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25 July 1980

Dear Michael,

I enclose a letter of thanks from the President of Bangladesh to the Prime Minister for the hospitality extended to the President and his party during the recent official visit.

The third paragraph of the letter refers to the question of aid for Bangladesh. We have been taking a further look at this issue in the light of President Zia's recent visit. We will consider, as part of this examination, whether to recommend that the Prime Minister replies to the President's latest letter. An acknowledgement has been sent to the Bangladesh High Commission.

yours ever Roderic Lyna

(R M J Lyne) Private Secretary

Michael Alexander Esq 10 Downing Street London

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Brigades Foreign and Commonwealth Office London SW1A 2AH 14 July 1980 1. And 15/ Door Michael, Professor Shamsul Huq, Bangladesh Foreign Minister, has written to the Secretary of State thanking him and the Prime Minister for our hospitality during the recent visit of President Ziaur Rahman. I attach a copy of the letter, together with a copy of Lord Carrington's reply, for your information. (R M J Lyne) Private Secretary Michael Alexander Esq 10 Downing Street London



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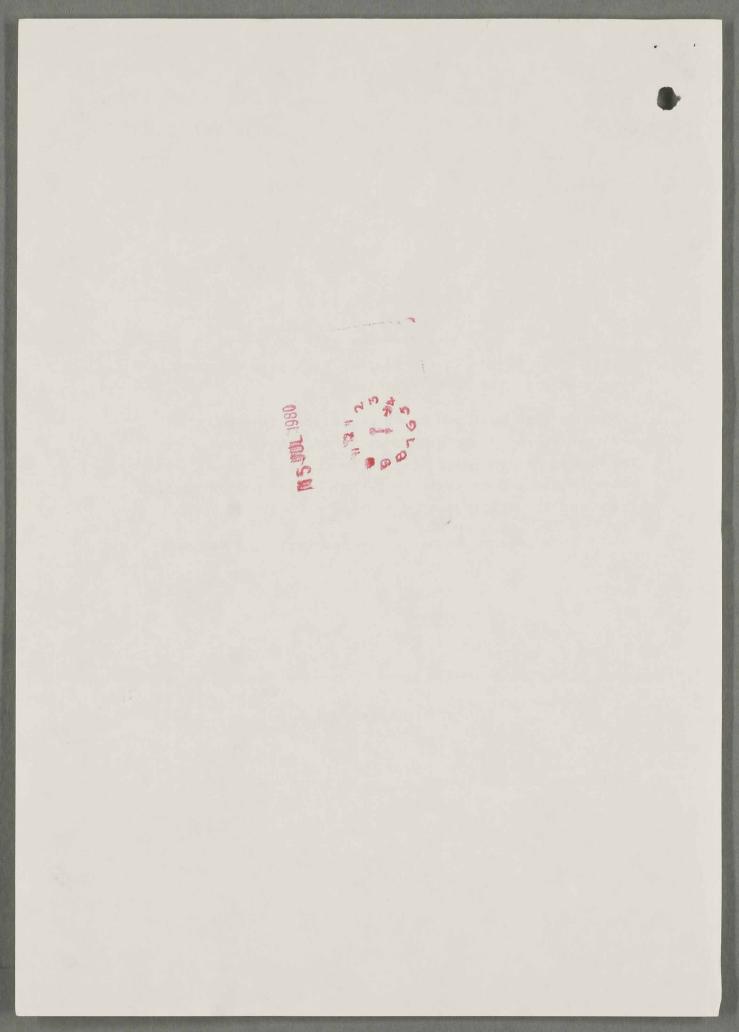
Thank you very much for your kind letter about your recent visit to the United Kingdom. I have conveyed your thanks to the Prime Minister.

I am glad that you found our discussions helpful and that there is a close identity of views between our two Governments on many of the issues we discussed. I was also pleased to learn that your contacts with British trade and industry proved valuable.

I look forward to our next opportunity of meeting.

(CARRINGTON)

The Honourable Professor Muhammad Shamsul Huq



পররাণ্ট মন্ত্রী MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS



গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

: 26 June 1980

Dear Lord Carrington,

This is a brief note to convey to you and through you to the Prime Minister our sincere thanks for the warm welcome and hospitality that we received during our recent visit to Britain.

The meeting with you and the Prime Minister afforded us a valuable opportunity to exchange views on our bilateral relations and also regional and international matters of mutual interest. I was, indeed, happy to note the similarity in our views on many of these issues.

As you perhaps know this visit also provided us with an opportunity to meet a large number of leaders in British trade and industry who evinced keen interest in cooperation with Bangladesh in development of her industrial resources.

We sincerely hope that this visit succeeded in strengthening the friendly relations between our two countries and also in generating a new interest in increasing economic cooperation between Britain and Bangladesh both in the private and public sectors.

I shall look forward to the pleasure of meeting you in New York.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

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(Muhammad Shamsul Huq)

The Rt. Hon'ble Lord Carrington, KCMG, MC Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs of the United Kingdom London

Original filed on: PRESIDENT PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH DACCA July 8, 1980 SERIAL No. 7378/80 The FCO are wrindering whether to women't on 'A'. My dear Prime Minister, I write to express my deep appreciation and thanks for the warm welcome and generous hospitality extended to me, my wife and the members of my delegation during our recent visit to the United Kingdom. I am, indeed, grateful for the excellent programme which was arranged for the visit. This afforded me an opportunity not only to meet you and other leaders in the Government but also important personalities in various walks of life including trade and industry. I need hardly say how much I valued this opportunity of exchanging views with you at some length on various subjects of mutual interest. I have no doubt in my mind that these discussions have led to a much better understanding between us about bilateral, regional and international issues and also contributed to the further strengthening of the friendly ties between our two countries. I am much reassured after my meeting with you that despite many difficulties your Government would re-examine the possibilities of increased development assistance to Bangladesh. You might also recall our discussion on the need for speedy disbursement of economic aid already committed for the current year with a view to maintaining the momentum of our development efforts. I would like to thank you once again for the pleasant and useful visit. My wife joins me in sending our warm regards and best wishes to you and Mr. Denis Thatcher. Warmest Regards. Rt. Honourable Margaret Hilda Thatcher, MP Prime Minister LONDON

Bangla desa 8 July 1980 This is a receipt for a present that the Prime Minister gave to the wife of the President of Bangladesh. I would be grateful if you could let me have a cheque for this amount made payable to the Prime Minister. C.S. R.D.H. Baker, Esq., Civil Service Department.



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THE PRIME MINISTER

20 June 1980

PRIME MINISTER'S

Your Excellency, JERSONAL MESSAGE

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Thank you for the beautiful sari you have brought me. It is exquisitely embroidered and will be something I will treasure all my life. Thank you too for the length of cloth that you sent my husband. We are both delighted with our gifts.

With all best wishes and I have much enjoyed our talks this week.

