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From the Private Secretary

10 August 1992

In the Prime Minister's absence abroad I am writing to thank you for your letter of 3 August inviting him to address the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations.

Much as I know he will appreciate your kind invitation, I am afraid the Prime Minister has no plans to visit Chicago at the moment and must decline. However, we shall certainly keep the Council in mind for inclusion in a future visit to your city if at all possible.

With very best wishes,

MISS SANDRA PHILLIPS

Mr John H Bryan

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THE CHICAGO COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

August 3, 1992

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The Right Honorable John Major, MP
Prime Minister, First Lord of the Treasury
and Minister for the Civil Service
U. K. of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Prime Minister's Office, 10 Downing Street
London SW1 2AA
ENGLAND

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

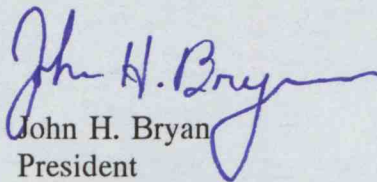
On behalf of the Chicago Committee of The Chicago Council on Foreign Relations, I would like to cordially invite you to appear as a featured speaker of the Committee and the Council. It would truly be an honor and a pleasure to host you.

With over 10,000 members, The Chicago Council on Foreign Relations stands as the Midwestern United States' premier foreign policy platform. The Chicago Committee is the Council's senior invitational group and is composed of the most distinguished and influential business, financial, and academic leaders from Chicago and the surrounding region. The Committee meets regularly with prominent national and international figures to discuss important issues in international affairs.

Our programs generally feature luncheon meetings, although we do have breakfast and dinner gatherings as well. Speakers normally address the group for thirty minutes and then respond to questions from the members. Let me note that all sessions are strictly off-the-record, thus allowing guests to speak with absolute candor.

I have enclosed some material which should provide you with information about the Council and the Chicago Committee. We do hope you are able to accept this invitation in principle. If so, please contact Dennis LaComb at the Council. His card is enclosed, and he will be able to arrange a mutually convenient date and other particulars. In closing, let me again express my hope that you are able to accept this invitation and the great honor it would be to include you in our program.

Most sincerely,



John H. Bryan
President
The Chicago Committee

Enclosure:

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PRIME MINISTER

cc Mr Bean

AMERICAN NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION (INVITATION TO SPEAK ON TUESDAY 5 MAY)

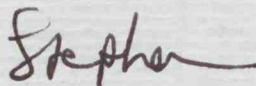
The American Newspapers Publishers Association (ANPA) have invited you to speak at their convention in New York on 5 May. The meeting brings together about 2,000 publishers, chief executives and editors. President Bush is expected to be there. Chancellor Kohl has apparently agreed to go. If you are at all interested, I could check whether President Bush really will be there.

I attach your programme for that week. The timing is not good, with the State Opening of Parliament the following day. You could, however, do it by flying out to New York by Concorde on the evening of Monday 4 May. You could have breakfast with President Bush, address the Newspaper Publishers Association in the morning and leave on the lunchtime Concorde, getting back to London on Tuesday evening. I attach an outline timetable.

The only snag in all this is that it would be a rush job at a moment when you will want to be devoting time to your speech in the Queen's Speech Debate. I think, if you were going to go to the United States, that it would be better to go to Washington for a proper visit, involving a greeting ceremony on the White House lawn, talks and a meal with the President, and meetings on the Hill. I would therefore advise against the ANPA invitation.

There is no need for you to make a special visit to Washington. You and the President will probably see each other at UNCED, and certainly at the G7 Summit in July. On the other hand, you have not made a formal visit to Washington for well over a year; it would demonstrate the closeness of the relationship on the eve of our EC Presidency - and it could be useful to President Bush, particularly if you went in May or June, after he has secured the Republican nomination but before the autumn campaign gets under

way. If you were attracted by the idea, I could take a sounding of Brent Scowcroft as to whether it was something the President would welcome.



