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Dear Jonathan,

As you know Lady Thatcher is to call on the Prime Minister at 4.00pm on May 22. Lady Thatcher would normally prefer such a meeting to be 'one on one' but I have not spoken to her on this occasion, so perhaps you would let me have your view.

I believe that both of us agree that there would be no formal press statement but that we would answer press queries with 'The Prime Minister and Lady Thatcher discussed foreign affairs, including Europe, Asia, China and the hand-over of Hong Kong'. I believe we will be asked who instigated the meeting and suggest that we say 'Lady Thatcher was very pleased to accept the Prime Minister's invitation to call'. If of course the Prime Minister is seeing other former PMs the meeting can be put in that context as well. Finally I am assuming that you are not planning a formal photocall?

Please let me know what you think when you have a moment.

Julian Seymour
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JULIAN SEYMOUR
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- Not hidden. Try it soon.
- Not to be.

Jonathan Powell Esq

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MESSAGE:

Dear Jonathan,

Following our conversation I am re-sending my note on the fax. The original was sent by post but I think high tech may be a better mechanism! Let's talk on Monday.

Julian Seymour

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