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FOLLOWING PERSONAL FOR KERR
FROM POWELL (NO. 10 DOWNING STREET)

THANK YOU FOR TELEGRAM NUMBER 2834 ABOUT THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE
PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT AT CAMP DAVID ON 15
NOVEMBER.

THE PRIME MINISTER SEES NO REAL OPTION BUT TO GO ALONG WITH THE
FORMAT WHICH THE AMERICANS HAVE PROPOSED. WE SHOULD, HOWEVER, ASK
FOR THE PRE-LUNCH SESSION TO BE CONDUCTED AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE AS
THOUGH IT WAS A PLENARY SESSION, SO THAT THE PRIME MINISTER CAN
RELATE THE CONCLUSIONS WHICH SHE HAS DRAWN FROM HER TETE-A-TETE
DISCUSSION WITH THE PRESIDENT TO THE WIDER AUDIENCE.

YOU SHOULD KNOW, HOWEVER, THAT THE PRIME MINISTER IS CONCERNED AT
THE RELATIVELY SHORT TIME AVAILABLE IN TOTAL FOR THIS VERY IMPORTANT
MEETING. BY THE TIME THERE HAVE BEEN PHOTOGRAPHS AND PLEASANTRIES
WITH MRS. REAGAN, HER ACTUAL DISCUSSION WITH THE PRESIDENT WILL
PROBABLY BE REDUCED TO 40 MINUTES OR LESS. I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL,
THEREFORE, IF YOU COULD TRY HARD TO GET THE STARTING TIME BROUGHT
FORWARD BY HALF AN HOUR TO 1015 OR, FAILING THAT, AT LEAST BY 15

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MINUTES TO 1030. I KNOW THIS MAY BE DIFFICULT BUT THE PRIME
MINISTER DOES ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO IT. WOULD IT HELP IF I
WERE TO TELEPHONE JOHN POINDEXTER?

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From the Private Secretary

7 November 1986

Washington tel. no. 2834 (copy enclosed for ease of reference) gave details of the programme proposed for the Prime Minister's meeting with the President at Camp David. I should be grateful if you could send the enclosed reply on my behalf.

I have also seen Washington tel. no. 2835 which deals with the presentation of the National Women's Forum Award. The Prime Minister is content with this and I should be grateful if you could so inform the Embassy in Washington.

(C.D. Powell)

C.R. Budd, Esq.,
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possible as though it was a plenary session, so that the
Prime Minister can relate the conclusions which she has drawn
from her tete-a-tete discussion with the President to the wider
audience.

You should know, however, that the Prime Minister is concerned
at the relatively short time available in total for this very
important meeting. By the time there have been photographs
and pleasantries with Mrs. Reagan, her actual discussion with
the President will probably be reduced to 40 minutes or less.
I should be grateful, therefore, if you could try hard to get
the starting time brought forward by half an hour to 1015 or,
failing that, at least by 15 minutes to 1030. I know this may
be difficult but the Prime Minister does attach great importance
to it. Would it help if I were to telephone John Poindexter?



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