J. S. WALL

13 April 1992

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POSSIBLE VISIT TO NEW YORK

Monday 4 May

1900 (BST) Depart LHR on BA3 (Concorde)
1750 (local) Arrive New York
Stay at UN Plaza Hotel

Tuesday 5 May

? Breakfast with President Bush
Speak to ANPA
1345 Leave New York on BA4 (Concorde)
2245 (BST) Arrive LHR



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PRIME MINISTER'S ENGAGEMENTS FOR PERIOD
SATURDAY 25 APRIL - THURSDAY 31 DECEMBER 1992
(SUBJECT TO HIS CONFIRMATION)

Saturday 25 April1900 PAVILION OPERA AT ELTON HALL + MRS MAJOR
!Sunday 26 April?1100 CATHOLIC MASS, ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, PETERBOROUGH
(Televised)? CONSTITUENCY PARTY
?Monday 27 April House Resumes
!Tuesday 28 April

0800 Breakfast with Sarah Hogg

0930 Diary meeting

1100 DEPART FOR

1130 ARRIVE FOR

1135 ADDRESS INSTITUTE OF DIRECTORS, ROYAL ALBERT
HALL !

1210 DEPART FOR NO.10

1800-1930 Host reception for Grant Maintained Schools
Foundation + BHPThursday 29 April?1000 ? Keep Free for AT
!Thursday 30 April

0945 NI

1030 Cabinet

?1130 ? Keep Free for AT

1930 for 2000 DAME SHIRLEY PORTER'S DINNER + JC, WESTMINSTER
CITY HALL + MRS. MAJOR (BLACK TIE)Saturday 2 May

1900 RECEPTION BEFORE

2000 SIR DAVID ENGLISH'S DINNER TO CELEBRATE 21ST
ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEW DAILY MAIL + GO,
GROSVENOR HOUSE (BLACK TIE)Monday 4 May BANK HOLIDAY
!Tuesday 5 May

0800 Breakfast with Sarah Hogg

1830 AUDIENCE

Wednesday 6 May

STATE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT



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From the Private Secretary

27 June 1989

AMBASSADOR JOHN LOUIS

Thank you for your letter of 21 June about the invitation from John Louis to the Prime Minister to attend a luncheon of the Commercial Club. As you say there are no plans for a Prime Ministerial visit at present and anyway we do have a very large number of outstanding invitations. But I will certainly be happy to see John Louis if he gets in touch.

(C. D. POWELL)

His Excellency Sir Antony Acland,
G.C.M.G., K.C.V.O.

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BRITISH EMBASSY

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20008

TELEPHONE: (202) 462-1340

FROM THE AMBASSADOR

C D Powell Esq
Private Secretary
No 10 Downing Street
LONDON SW1A 2AA

21 June 1989

Dear Charles,

AMBASSADOR JOHN LOUIS

1. As you know, Ambassador Louis is Chairman of the Sponsoring Committee of The American Margaret Thatcher Fund for Somerville College. I understand that they have done pretty well in raising money over here, and John Louis will be attending a party given by the Prime Minister at No 10 in early July for major American contributors. He intends to arrive a little early, since he is to be on the receiving line with the Prime Minister.

2. John Louis came to see me about another matter which he would like to raise with you or Bernard Ingham. He expects that the Prime Minister will pay one of her fairly regular visits to the United States before too long, perhaps in the autumn, and he greatly hopes that she can be persuaded to go to Chicago to attend a luncheon of the prestigious Commercial Club there. Usually their events are private and off-the-record, but it could always be arranged for her to make a major speech in addition, at some public event organised, for example, by the much larger Economic Club or the Council on Foreign Relations.

3. I said that there were at present no definite plans for a Prime Ministerial visit, although I hoped that Mrs Thatcher would be able to come again before too long and that, if she did, I always hoped that she would make a major speech somewhere on this side of the Atlantic. I warned John Louis that we already had a host of invitations from major organisations, and a number of suggestions for honorary degrees and speeches at Universities (President Holderman of the University of South Carolina is the latest to lobby me very strongly in this respect). It would therefore be difficult to choose

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from the list of those wanting to receive the Prime Minister, and her time was in any case always limited.