Yours sincerely,

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office London SW1A 2AH Dear Alexander VISIT OF PRESIDENT ZIAUR RAHMAN OF BANGLADESH Mr Luce bade farewell to President Ziaur and his party at Heathrow today in Peter Blaker's absence in Paris. The President said he could not find fault with the arrangements made for his visit and asked that his warmest thanks be passed to the Prime Minister and Lord Carrington. I am writing separately to Roderic Lyne. Yours ever, Martin Rickerd M J K Rickerd APS/Mr Luce M O'D B Alexander Esq No 10 Downing Street

LONDON SW1

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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT ZIAUR OF BANGLADESH ON THE LEAVING THE AIRSPACE OF GREAT BRITAIN

Prime Minister Thatcher,

Whilst leaving the United Kingdom I wish to convey on behalf of my wife and my entourage our sincere thanks and appreciation for the warm and cordial welcome and generous hospitality extended during our stay in your great country. This is a true blue testimony of the true ties existing between our two Commonwealth countries and our people. Our visit and display of mutual interest has greatly contributed to the furtherance of friendly nations and co-operation between Bangladesh and the United Kingdom. We are carrying home with us the great goodwill and sentiment of the people of the United Kingdom for the people of Bangladesh. We take this opportunity in wishing you long life and the friendly people of the United Kingdom continued progress and prosperity.

PERSONAL MESSAGE

19 June 1980

Received over the telephone 1615 hours

PERSONAL MESSAGE

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VISIT OF HIS EXCELLENCY MR ZIAUR RAHMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH AND BEGUM ZIAUR RAHMAN AS GUESTS OF HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT,

16-19 JUNE 1980

PROGRAME

MONDAY 16 JUNE

0930 hrs

Arrive London Heathrow Airport

Special Waiting Room, South Side

Met by Lord-in-Waiting to Her Majesty

The Queen, The Lord Mowbray and see Annex 2

Stourton and

the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs,

The Rt Hon Lord Carrington

Received by a Guard of Honour found by
The Queen's Colour Squadron of the
Royal Air Force

0950 (approx) Leave the Airport by car

1030 (approx) Arrive Sheraton Park Tower

101 Knightsbridge, SW1

Greeted by the General Manager,
Mr I Behard

1220 Leave the hotel

1230 Arrive Waldorf Hotel
Aldwych, WC2

/Luncheon

Monday 16 June contd

Luncheon given by

the Commonwealth and Diplomatic

Writers Association

1430 (approx) Leave Waldorf Hotel and return to

Sheraton Park Tower

1623 Leave the hotel

1630 Arrive 10 Downing Street

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Tete-a-tete talk with the Prime Minister,

The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher MP

1645 hrs Enlarged talks

1730 Leave 10 Downing Street

1800 (approx) Arrive at Residence of the Bangladesh

High Commissioner

Bangladesh House, 7 Spaniards Close,

NW11

1830 Reception given by His Excellency

to 2000 Mr A R Shams-ud Doha,

High Commissioner for the People's

Republic of Bangladesh.

2020 (approx) Arrive 1 Carlton Gardens, SW1

2030 Dinner given by Her Majesty's Government

Host: The Secretary of State for Foreign

and Commonwealth Affairs,

The Rt Hon Lord Carrington

Dress: Lounge Suite

see Annex 3

Monday 16 June contd

2230 Leave 1 Carlton Gardens

2238 Arrive Sheraton Park Tower

2245 Conference of Bangladesh Ambassadors in

Europe

Windsor Room

TUESDAY 17 JUNE

0750 hrs Leave the hotel

0805 Arrive at Euston Station

Met by Area Operations Manager, British Rail,

Mr Arthur Dobson

0815 Depart by Special train for Birmingham

0949 Arrive at Birmingham New Street Station see Annex 4

Met by the Deputy Lieutenant for West

Midlands, Lt Col Allan Whitfield

and by the Lord Mayor of Birmingham

Councillor Joseph M Bailey

and Area Manager, British Rail

Mr I D King

Leave the Station accompanied by Deputy Lieutenant

1000 Arrive Council House

Victoria Square, Birmingham

The Lord Mayor of Birmingham will present other civicofficials

Tuesday 17 June contd

Sign Visitors' Book

Meeting with members of the Bangladesh

Community

The Lord Mayor takes leave of HE The President

1155 Leave the Council House

1205 Arrive at Birmingham New Street Station

Met by Area Manager, British Rail

Mr I D King

The Deputy Lieutenant for West Midlands

bids farewell

1215 Depart by Special train for Manchester

Luncheon on the train

1344 hrs Arrive at Manchester Piccadilly Station see Annex 4

met by the Vice Lord Lieutenant for

Greater Manchester, Col Graham Norris

and by the Lord Mayor of Manchester

Councillor Mrs Winnie Smith and

Area Manager, British Rail, Mr H Forster

1349 Leave the station by car accompanied

by the Lord Lieutenant for Greater

Manchester.

1355 Arrive Manchester Town Hall

Albert Square

The Lord Mayor of Manchester,

Councillor Mrs Winnie Smith will present
other civic officials

Sign Visitors' Book

Leave Manchester Town Hall accompanied
by the Lord Mayor of Manchester

1418 Arrive at Free Trade Hall

Meeting with members of the Bangladesh community.

1520 Leave Free Trade Hall

1530 Arrive at Manchester Piccadilly Station

Met by Area Manager, British Rail,

Mr H Forster

The Lord Mayor of Manchester
and the Vice Lord Lieutenant for Greater
Manchester take their leave of His Excellency
the President

1545 Depart by Special train for London

1820 Arrive at Euston Station

Met by Councillor JJ Walsh representing the
Mayor of the London Borough of Walthamstow
and the Area Operations Manager, British Rail,
Mr A Milner

1830 Leave the station by car

Tuesday 17 June contd

1847	Arrive at Allen Gardens, Brick Lane, El
	see Annex 4
	Met by the Mayor of the London Borough
	of Tower Hamlets, Councillor Mrs Lilian Crook,
	who will introduce other officials
	Meet members of the Bangladesh Community
1925	Leave Allen Gardens and return to
	the hotel
1940	Arrive Sheraton Park Tower
2030	Leave the Sheraton Park Tower
2035	Arrive at the Carlton Tower Hotel
	Cadogan Place, SW1
2030	Dinner given by the British and South Asia
for 2100	Trade Association
	Host: Sir Cyril Pitts
	The Ballroom
	Dress: Lounge Suit
2240	Return to the Sheraton Park Tower

WEDNESDAY 18 JUNE

(See pages 11, 12 for separate morning programmes for the Honourable Minister for Foreign Affairs; the Honourable Minister for Home Affairs, the Honourable Minister for Planning; the Foreign Secretary)

