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From the Principal Private Secretary

14 January 1991

COMMONWEALTH SECURITY CONFERENCE: 24-26 JUNE 1991

Thank you for your letter of 10 January. The proposal for the Home Secretary to host a dinner and for the Foreign Secretary to host a reception for delegates to the Conference provides adequate Ministerial involvement in this Conference, albeit in a different form from that originally proposed.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Director General of the Security Service.

ANDREW TURNBULL

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10 January 1991

Dear Andrew

COMMONWEALTH SECURITY CONFERENCE: 24-26 JUNE 1991

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Thank you for your letter of 11 December asking whether the Home Secretary would take on the proposed visit by Mrs Thatcher to the Commonwealth Security Conference.

The Home Secretary has already agreed to host a dinner for this conference on 26 June and I understand that the Security Service hope that the Foreign Secretary will attend a reception for delegates to the Conference on 24 June. Given the pressures on the Home Secretary's diary he would prefer not to take on the tentative engagement to look in at the conference either during the mid-morning coffee break or in the period before lunch. Moreover as the Home Secretary and Foreign Secretary aim to meet delegates to the conference there seems no need for any Minister to take on this other engagement. I have consulted the Director General and he would understand if Ministerial involvement in the conference was limited to the Foreign Secretary's reception and the Home Secretary's dinner.

I am copying this letter to the Director General.

[Handwritten signature]
C J WALTERS

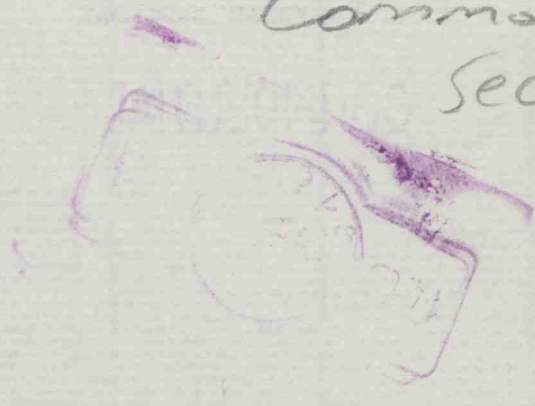
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From the Principal Private Secretary

11 December 1990

COMMONWEALTH SECURITY CONFERENCE: 24-26 JUNE

We have been going through the process of merging Mr. Major's diary as Chancellor of the Exchequer with that left here by Mrs. Thatcher. One of the latter's proposed engagements was to look in at this Conference either during the mid-morning coffee break or in the period before lunch. Having reviewed all his engagements, the Prime Minister would be grateful if the Home Secretary could take this one on. Please could you let me know if this is possible.

I am copying this letter to the Director General of the Security Service.

ANDREW TURNBULL

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From the Principal Private Secretary

22 November 1990

**COMMONWEALTH SECURITY CONFERENCE:
24-26 JUNE 1991**

We have entered the visit to this Conference during the coffee break between 1030 and 1130 on Monday 24 June into the Prime Minister's diary. We will need to confirm this with the incoming Prime Minister though I am naturally hopeful that it will be an engagement that will transfer across.

(ANDREW TURNBULL)

Sir Patrick Walker, K.C.B.

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13 November 1990

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Dear Andrew,

COMMONWEALTH SECURITY CONFERENCE: 24-26 JUNE 1990

Before the meeting on 31 October we discussed the Prime Minister's attendance on the opening day of the Commonwealth Security Conference in the Queen Elizabeth Conference Centre. You preferred, in view of her likely programme in June, that she should have an opportunity to meet the delegates informally and say a few words of welcome.

2. I suggest that the Prime Minister should meet delegates either during the coffee break between 1030 and 1130 or in the period before lunch from 1200 to 1300. She might like to speak after meeting the delegates. I should be grateful if you would let me know which of these timings she would prefer.

Yours ever

Patrick

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