4. John Louis would like to have a word about this with either you or Bernard Ingham before the reception takes place at No 10. He will telephone at the end of June, or in the first days of July, to see if you can give him 10 minutes of so of your time. I thought that I should warn you of this.

Yours ever

Antony

Antony Acland

cc : B Ingham Esq,
No 10 Downing Street
Mr Burns, NAD

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C: Vance

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THE PRIME MINISTER

4 January 1991

Dear Mrs. Vance,

Thank you for your letter of 13 December inviting me to address an audience of the Foreign Policy Association. As Sir David Hannay told Mr Curran on 13 November, my December visit to the United States did not include any time in New York, and I had to decline your invitation. But I would be happy to consider making an address should time be available during a future visit to the United States.

*Yours Sincerely
John Major*

Mrs Cyrus R Vance

DJS.



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

2 January 1991

Dear Charles,

Invitation to the Prime Minister from the
Foreign Policy Association

UKMis New York have passed us a letter from the New York-based Foreign Policy Association inviting the Prime Minister to address their Association during his visit to the United States in December. The letter was handed to Sir David Hannay who explained that the Prime Minister would not be coming to New York on this visit. The Association understood this, but hoped that the invitation would be kept in mind and taken up on a later occasion.

The Foreign Policy Association is a prestigious and widely-based organisation that offers one of the best public platforms in New York. On-the-record meetings can attract between 400 and 2,000 people.

Mrs Thatcher chose the Association in 1979 as the platform for her first foreign policy speech in the United States. In the last year, President Mubarak, Mr Shamir, Secretary Baker and Mr Shevardnadze have all addressed the Association. If the Prime Minister were to visit New York, he might wish to consider including a speech to the Association in his programme.

I enclose a self-explanatory draft reply to Mrs Vance of the Foreign Policy Association for the Prime Minister's signature.

J. Gass
S. L. Gass

(S. L. Gass)
Private Secretary

Sir Charles D Powell KCMG
10 Downing Street

DRAFT LETTER FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

TO: Mrs Cyrus R Vance
Chairman, Speakers Committee
Foreign Policy Association
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United States of America

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From the Private Secretary

24 September 1990

I enclose a copy of a letter which I have received from Michael Coles extending a permanent, open invitation to the Prime Minister to address the Foreign Policy Association in New York. You might like to forward a copy to the Embassy in Washington.

CHARLES POWELL

Richard Gozney Esq
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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September 14, 1990

Charles D. Powell
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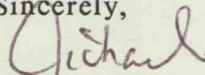
Dear Charles:

Thank you for getting back to me so quickly last week. I'm really sorry the Prime Minister will be unable to speak to a Foreign Policy Association audience during her forthcoming visit, but do understand the pressure on her time.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend through your office a permanent invitation for the Prime Minister to speak at a major FPA event. With the thought that it might be helpful, I am enclosing a copy of the recent letter we sent to the Embassy in Washington, and some press clippings relating to the earlier speech I spoke of last week.

Many thanks for your help.

Sincerely,



Michael H. Coles

Attachments



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August 20, 1990

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Mr. Andrew Wood
Charge d'Affaires
British Embassy
3100 Massachusetts Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

Dear Mr. Wood

I am enclosing a letter to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher inviting her to address the Foreign Policy Association in New York on October 1, 1990. Your office has confirmed that she will be in New York at that time and that consideration is being given to our previous invitations. However, I thought that it would be useful to send the enclosed letter and to remind the Prime Minister of her previous association with the FPA.

I would be grateful if you would keep me informed of the Prime Minister's consideration of this request.