Wednesday 18 June contd

0815 hrs	Breakfast meetings at the hotel with dignitaries including the Leader of the Liberal Party,
	The Rt Hon David Steel, MP
0940	The Leader of the Opposition
	The Rt Hon James Callaghan MP
	will call on His Excellency the President
	at the hotel
1030	The Minister of State for Foreign and
	Commonwealth Affairs and
	Minister for Overseas Development
	Mr Neil Marten MP
	will call on His Excellency the President
	at the hotel
1140	The Secretary of State for the Home Department
	The Rt Hon William Whitelaw MP
	will call on His Excellency the President
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Wednesday 18 June contd

	Received by the Deputy Speaker,
	Mr Bernard Weatherill MP,
	and the Chairman of the Anglo-Bangladesh
	Parliamentary Group,
	Mr Raymond Whitney MP
1455 hrs	Attend Prime Minister's Question Time
	Distinguished Strangers' Gallery
1520	Discussion with Parliamentary Group
	House of Commons, Jubilee Room
	Leave the Jubilee Room
1610	Arrive Speaker's House
1615	Tea Reception given by the Speaker of the
	House of Commons, The Rt Hon George Thomas MP
1700 (approx)	Leave the Houses of Parliament and return to the
	hotel
1920	Leave the hotel
1930	Arrive Mansion House, EC4
1915	Dinner given by the Rt Hon The Lord Mayor of London
for 1945	and the Coreporation of London
	Dress: Evening Dress or National Dress
	Decorations
2230	Leave Mansion House and return to the hotel

THURSDAY 19 JUNE

0815 hrs	Breakfast meeting at the hotel with dignitaries
1110 (approx)	Leave the hotel for Windsor Castle see Annex 5
1200	Arrive Windsor Castle Equerries' Entrance
	Luncheon with Her Majesty The Queen
1330	Leave Windsor Castle
1400	Arrive London Heathrow Airport Special Waiting Room, South Side
	The Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs will bid farewell
1415	Board Special aircraft for Dacca

SEPARATE PROGRAMMES FOR BEGUM ZIAUR RAHMAN

MONDAY 16 JUNE

1230 hrs Luncheon given by Ladies of the Bangladesh Centre

for 1300 24 Pembridge Gardens, W2

Evening Hosts: The Lord and Lady Trefgarne

Dress: Informal

1920 (approx) Arrive Adelphi Theatre

Strand WC2

1930 Attend a performance of ''My Fair Lady''

Supper afterwards at Admiralty House

Whitehall, SW1

TUESDAY 17 JUNE

Private programme in the evening

WEDNESDAY 18 JUNE

In the morning visit Madame Tussaud's, Marylebone Road, NW1

Luncheon as for His Excellency the President at 10 Downing Street, then return to hotel

In the afternoon attend a Tea given by the Bangladesh Women's Association at 91 Highbury Hill, N5

WEDNESDAY 18 JUNE

SEPARATE PROGRAMMES AS FOLLOWS

PROGRAMME FOR HIS EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS PROFESSOR MOHAMMED SHAMSUL HUQ

1145 hrs Leave the hotel

1200 Arrive Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Ambassadors' Entrance

Talks with the Secretary of State for Foreign

and Commonwealth Affairs

The Rt Hon Lord Carrington

1245 Leave the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on foot

accompanied by The Rt Hon The Lord Carrington

1248 Arrive 10 Downing Street

PROGRAMME FOR HIS EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS MR ABU SALEH MOHAMMED MUSTAFIZUR RAHMAN

The Secretary of State for the Home Department

The Rt Hon William Whitelaw MP

will call on Mr Rahman

at the Sheraton Park Tower

PROGRAMME FOR HIS EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE MINISTER FOR PLANNING DR FASIHUDDIN MAHTAB

1000 The Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth

Affairs and Minister for Overseas Development

Wednesday 18 June contd

1145

Separate Programmes contd

Mr Neil Marten MP

will call on Dr Mahtab

at the Sheraton Park Tower

The Honourable Deputy Minister for Food, Mr Iqbal Hossain Chowdhury will also be present.

PROGRAMME FOR THE FOREIGN SECRETARY MR S A M S KIBRIA

Leave the hotel 1200 Arrive Foreign and Commonwealth Office Ambassadors' Entrance Talks with the Permanent Under Secretary of State and Head of the Diplomatic Service Sir Michael Palliser

1245 Leave the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on foot

1248 Arrive 10 Downing Street

16 June

Separate programme for Bangladesh Members of Parliament, Mr Lutfur Rahman, Mrs Fatema Chowdhury and Col (Rtd) Oli Ahmed BB and Bangladesh Dignitaries, Mrs Zeba Rashid Chowdhury, Mrs Nilafer Momen and Mr Abul Momen Choudhury of the Bangladesh High Commission

1230 hours

Depart Hotel for Houses of Parliament.

1245 hours for 1300 hours Luncheon at Houses of Parliament given by Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

Host: Mr T Cobb, Secretary, UK Branch.

Return to Hotel.

18 June

Separate programme for Bangladesh Members of Parliament and Dignitaries

Morning

Sightseeing.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE

Entourage

See Annex 1 pages 15-17.

Arrival Arrangements

See Annex 2 pages 18-22.

Audience and lunch with The Queen at Windsor

See page 9 of the main programme and Annex 5 pages 28-29.

Talks with The Prime Minister

See page 2 of the main programme and Annex 3 page 23.

Visit to Birmingham, Manchester and Tower Hamlets

See pages 3-6 and Annex 4 pages 24-27.

Accommodation

The President and his party will be accommodated at the Sheraton Park Tower Hotel, 101 Knightsbridge, SW1.

Transport

Government Hospitality Fund will provide 8 Daimlers and 4 Dorchesters.

The Bangladesh High Commission will provide transport for the Envoys who will be joining the programme on Tuesday 17 June.

Transport for the accompanying press will be arranged by Mr D T Healy of News Department, FCO (233 3191).

Press

Mr D T Healy will act as media coordinator.

Security

Detective Inspector David Bard and Detective Sergeant Ian Horne of Special Branch will be in charge of the personal security arrangements for the President.

Useful Telephone Numbers

See pages 31-32.

Protocol and Conference Department

13 June 1980

OFFICIAL PARTY

His Excellency the Prosident of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and Begum Ziaur Rahman will be accompanied by:

Professor Muhammad Shamsul Huq, The Honourable Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr Abu Saleh Mohammad Mustafizur Rahman, The Honourable Minister for Home Affairs

Dr Fasihuddin Mahtab,
The Honourable Minister for Planning

Mr Mohammad Ismail, The Honourable State Minister for Land Administration and Land Reforms

Mr Iqbal Hossain Chowdhury, The Honourable Deputy Minister for Food

Mr Daud Khan Majlis, Consultant to the President

Mr Lutfur Rahman, Member of Parliament

Mrs Fatema Chowdhury, Member of Parliament

Colonel (Rtd) Oli Ahmed, BB Member of Parliament

Mr S A M S Kibria, Foreign Secretary

Mr A S Noor Mohammad, Secretary to the President

Mr Kashid ul Hassan, Director General, Industries Mr M R Osmany, Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Mr Sadaat Hussain, Joint Secretary, External Resources Division

