on a Friday evening. The purpose of seeing them would be to do some softening up before your meeting with the President, in the hope that they will be willing to weigh in helpfully.

The only additional possibility is to organise a small ceremony at the Embassy, to receive one of the honorary degrees or awards that are outstanding. But this might be rather a distraction. I recommend against. Agree? ✓

On the Saturday, we envisage you leaving Camp David by helicopter for Andrews Air Force Base and giving a press conference there, before flying back to London. But the question is really when you prefer to arrive back in London. If you leave Andrews at 1530 you will get into Heathrow at 3.30am on Sunday (though 1030pm Washington time). The alternative is to return to the Embassy to give a press

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conference and delay departure from Washington till, say, 7pm.
That way you get into Heathrow at 7am and go straight to
Chequers.

Yes No

Prefer to leave Washington straight
after the press conference?

Or

Delay departure in order to arrive at
a reasonable hour at Heathrow?

*Would prefer that if it is
all right by the
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Incidentally I have assumed that we should fly by VC 10.
There is no Concorde flight to Washington on a Friday: and no
Concorde back from Washington or New York on a Saturday.

Finally, I have said that I thought you would be happy to
bring back Charlie Price from Washington on your aircraft,
also Sir Patrick Wright (who will have been conducting
separate official level talks in Washington, but will not be
taking part in your discussions).

*Yes
delighted*

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From the Private Secretary

27 October, 1986.

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON: 14/15 NOVEMBER

I have consulted the Prime Minister about the programme for her visit to Washington and Camp David on 14 and 15 November. The Prime Minister would like to depart from Heathrow at 1300 on Friday, 14 November. If possible, she would like short, separate bilateral meetings with Secretaries Shultz and Weinberger on arrival in Washington. In each case she would like to see them in as restricted a group as possible. Thereafter she would appreciate an early supper at the Embassy. She would not want any other engagements that evening.

On the Saturday, I imagine that, if we follow the pattern of the December 1984 meeting, we would helicopter from the Embassy to Camp David for talks with the President followed by lunch. Thereafter the Prime Minister would like to depart for London at whatever time would bring us into Heathrow by 7.00 a.m. local time on Sunday. She will give a press conference before leaving Washington. Whether this should be at Andrews Air Force Base or at the Embassy must depend upon the time available between leaving Camp David and takeoff.

The Prime Minister is perfectly content for Ambassador Price and Sir Patrick Wright to travel by VC10 on the return journey.

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