Sincerely

Leonard H. Marks
Chairman, Executive Committee

Enclosure



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August 20, 1990

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Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher
10 Downing Street
London SW1, A2AH, England

Dear Madame Prime Minister

On several occasions during the past year, I have extended an invitation for you to address a meeting of the Foreign Policy Association when you are in New York. At the London Information Forum of the CSCE last year, I had the pleasure of meeting with you and discussing the issues of that conference. At that time, I reminded you of my association with the FPA and orally extended an invitation to have you participate as a speaker whenever the occasion permits.

To refresh your memory, I am enclosing a clipping from the New York Times of December 19, 1979 describing your speech to the FPA shortly after you were elected as Prime Minister. You will note from the clipping that there were 2,000 luncheon guests, including Governor Carey and Mayor Koch. It was a significant occasion. I am also enclosing a clipping from Time magazine which reported in part as follows:

"Said she: 'Let us go down in history as the generation which not only understood what needed to be done but had the strength, the self-discipline and the resolve to see it through.' The crowd interrupted a number of times with applause and ended with a standing ovation. By any standard, Maggie Thatcher's debut in the U.S. was a socko performance."

I learned from the British Embassy here in Washington that you will be attending the General Assembly and will be in New York on October 1. On the assumption that you might again address the FPA,

we have booked the Waldorf Astoria ballroom and have secured the consent of former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger to act as chairman of the event. I hope that these arrangements will lead you to accept our invitation and repeat the stellar performance described in the news reports.

Since you have had prior experience with our organization, I am not enclosing background material on our activities. However, you should know that during the past year, Secretary of State James Baker and Foreign Minister Shevardnadze have been speakers. Your appearance would attract informed individuals from the fields of finance, education and government and would receive wide television and press coverage.

I await your early response and hope to see you on the podium on October 1.

Sincerely

Leonard H. Marks
Chairman, Executive Committee

Enclosure

Mrs. Thatcher, in New York, Sees An End to South African Isolation

By CLYDE HABERMAN

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher of Britain said yesterday that the cease-fire arrangement in Rhodesia had created the potential for an end to "the isolation of South Africa in world affairs."

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But she made clear that she regarded a cease-fire in Rhodesia and any future political settlement in Namibia as only part of a larger solution to "a regional crisis" which was potentially of the "utmost gravity."

South Africa must be considered next, she said, adding that there had been "welcome initiatives in South Africa's domestic affairs."

The Prime Minister's remarks before the foreign policy group were the focal point of an 11-hour visit to the New York metropolitan region and the final leg of a two-day tour of the United States.

In the morning, she went to the United Nations, where she paid courtesy calls on Secretary General Kurt Waldheim and this month's President of the General Assembly, Salim Ahmed Salim of Tanzania. In the afternoon, the Prime Minister, a former chemist, toured the Exxon Corporation's large research facility in Linden, N. J. There, Mrs. Thatcher observed various chemical processes under study to "squeeze more oil out of every barrel," in the words of an Exxon spokesman.

Dealt With Broad Themes

As it was Mrs. Thatcher's first official visit to the United States as Prime Minister, her foreign-policy address was characterized as "major" by her aides. However, it appeared to be an outline of previously announced policies, and for the most part, dealt with broad themes rather than specifics.

She repeated her support of President Carter's handling of the Iranian crisis. "We will continue to help in any way we can," she said, although she made no mention, as she did in Washington yesterday, of her willingness to endorse economic sanctions against Iran.

Throughout her speech, Mrs. Thatcher spoke forcefully and in measured tones.

This assertive posture seemed to be one she enjoyed. At one point she noted that she had been referred to as "the iron lady," especially by "my enemies."

"They're quite right — I am," she declared to laughter and applause from the



The New York Times / Fred R. Conrad

Margaret Thatcher, British Prime Minister, speaking at the Hilton Hotel in New York.

2,000 luncheon guests, who included Governor Carey and Mayor Koch.

Strong Language for Soviet

Her strongest language was reserved for the Soviet Union, which she said "continues to proclaim the ideological struggle."