Mr A S M Khairul Anam, Chief of Protocol

Mr Mahbubul Alam, Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Mr S M Rashed Ahmed, Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Mr Mohiuddin Ahmed, Deputy Chief of Protocol

Mr M Motahar Hossain, Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs In attendance:

Group Captain Robert Thomson)	
Group Captain R L Easterbrook)	*Government Hospitality RAF retired
Miss Sheana Strachan)	
Detective Inspector D Bard)	
Detective Sergeant I Horne)	*Special Branch

UNOFFICIAL PARTY

Bangabhaban Officials

Brigadier Sadiqur Rahman Chowdhury Military Secretary to the President

Lt Col A F M Mainul Ahsan Security Officer

Detective Sergeant J Jones

Lt Col Mahtabul Islam
Personal Physician to the President

Lt M A Awal NN ADC

Cap Harunur Rashid ADC

Other Dignitaries

Mrs Zeba Rasheed Chowdhury National Commissioner, Bangladesh Girl Guides Association

Mr Md Kabir Hussain, City Organising Secretary, BNP, Rajshahi

Mr Rajab Ali Fakir, BNP, Mymen Singh

Mrs Nilofar Momen President, Bangladesh Nationalist Party, (Womens' Wing), Chittagong

Mr Haris Choudhury General Secretary, Bangladesh Nationalist Party, Sadar Sylhet

Media Representatives

Mr Sanaullah Nuri Editor, Dainik Desh Mr Abdur Rahim News Editor, Bangladesh Observer

Mr A F M Habibur Rahman, BSS

Mr Sirajul Kabir, ENA

Mr Aftabuddin Ahmed Chief News Editor, Radio Bangladesh

Mr Ataur Rahman TV Cameraman

Mr G Z M A Mobin DFP Cameraman

Mr Amir Khasru PID Photographer

Security

Mr M N Huda Director

Mr Keramat Ali Bhuiyan Special Superintendent of Police

Mr Towhid Alam Deputy Director

ARRIVAL ARRANGEMENTS, HEATHROW AIRPORT, SOUTHSIDE

Monday, 16 June

0800 hours

Doors open.

0830 hours

Arrival of coach parties and junior High Commission staff. Arrival of The Queen's Colour Squadron of the RAF.

0900 hours approx

Sir Michael Scott KCVO CMG, High Commissioner to Bangladesh and Lady Scott; Sir Donald Maitland GCMG OBE, Deputy to the Permanent Under-Secretary; Miss P T Metcalfe OBE, Assistant Head of Protocol and Conference Department; Mr Colin Taylor, Acting Secretary, Government Hospitality Fund, will arrive at the Special Waiting Room at Heathrow Airport, Southside.

0910 hours

The Bangladesh High Commissioner and Begum Shams-ud Doha will arrive and will be greeted by Mr Taylor, Sir Michael and Lady Scott, Sir Donald Maitland, Miss P T Metcalfe and Mr M King, Director, Heathrow Airport.

0915 hours

The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, The Rt Hon The Lord Carrington KCMG MC, will arrive.

0920 hours

The Lord Mowbray and Stourton, Lord-in-Waiting to Her Majesty The Queen will arrive.

Monday, 16 June (cont'd)

.0930 hours (Doors open time)

President Zia's aircraft arrives from Bangladesh.

As soon as the aircraft doors open, the Director of Heathrow Airport will escort the greeting party from the VIP Lounge to the aircraft. Senior Embassy officials and their wives will watch the proceedings from outside the VIP Lounge. Those going to the aircraft will be:-

The Lord Mowbray and Stourton
The Secretary of State for Foreign and
Commonwealth Affairs
Sir Michael Scott, High Commissioner to
Bangladesh
Sir Donald Maitland
Miss Metcalfe
Mr Taylor
Mr King, Director, Heathrow Airport
Squadron Leader E G N Acons.

A Guard of Honour from The Queen's Colour Squadron of the RAF under the command of Squadron Leader E G N Acons, will be formed upon the apron.

The Bangladesh High Commissioner and Begum Shams-ud Doha board the aircraft and escort President Zia and Begum Zia down the steps.

The Lord Mowbray and Stourton will greet the

President and Begum Zia on behalf of The Queen
and will take the President down the receiving

Onday, 16 June (cont'd)

line. Other members of the official suite will then disembark and be introduced to the greeting party by the Bangladesh High Commissioner.

The Lord Mowbray and Stourton will accompany the President to the front of the Guard of Honour and the Bangladesh National Anthem will be played. The Captain of the Guard will invite the President to inspect the Guard of Honour. The Lord Mowbray and Stourton will accompany the President during the inspection.

After the senior members of the party have been greeted the Secretary of State will accompany the Begum and Ministers to the speaking base.

Other senior members of the party will follow.

On conclusion of the inspection the Lord Mowbray and Stourton will escort the President to the speaking base to join the Secretary of State who will say a few words of welcome to which the President will reply.

The party will then walk to the VIP Lounge. The President and Begum Zia will be accompanied by the Lord Mowbray and Stourton, the Secretary of State and other members of the greeting party.

On the way the President will be presented with a bunch of flowers by a member of the Bangladesh High Commission. GHF and FCO officers will escort other members of the official suite.

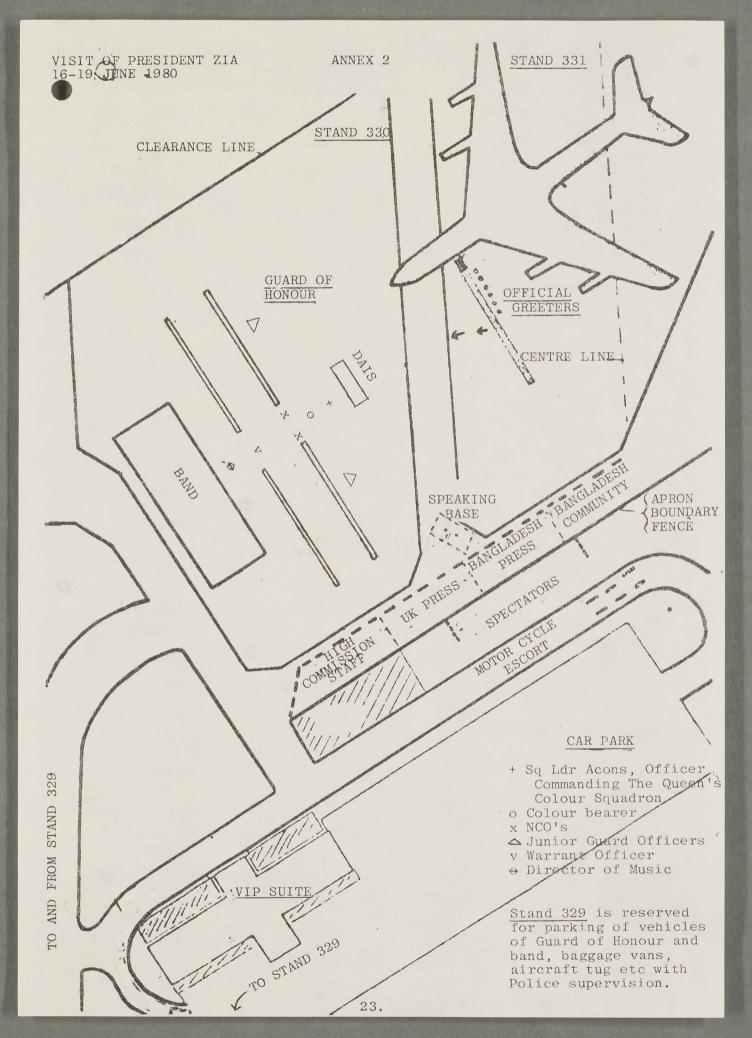
Monday, 16 June (cont'd)

