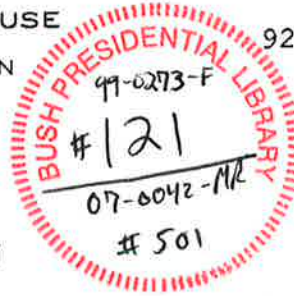


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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with Prime Minister
Margaret Thatcher of the United Kingdom

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher
Notetaker: Philip Zelikow

DATE, TIME November 17, 1989, 3:16 pm - 3:24 pm EST
AND PLACE: Oval Office

The President: I have read the marvelous telegram you sent me. I was delighted to hear from you, and look forward to putting our feet up and having a good chat at Camp David. ~~(S)~~

Prime Minister Thatcher: I look forward to that too. We have much to discuss. I will be going to Paris tomorrow for the EC meeting, (b) (1)

~~(S)~~

The President: We are thinking the same way. I am anxious to talk to you after the meeting in Paris. The timing of that meeting is good, coming before my talks in Malta. I think we see eye to eye on these questions. The danger is that there are people who want us to do more posturing. I am worried about that. ~~(S)~~

Prime Minister Thatcher: (b) (1)

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~~(S)~~

The President: I agree, and your message backed up this point. What are you expecting out of the EC meeting? ~~(S)~~

Prime Minister Thatcher: (b) (1)

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The President: I think we see eye to eye. I would love to get your experts' views on possible dramatic proposals that Gorbachev could spring at Malta. We have no surprises here, but we would love to hear the views of your top people on what he might do -- or things we might say to engage the public imagination, show support for perestroika. ~~(S)~~

You and I should be prepared to discuss possible surprises, and possible initiatives I could take. These would not be on arms control -- SLCMs or ALCMs or anything like that -- nothing that would be for signing. ~~(S)~~

Prime Minister Thatcher: Our Ambassador to the Soviet Union was in to see me about these matters this morning. You may have seen that I made a speech here recently, at the Guildhall. ~~(C)~~

The President: I read it, and enjoyed it. By the way, Manfred Woerner has invited me up after my Malta meetings, and I will be glad to come. ~~(C)~~

Prime Minister Thatcher: I would be so pleased if you would. | (b) (1)
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The President: Yes, from reading the economic reports, I wonder how he goes to work each day. Mulroney will be seeing him; that might be an interesting window on the situation there. ~~(C)~~

If we consult properly in NATO, have no surprises, the results should be very good. ~~(C)~~

I look forward to seeing you next week. I hope the meeting in Paris goes well. (U)

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