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27th October 1986

Dear Chamber,

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON: AIRCRAFT

We spoke about the charge you had heard the RAF wished to recover for the use of a VC10 by the Prime Minister. I have looked into this. The meeting in Washington does come at a time when the RAF transport fleet is very heavily stretched, because of exercises, and we will have to do a good deal of re-planning and re-scheduling in order to make available a VC10 without very considerable extra cost. Nevertheless this can and will be done and we expect that the costs we have to recover from you will be at or near the normal charge.

Yours sincerely,  
John Howe

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MANADA?

Mr Powell  
Je spoke  
24/10/86

From: Wing Commander R H O Johnson-RAF  
Movements(Ops) (RAF)



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Assignment received  
from John Hume, RDD  
that we shall  
be charged to  
'usual' price i.e.  
about \$50,000.  
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Miss S Waghorn  
Conference Section  
Protocol Department  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office  
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Your reference

Our reference  
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Date  
23 October 1986

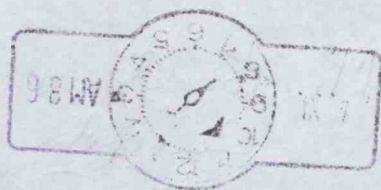
Dear Sheila

PROVISION OF AIRCRAFT FOR PRIME MINISTER TO VISIT THE USA 14-16 NOVEMBER 1986

1. Thank you very much for your provisional warning of the requirement for a VC10 to convey the Prime Minister and her party to the USA on 14-16 November 1986. I have examined the options available to us with November's programme already finalised and can confirm that a VC10 plus a departure reserve could be made available at a considerable disruption to the rest of our arrangements.
2. For your background information you will wish to be aware that to accommodate this requirement we have had to re-arrange the travel plans for 3 exercises and 2 scheduled flights which in fact will involve disruption to over 1000 passengers. In more detailed terms it will be necessary to lay on an additional charter flight to undertake two exercise moves to Cyprus and we plan to replace the scheduled flights by booking around 200 seats on commercial scheduled flights to/from the USA and Sardinia. We have, of course, minimised any additional cost that is likely to occur and, if capacity on the Prime Minister's VC10 were available, intend to seek your agreement to emplane duty passengers. However, I estimate that the additional expenditure to MOD will be in the order of £80-100K and, although this figure is only an estimate and will need to be refined in the light of more precise details as they become available, we would expect such extra costs to be added to our final bill. No doubt the financial staffs will address this aspect of the requirement in more detail.
3. I would appreciate your confirmation that you are content with these arrangements on the basis of the facts outlined above, and of course early confirmation of the requirement will allow us to minimise both cost and disruption.

Yours Sincerely  
Richard Johnson.

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PM trip to Washington

Sheila Waghorn telephoned with the flight details <sup>that</sup> you enquired about.

1. There is no direct flight by Concorde to Washington on Friday 14 November.

There are no flights from New York or Washington by Concorde on Saturday 15 November.

2. on Friday 14 there are two Concorde flights to New York:

Depart LHR	Arrive NY (Local time)
1030	0920
1900	1750

The cost of a single fare is £1,552.

3. on Saturday 15 there is a subsonic flight from Washington to LHR

Depart W'ton (local)	Arrive LHR
2015	0820 (Next day)

The cost of a single fare is £1,302

4. The best guess cost for chartering a plane from New York to Washington is £5,000 plus. This is for a small seven seater plane.
  
5. Total cost for flying on commercial flights and chartering the plane from New York to Washington is (approx) £35,000.
  
6. The cost for taking the RAF VC 10 is £54,000.
  
7. Sheila said the only ~~possible~~ alternative (she had not made any enquiries) was that British Airways may be prepared to fly on from New York to Washington on Friday night which would mean we would not need to charter the small plane. Sheila had no idea if this was possible and did not know what this would cost.

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Telephoned Sheila Waghorn 23/10 JB.

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From the Private Secretary

Dear Colin,

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

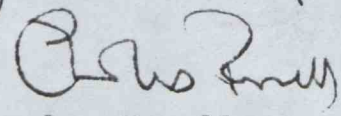
Thank you for your letter of 22 October about the arrangements for the Prime Minister's visit to Washington.

The Prime Minister will be accompanied by the following:-

- Mr C D Powell (Private Secretary)
- Mr B Ingham (Spokesman)
- Miss Amanda Ross (Duty Clerk)
- Mrs Elizabeth Lambert (Garden Room)
- Supt M Waller (Detective)
- Sgt B Strevens (Detective)

I agree that we shall need 3 RMPs, and also that Miss Waghorn should travel to Washington in advance of the party.

You should plan on the assumption that the Prime Minister will travel to Washington on an RAF VC10 and that secure communications will be required.

Yours sincerely  
  
Charles Powell

P.S. I have agreed with the American Ambassador should travel back with us.

Colin Budd Esq  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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London SW1A 2AH

22 October 1986

*Dear Charles,*

Prime Minister's Visit to Washington:

14-15 November

I should be grateful for confirmation that the Prime Minister will wish to travel in an RAF VC10 for her visit to Washington on 14-15 November and that secure communications will be required on the aircraft. The flying times are; LHR to Andrews Air Force Base 8 hours 15 minutes, and for the return flight 7 hours. A suggested timetable will be submitted when details of the programme are known.

I should also be grateful for your approval to the following support staff:

- Conference Officer (Sheila Waghorn) who would travel out a day or so in advance. (The Visits Officer in the Embassy in Washington will be on leave during the weeks preceding the visit.)

- 3 Royal Military Police (travelling out and back on the VC10). The number of Security Officers at the Embassy in Washington has been greatly reduced and the RMPs would have to guard the No 10 office overnight as well as look after baggage.

*Yours ever,*

*Colin Budd*

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