In the VIP Lounge the Bangladesh High Commissioner will present members of his staff and their wives. Refreshments will be available. Mr Taylor will present the Escort Officers. Miss Metcalfe will present FCO officials.

When the President and his party are ready to leave the Lord Mowbray and Stourton will accompany the President to his car and say farewell. The cars will leave for the Sheraton Park Hotel. For seating arrangements see Appendix A1.

Press travelling on board will disembark from the rear door immediately the aircraft arrives under the direction of Mr Healy.

Other members of the party will disembark later under the guidance of officials of the Bangladesh High Commission and will be directed to their cars without going through the VIP Lounge.



MONDAY 16 JUNE

TALKS AT NO 10 DOWNING STREET

BANGLADESH DELEGATION

- 1. H.E. Mr Ziaur Rahman, President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
- 2. Professor Mohammad Shamsul Huq Minister for Foreign Affairs
- Mr Abu Saleh Mohammad Mustafizur Rahman, Minister for Home Affairs
- 4. H.E. Mr A R Shams-ud Doha, Bangladesh High Commissioner
- 5. Mr S A M S Kibria, Foreign Secretary
- 6. Mr A S Noor Mohammed
 Secretary to the President
- 7. Mr M R Osmany, Director-General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

UK SIDE

- 1. The Prime Minister, the Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher MP
- 2. The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, The Rt Hon the Lord Carrington KCMG MC
- 3. The Assistant Under-Secretary of State Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Mr A E Donald CMG
- 4. High Commissioner, Bangladesh, Sir Michael Scott KCVO CMG
- 5. Mr G R Archer, South Asian Department, Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

Tuesday 17 JUNE

VISIT TO BIRMINGHAM, MANCHESTER AND TOWER HAMLETS

BIRMINGHAM

On arrival at New Street Station the President and the VIP party travelling by car (see motorcade Annex) will disembark. The President will be received on the platform by the Deputy Lieutenant for the West Midlands who will present the Lord Mayor of Birmingham. He, in turn, will present:

the Lady Mayoress the Chief Executive, Mr W S Page the Chief Constable (Sir Philips Knight) or deputy Representative of British Rail

After the introductions the party will be conducted to their cars and will leave in a motorcade for the Town Hall.

The coach party will then disembark as soon as the President's party have left the platform and will be driven in a separate convoy to the Town Hall, where they will go immediately to the Banqueting Hall for the reception.

On the arrival of the President at the Town Hall, two children, from a party of about 100 primary school children waiting outside, will present flowers.

The President and the VIP party will proceed to the Mayor's Parlour where the Lord Mayor will present other civic officials. There will be an exchange of gifts and the President and Begum Zia will be asked to sign the visitors' book.

The President and the VIP party will then be conducted to the Banqueting Hall for the reception (approximately 500 guests). The Lord Mayor will make a brief speech of welcome to which the President will reply.

At 1030 the Lord Mayor will take leave of the President and the Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor George Canning, will represent him for the remainder of the programme.

After the speeches the President will move through the Banqueting Hall meeting members of the Bangladesh community, leaving the reception at 1150. If there is an overflow of guests in another room the President will call in there briefly before leaving the Council House.

/The coach

The coach party will leave the reception at 1145 and travel direct to the station in their coach and will embark in the train immediately.

MANCHESTER

On arrival at Manchester, (Piccadilly)Station the President and the VIP party will disembark. The President will be received by the Vice Lord Lieutenant for Greater Manchester, who will present the Lord Mayor who, in turn, will present the following:-

the Lady Mayoress, Mrs Agnes Reilly JP

the Honorary Recorder

His Hon Judge Sir Rudolph Lyons QC

the Town Clerk (Mr J Hetherington)

the Chief Constable of Greater Manchester (or Representative)

Assistant Divisional Manager British Rail, Mr G G Fell

The President and VIP party will embark in their cars. The Lord Mayor will go ahead of the motorcade so as to be at the Town Hall in order to receive the President on arrival.

Immediately the Presidential party has left the platform the coach party will disembark and will be driven to the Free Trade Hall.

On arrival at Manchester Town Hall, the Lord Mayor will conduct the President to the Mayor's Parlour and introduce other civic officials. There will be an exchange of gifts and the Lord Mayor and Begum Zia will be asked to sign the visitors' book.

The party will then move to the Free Trade Hall (motorcade procession as for arrival at the station).

On arrival at the Free Trade Hall the Lord Mayor will introduce representatives of the Bangladesh community. The Presidential party will take their seats on the platform.

The programme will then be as follows:-

The Bangladesh Chairman of the meeting will welcome the President and introduce the Lord Mayor

The Lord Mayor will make a speech of welcome.

The Chairman will thank the Lord Mayor and introduce the President.

The President will then address the meeting in both English and Bengali.

At the end of the speeches the President will come down from the platform and will move through the Town Hall (about 2000 members of the Bangladesh community are expected to be present).

The Vice

The Vice Lord Lieutenant will leave for the station as soon as the President starts his walkabout in the hall. After the walkabout the Lord Mayor will accompany the President and the VIP party to the station.

The coach party will leave the hall at the beginning of the walkabout and on arrival at the station will immediately embark in the train.

TOWER HAMLETS

On arrival at Euston, the President and the VIP party will disembark. Councillor J J Walsh, representing the Mayor of the London Borough of Walthamstow, will receive the President. He will introduce the Area Operations Manager British Rail, Mr A Milner.

A party from Walthamstow including school children will be present at the station to greet the President.

While the greeting is taking place all other members of the party travelling to Tower Hamlets should embark in the cars (order of seating as at motorcade Annex)

The motorcade will travel by Brick Lane to Allen Gardens where the President will be received by the Mayor of London Borough of Tower Hamlets, Councillor Mrs Lilian Crook, who will then introduce the following:-

the Mayor's escort, Mr W Crook

the Chief Executive Mr J Wolkind, CBE and Mrs B Wolkind the Leader of the Council, Councillor P Beasley

The Mayor will then introduce leaders of the local community. There will be a presentation of flowers.

The Mayor will escort the President and his party to the dais in Allen Gardens.