As she has in the past, the Prime Minister said she hoped the treaty to limit nuclear weapons would be approved by the United States Senate. However, she added, "the fact is that the Russians have the weapons and are getting more of them. It is simple prudence for the West to respond."

The only references to British domestic policies came during a brief question-and-answer session after the speech, and Mrs. Thatcher broke no new ground on matters such as inflation and the violence in Northern Ireland.

A dozen demonstrators opposed to the presence of British troops in Northern Ireland camped for several hours outside the Exxon research plant in Linden, but the Prime Minister never saw them.

Before her scheduled departure for London at 10 last night, she was the guest of honor at a dinner arranged by David Rockefeller, chairman and chief executive officer of the Chase Manhattan Bank, at the Center for Inter-American Relations in Manhattan.

which is fighting to hold its own against a country-wide rebellion by Mu tribesmen. The Soviets are now believed to have 5,000 to 10,000 military advisers in Afghanistan, many of whom are actually directing some field operations.

The U.S. has been quietly telling the Soviets for months that their intervention in Afghanistan is contrary to the spirit of detente and could jeopardize the passage of SALT II. Why are the Soviets ignoring these warnings? To some extent, they are trying to reinforce a faltering regime. But Western experts believe that the buildup may also be Moscow's deliberate reaction to the increase of American naval and air power in the region around Iran: an oblique Soviet warning of the dangers of superpower confrontation.

Given such a staggering array of imponderables, what policies should the U.S. follow in Iran, Saudi Arabia and the surrounding area? In an interview with TIME Editor in Chief Henry Grunwald, the director of London's International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), Christoph Bertram, argues that once the American hostages have been released, the U.S. should ignore Iran, isolate it, and try to curtail its influence on the Gulf states. Many of America's allies agree. British diplomats, for instance, are convinced that the Iranian Ayatollah Khomeini's Islamic Republic in its present form will not outlive the aging leader. It is therefore vital, say the British, that the U.S. tread as lightly as possible in Iran and do nothing that would prejudice the emergence of a more moderate Islamic regime.

As for Saudi Arabia, the IISS's Bertram believes that Washington would do well to try to dilute a historic one-to-one relationship with Riyadh by bringing some of its closest allies into the partnership. Otherwise, says Bertram, "the danger is that the U.S. will be drawn into the country's potential internal conflicts, and that governments in the Gulf, in order to reduce internal tensions of their own, would try to dissociate themselves from the U.S." In his view, the establishment of permanent U.S. bases in the Gulf would be unwise because it would place additional internal political strain on the area's vulnerable regimes.

In surveying the problems facing the U.S. and its allies, most strategists agree on one point: nothing could do more toward building a new relationship between the West and the Islamic world than a successful conclusion of the Egyptian-Israeli "autonomy" talks. It would be an ideal first step toward defusing the Iranian crisis and reducing the pressure on America's traditional allies. Until significant progress is made on that score, they believe, there is likely to be neither much sympathy for the U.S. nor much real stability in the region. As a senior British diplomat observed last week, "A settlement of the Palestinian problem would do more for the West in the Middle East than several divisions of U.S. Marines."



At a White House dinner, President and Mrs. Carter toast Prime Minister Thatcher

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The Lady Is a Champ

Maggie Thatcher is a wow in Washington and New York

When the two first met in 1977, Jimmy Carter and Margaret Thatcher did not particularly take to each other. But much has happened to both since that first frosty encounter. Last week, as Britain's Prime Minister made her first official visit to the U.S., the two stood side by side on the White House lawn beaming with a new-found, very special relationship. On Carter's part, it was first of all sheer gratitude for the most forthright, unequivocal support he has received from any ally; and in the gloom of a dark December her message rang especially sweet. "At times like this, you are entitled to look to your friends," she roundly declared. "We are your friends. We do support you; we shall support you. Let there be no doubt about that."