She will address a few words of welcome to the President. Members of the local Community will also say a few words of welcome.

The President will then give a short address in both English and Bengali.

The President and his party accompanied by the Mayor will return to the car, at which point the Mayor will take her leave

The motorcade will return to the Sheraton Park Tower Hotel.

VISIT TO TOWER HAMLETS- ALLEN GARDENS



VISIT TO WINDSOR

THURSDAY, 19 JUNE, 1980

The following will accompany President Ziaur Rahman and Begum Ziaur Rahman to Windsor Castle:

H E Mr A R Shams-ud-Doha, Bangladesh High Commissioner Begum Doha

Sir Michael Scott KCVO CMG, High Commissioner,
Bangladesh

Lady Scott

Brigadier Sadiqur Rahman Chowdhury, Military Secretary to the President

Either/ Lt M A Awal NN, Aide-de-Camp

Or / Captain Harunur Rashid, Aide-de-Camp

Miss P T Metcalfe, Assistant Head, Protocol and Conference Department, FCO

Group Captain Robert Thomson, Government Hospitality
Fund escort

Miss Sheana Strachan, Government Hospitality Fund escort

Lt Colonel A F M Mainul Ahsan, Security Officer

<u>Either</u>/ Detective Inspector David Bard, Special Branch

Or / Detective Sergeant Ian Horne

The Presidential party will leave the Sheraton Park Tower at 1120 hours and will arrive via the Frogmore Gardens Gate. They will then proceed through the George IV Gateway into the Quadrangle, where the Windsor Castle

Guard will be turned out and will give a Royal Salute.

On arrival at the Equerries' Entrance (1200 hours) their Excellencies will be met by:

The Lady-in-Waiting to Her Majesty The Queen,

The Hon Mary Morrison CVO

The Master of the Household, Vice-Admiral

Sir Peter Ashmore KCB MVO DSC

and the Equerry, Lieutenant Commander Robert Guy, RN

The President and Begum Ziaur Rahman, Lieutenant Colonel Ahsan and the Special Branch officer will enter Windsor Castle for lunch with The Queen, members of the Royal Family and Household.

The High Commissioner and the other members of the entourage will disembark from their cars and wait until the President has moved into the Castle. They will then re-embark and drive to the Old House Hotel, Thames Street, Windsor, for lunch. They will return to the Equerries' Entrance at 1330. The President and the whole party will then drive to London Heathrow Airport, Southside.

All other members of the party will leave directly from the Sheraton Park Hotel at 1245 hours.

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The Prime Minister

His Excellency Mr. Ziaur Rahman and Begum Ziaur Rahman

Professor Muhammad Shamsul Huq Foreign Minister

Mr. Abu Saleh Mohammed Mustafizur Rahman Home Minister

Dr. Fasihuudin Mahtab Planning Minister

Mr. Mohammad Ismail
State Minister for Land
Administration and Land Reform

Mr. Iqbal Hossain Chowdhury Deputy Minister for Food

Mr. Daud Khan Majlis Consultant to the President

His Excellency the High Commissioner for the People's Republic of Bangladesh and Mrs. Shams-ud-Doha

Mr. Lutfur Rahman, MP

Mrs. Fatima Chowdhury, MP

Col. (Retd) Oli Ahmed, MP

Mr. S.A.M.S. Kibria

Mr. A.S. Noor Mohammad

Brigadier Sadigur Rahman Chowdhury

Mrs. Zeba Rasheed Chowdhury

Mr. M.D. Kabir Hussain

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Mr. Timothy Raison, MP and Mrs. Raison

Mr. Neil Marten, MP and Mrs. Marten

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Mr. John Wilkinson, MP and Mrs. Wilkinson

Secretary, Anglo-Bangladesh Parliamentary Group

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The Rt. Hon. Peter Shore, MP and Dr. Shore

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Mr. James Molyneaux, MP

Others

His Excellency the High Commissioner for Mauritius and Lady Teelock

Sir David McNee and Lady McNee

Sir Robin Vanderfelt and Lady Vanderfelt

Mr. Ian Fraser and Mrs. Fraser

Mr. Syed Alay Rasul and Mrs. Rasul

Ms. Lulu Bulquis Bannu

Mr. John Ennals

Miss Margaret Brayton

Mr. David Lane and Mrs. Lane

Metropolitan Police Commissioner recent visitor to Bangladesh

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Chairman, Lazards

Chairman, Federation of Bangladesh Associations

Bangladesh Community Leader in London

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10 Downing Street

Mr. Clive Whitmore

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Mr. Michael Alexander

Mr. Mike Pattison

PUS, Overseas Development Administration

HM High Commissioner, Dacca

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VISIT OF PRESIDENT OF BANGLADESH, 16-19 JUNE 1980: PRIME MINISTER'S LUNCH, 18 JUNE

POINTS TO MAKE - AID

1. Total of UK Aid Commitments

Since independence, Britain has committed approximately £278m of bilateral aid to Bangladesh.

2. Aid to Bangladesh on a Comparative Basis

Bangladesh figures high in the list of recipients of UK bilateral aid.

3. UK Share of Multilateral Aid

Bangladesh is treated favourably by multilateral aid agencies, and rightly so. UK contributes substantially to the budgets and programmes of those agencies, and we calculate that about £20m a year of our multilateral contributions go to Bangladesh in that way.

POINTS TO MAKE - GENERAL

- 4. Welcome opportunity of visit for wide-ranging exchange of views.
- 5. Welcome Bangladesh's strong line internationally.
- 6. Anglo-Bangladesh Parliamentary Group evidence of links between two countries' parliamentarians.
- 7. UK second largest market for Bangladeshi goods.
- 8. About 150,000 people of Bangladesh origin in country. Some 150 Bangladeshi associations flourishing here. Add a dimension to life, particularly in our cities.

POINT TO MAKE - AID /Defensive7

Cuts in the UK Aid Programme

In order to strengthen our economy it has been necessary to cut public expenditure, including the aid programme. Moreover, because of our rapidly growing multilateral commitments such as those to the International Development Association, from which Bangladesh greatly benefits, it will be necessary to reduce our bilateral programmes even more sharply. I regret this, but our ability to support development overseas must first depend on the state of our economy and the need to strengthen it.

Nevertheless, despite cuts in the aid programme, we are hoping to provide nearly £43m for aid to Bangladesh this year. No final decisions have yet been taken on next year's allocations, although as already explained there will necessarily be substantial cuts in our bilateral programmes.

VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT OF BANGLADESH, 16-19 JUNE 1980: BRIEF ON AID MATTERS FOR PRIME MINISTER'S LUNCH, 18 JUNE Essential Facts

1. Total of UK Aid Commitments

The total of £278m of aid committed to Bangladesh since independence does not include a pledge of £48m made at the Bangladesh Aid Group meeting in January 1979. This pledge has not yet been converted into signed aid agreements, because present and foreseen level of disbursements can be accommodated within existing signed agreements.

2. Aid to Bangladesh on a Comparative Basis

Figures for aid to South Asian countries on a per caput basis in 1978 are as follows:

The aid programme could not be exempt from the necessary

Bangladesh 55 pence
Burma 4 pence
India 19 pence
Nepal 34 pence
Pakistan 26 pence
Sri Lanka 60 pence

3. Cuts in the UK Aid Programme

reduction in public expenditure. Moreover, because of our rapidly growing multilateral commitments (eg to the International Development Association and European Development Fund) the bilateral programmes have had to be cut much more sharply than the aid programme in general. Substantial proportion of our aid to Bangladesh has been given in the form of commodity grants for the purchase of a wide range of British goods and services. These grant arrangements do not call for any disbursements to be made at any fixed annual rate; so the Bangladesh bilateral programme is more vulnerable to cuts than most other country programmes, where we have inescapable commitments on ongoing projects.

Against this background, Foreign and Commonwealth Office Ministers have approved draft aid framework allocations for Bangladesh for 1982 - 1984 at a very much lower level than for previous years: 1980/81 - £42.7m, 1981/82 - £23.5m, (8924) Dd 125066 20M 5/77 SPAD GP 652

1982/83 - £25m, 1983/84 - £28m. These proposed cuts would bear undeniably hard on Bangladesh, and in particular they would represent a disproportionately high reduction in the level of aid at a time when the Sri Lanka programme had been increased dramatically as a consequence of our commitment to the Victoria Dam. The Government of Bangladesh is, of course, totally unaware of these future plans, which have yet to be approved by Ministers outside the FCO.

4. UK Share of Multilateral Aid

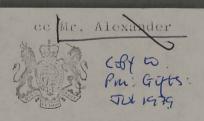
Bangladesh is a major recipient of multilateral aid, and our contribution to the funds of agencies in the World Bank Group and the European Community has increased sharply in recent years. The result is that the amount of UK money reaching Bangladesh through the activities of multilateral donors is very significant indeed, even as a proportion of our bilateral aid in a good year. We have calculated that in 1979/80 the total of such British contributions channeled to Bangladesh was £20.5m.

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PRIME MINISTER

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PRESIDENT ZIAUR OF BANGLADESH

VISIT OF



Foreign and Commonwealth Office London SW1A 2AH

12 June 1980

Dear Michael,

Bangladesh: Visit of President Ziaur

For his talks at No 10, President Ziaur Rahman will be accompanied by the following party:

The Foreign Minister (Professor M Shamsul Huq)

The Home Minister (Mr Mustafizur Rahman)

The High Commissioner (Mr Shams-ud Doha)

The Foreign Secretary (Mr Kibria)

The Secretary to the President (Mr Noor Mohammad)

Director-General (W Europe), MFA (Mr Osmany) note-taker

This represents the irreducible minimum to which the Bangladeshi party can be brought without risking offence to them. It is, however, unlikely that any of these other than the two Ministers will contribute much to the substance of the discussions.

It has been agreed that the discussions will commence with a 15 minute tete-a-tete meeting between the Prime Minister and the President.

I agreedwith you that, in addition to Lord Carrington, the following would attend:-

Sir Michael Scott, British High Commissioner at Dacca Mr Alan Donald, Assistant Under Secretary of State Mr Graham Archer, Acting Head of South Asian Department, who will take the note of the meeting.

I enclose: -

- a) a steering brief;
- b) individual subject briefs (including personality notes) which have been prepared to cover also the subsequent calls by the Bangladesh Foreign Minister and Foreign Secretary on Lord Carrington;
- c) a sheet of Key Facts.

For the Prime Minister's lunch on 18 June, the President has been informed that no set speeches are proposed.

M O'D B Alexander Esq 10 Downing Street yours ever Roderic Lyne

(R M J Lyne)
Private Secretary

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BANGLADESH: VISIT OF PRESIDENT ZIAUR RAHMAN, 16-19 JUNE

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MR. ALEXANDER Some thing. Grown bushy should be the Missing of the President of Bangladesh

President Zia is bringing Mrs. Thatcher

President Zia is bringing Mrs. Thatcher a sari and is giving Mr. Thatcher a raw silk suit length. Would you like me to arrange for some Crown Derby, or is this not suitable?

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9 June, 1980.

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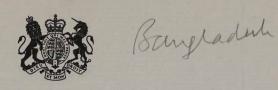
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Visit of the President of Bangladesh

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Wednesday, 18 June

I have got the draft guest list for the Prime Minister's lunch for the President of Bangladesh

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MR. ALEXANDER

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Prime Minister's meeting with the President of Bangladesh on Monday 16 June

Peggy Metcalfe rang asking whether you have any objection to a tete-a-tete taking place between the President and the Prime Minister starting at 1630 followed by a plenary session at 1645. The entire talks would take an hour.

Are you content with these arrangements?

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From the Private Secretary

6 May 1980

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VISIT BY PRESIDENT ZIA OF BANGLADESH

The Prime Minister has seen your letter to me of 2 May about a possible visit to this country by President Zia. She has agreed that an invitation should be extended to President Zia. In the event of his accepting, the Prime Minister will offer him talks and lunch on 18 June. (May I assume that you have checked that there is no possibility of President Carter expressing a wish to come to the UK on that day on his way to Italy?)

In the event that the visit takes place, I should be grateful to receive briefs by close of play on Friday 13 June, and a draft guest list for the lunch by close of play on Wednesday 21 May. The lunch would be a social occasion for, say, 64 guests (including wives).

I am copying this letter to David Wright (Cabinet Office).

M. O'D. B. ALEXANDER

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Roderic Lyne, Esq., Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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London SW1A 2AH

2 May 1980

BANGLADESH: VISIT BY PRESIDENT ZIA

The British High Commissioner at Dacca (telegram no 119, enclosed) and the Bangladesh High Commissioner in London have told us that President Zia is keen to pay an official visit in June. This would be a useful opportunity for an exchange of views on Afghanistan and Iran, with a sympathetic and helpful Islamic leader.

President Zia has done much to restore democracy in Bangladesh. He is an honest, likeable and pro-Western leader who is an enthusiastic supporter of the Commonwealth. Under his guidance his country has been playing a useful role in the United Nations (where Bangladesh is currently a member of the Security Council), in the Non-Aligned Movement, and in the Islamic Conference. Bangladesh was active in rallying support amongst the Non-Aligned for condemnation of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. The President wrote on 14 April to the Iranian President urging the release of the American hostages. A visit would provide us with the opportunity to encourage President Zia to maintain his moderate line on international issues as well as to reassure him of our own (and the West's) continuing interest in Bangladesh's political stability and economic development.

Lord Carrington recommends that President Zia should be invited to visit Britain, as the guest of the Government, from 16-19 June, and that the Prime Minister should hold talks and give a lunch for him. If the Prime Minister agrees to an invitation, we propose to send the attached draft telegram to Sir Michael Scott in Dacca.

If these dates are not convenient, could you suggest alternatives?

I am copying this letter to David Wright (Cabinet Office).

yours over Roderic Lyne

(R M J Lyne)

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VISIT OF PRESIDENT ZIA

Please convey the following invitation from the Prime Minister to President Zia for a visit as a guest of Government from 16-19 June. Detailed arrangements can be made once we have been able to ascertain that the dates proposed are acceptable. Begins.

I am pleased to learn that you are thinking of coming to Britain in June. I would like to invite you to visit London as a guest of the British government and suggest that the visit might be from 16 - 19 June. Detailed arrangements can be made with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office through your High Commission in London if these dates are convenient to you.

I much look forward to meeting you again.

Both the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State would be available to see President Zia in this period and we hope to be able to arrange for a call on the Palace.

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MY TELEGRAM NO 119: POSSIBLE VISIT TO BRITAIN BY PRESIDENT ZIAUR RAHMAN.

- 1. KIBRIA HAS JUST INFORMED THAT A PARALLEL APPROACH THROUGH THEIR HIGH COMMISSIONER IN LONDON HAS RECEIVED THE REPLY THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR THE PRESIDENT TO PAY EITHER AN OFFICIAL VISIT IN JUNE OR A STATE VISIT IN NOVEMBER THIS YEAR. DOHA WAS ASKED WHICH THE BANGLADESHIS WOULD PREFER.
- 2. KIBRIA HAS INFORMED DOHA AND NOW ME THAT THEY WOULD PREFER AN OFFICIAL VISIT IN JUNE BECAUSE THEY FEEL THERE IS SOME URGENCY IN HAVING THESE HIGH LEVEL CONSULTATIONS AND WOULD MUCH PREFER NOT TO WAIT UNTIL NOVEMBER FOR A STATE VISIT.

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AND SAVING TO DELHI, ISLAMABAD AND KATHMANDU (ALL ACTIONED LOCALLY)

POSSIBLE VISIT TO BRITAIN BY PRESIDENT ZIAUR RAHMAN.

- 1. I HAD JUST HEARD THAT A STATE VISIT THIS YEAR WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE WHEN FOREIGN SECRETARY KIBRIA SUMMONED ME ON 9 APRIL. HE SAID THEY WERE NOT PRESSING FOR A STATE VISIT BUT THE PRESIDENT VERY MUCH WANTED TO PAY AN OFFICIAL VISIT AT HEADS OF GOVERNMENT LEVEL. KIBRIA TIED THIS IN WITH MR CALLAGHAN'S VISIT TO BANGLADESH IN JANUARY 1978.
- 2. KIBRIA EXPLAINED THAT BANGLADESH WANTS CLOSE RELATIONS WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY BUT KNOWS BRITAIN BEST OF THE MEMBERS. THE USA, CANADA AND AUSTRALIA WERE ALSO IMPORTANT TO BANGLADESH BUTZMOT TO THE SAME EXTENT. THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT WOULD BE TO EXPLAIN TO THE PRIME MINISTER AND OTHER MINISTERS BANGLADESH'S HOPES, FEARS AND ASPIRATIONS AND TO HAVE "CLOSE AND DEEP DISCUSSIONS ON THESE MATTERS''. BRITAIN AND THE WEST TENDED TO TAKE NOTE OF PERIPHERAL COUNTRIES ONLY WHEN A CONFLAGRATION HAD STARTED OR WAS IMMINENT. FRIENDLY COUNTRIES SHOULD TAKE A CLOSER AND MORE CONTINUOUS INTEREST IN WHAT WAS GOING ON IN THOSE REGIONS. HIGH LEVEL CONSULTATIONS ABOUT IMMINENT OR CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS SHOULD BE MORE FREQUENT. KIBRIA ADDED THAT BANGLADESH HAS TO TAKE DECISIONS ABOUT HER OWN REACTIONS TO WORLD EVENTS SUCH AS DEVELOPMENTS IN AFGHANISTAN AND THE MOST RECENT DEVELOPMENTS OVER IRAN. HER POSITION IN VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS INCLUDING THE SECURITY COUNCIL MADE SUCH DECISIONS DIFFICULT AND IT WAS DN SUCH SUBJECTS THAT THEY WOULD WELCOME HIGH LEVEL CONSULTATIONS.
- 3. KIBRIA SUGGESTED THAT TWO DAYS WOULD BE SUFFICIENT FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PRIME MINISTER AND WITH OTHER MINISTERS. THE PRESIDENT COULD LATER MEET OTHERS SUCH AS BANGLADESHIS LIVING IN BRITAIN IF THAT SEEMED DESIRABLE. THEY VERY MUCH HOPED THAT THE VISIT COULD TAKE PLACE THIS SUMMER. IN REPLY I SAID THAT I WOULD REPORT THIS REQUEST AT ONCE. AS HE WOULD KNOW, THE PRIME MINISTER'S PROGRAMME WAS ALWAYS VERY TIGHT AND I COULD OFFER NO VIEW ON WHETHER AN OFFICIAL VISIT THIS SUMMER WOULD BE POSSIBLE.
- 4. COMMENT. I BELIEVE THIS REQUEST FOR A SHORT OFFICIAL VISIT BY THE PRESIDENT SHOULD BE MET IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. I THINK THAT WHAT THE PRESIDENT REALLY WANTS IS SOME REASSURANCES BECAUSE OF BANGLADESH'S ANXIETIES ABOUT CURRENT INDIAN POLICIES TOWARDS HER SMALLER NEIGHBOURS AND ABOUT THE RISKS INHERENT FOR BANGLADESH WITH ASSAM IN TURMOIL, A COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT IN WEST BENGAL, AND COMMUNIST STRENGTH IN TRIPURA. DURING THE PUS'S DISCUSSIONS WITH

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THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND FOREIGN SECRETARY HERE IN JANUARY THEY EXPRESSED ANXIETIES ABOUT THE APPROACH OF SOVIET COMMUNISM VIA AFGHANISTAN FROM THE NORTH/ WEST AND VIETNAM AND CAMEODIA FROM THE SOUTH EAST.

5. THE VISIT WOULD HELP TO REINFORCE THE PRESIDENT'S DOMESTIC POSITION. IT WOULD PROVIDE MINISTERS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO REASSURE BANGLADESH OF BRITAIN'S (AND THE WEST'S) CONTINUING INTEREST IN THE POLITICAL STABILITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF BANGLADESH, AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENCOURAGE THE PRESIDENT TO TAKE A LEAD OR HOLD A MODERATE LINE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL, THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE, THE COMMONWEALTH AND THE NON-ALIGNED WORLD. AT THE SAME TIME MINISTERS WOULD WISH TO RESIST ANY ATTEMPTS TO INVOLVE US IN MATTERS SUCH AS BANGLADESH'S DISPUTES WITH INDIA OVER THE GANGES WATER OR BORDER AND MARITIME DEMARCATIONS.

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