The words were backed by the kind of action that is rapidly becoming the hallmark of Britain's fighting lady. During a two-hour morning session with Carter in the Oval Office, Thatcher pledged to support the U.S. if Washington asked the United Nations Security Council to impose economic sanctions against Iran. "You would expect nothing less and you will receive nothing less but our full support," the Prime Minister told reporters. Carter and his aides were visibly delighted. At one point Carter said, "I want the American people to get to know you as I have come to know and admire you."

The President has learned to be deeply grateful for the Prime Minister's strength and support. In the Iranian crisis, Thatcher has been more encouraging "from the first moment," Carter noted, than other allies. On defense, Thatcher, dubbed the "Iron Lady" by the Kremlin, led the support of Washington's proposal to modernize NATO's arsenal with medium-range nuclear weapons, readily accepting them on British soil.

The two-day trip was part of a period-

ic exchange of visits between leaders of the two nations, and the agenda concentrated on the issues that currently matter most to both countries: Iran, Zimbabwe Rhodesia, Northern Ireland, defense, energy and the threat of recession. Back home Thatcher's own popularity has suffered as inflation has climbed to 17%, with the prospect of worse to come in 1980. Nonetheless, she seems to relish the challenge, openly acknowledging that her rigorously conservative policies will not begin to take effect until 1981.

Throughout her visit, Thatcher repeatedly praised Carter and the American people for their restraint; Europe, after all, is concerned that U.S. patience may crack and lead to retaliatory action that would create even greater problems. "Our admiration," she said, "goes to the American people for their patience and wisdom and self-control," which of course was a plea for continued coolness.

Before winding up her whirlwind tour at a black-tie dinner given by Banker David Rockefeller, Thatcher gave an address before 2,000 luncheon guests at the Foreign Policy Association in Manhattan. Speaking with a sense of theater that many a politician might envy, she warned of Soviet expansionism, reaffirmed the values of old-fashioned liberal democracy and insisted that "resolve" was perhaps the most important quality needed in a leader as the world heads into the 1980s, which she dubbed the "dangerous decade." Said she: "Let us go down in history as the generation which not only understood what needed to be done but had the strength, the self-discipline and the resolve to see it through." The crowd interrupted a number of times with applause and ended with a standing ovation. By any standard, Maggie Thatcher's debut in the U.S. was a socko performance.

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DEC 19 1979 *Byline*

The 'Iron Lady' of Britannia

Reuter

NEW YORK — British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher says it is all right to call her the "Iron lady."

In a speech yesterday to the Foreign Policy Association here, Thatcher said she sometimes has been called that by her political enemies — most notably the Soviet Union.

She added, "They are right. I am an iron lady."

Thatcher so impressed her audience of 2,000 people that the last question they asked her was, "Would you accept the Republican nomination for president in 1980?"

She smiled but made no response.



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From the Private Secretary

25 May 1989

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Charles Powell

Mr. Leonard H. Marks.

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May 22, 1989

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Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher
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London SW1, A2AH, England

Dear Madame Prime Minister:

At the conclusion of the opening ceremony of the CSCE London Information Forum, you were very gracious in spending a few moments with me discussing your Foreign Policy Association appearance in 1979.

In that conversation, I recalled to you the tremendous response that you received from the New York audience at that time and suggested that we would welcome your appearance again at any time that you visit New York or Washington.

For your reference, I am enclosing a clipping from the New York Times of December 19, 1979 describing your appearance before the FPA.

Needless to say, I would be very grateful for your early response to this invitation.

Sincerely

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Chairman
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In the morning, she went to the United Nations, where she paid courtesy calls on Secretary General Kurt Waldheim and this month's President of the General Assembly, Salim Ahmed Salim of Tanzania. In the afternoon, the Prime Minister, a former chemist, toured the Exxon Corporation's large research facility in Linden, N. J. There, Mrs. Thatcher observed various chemical processes under study to "squeeze more oil out of every barrel," in the words of an Exxon spokesman.

Dealt With Broad Themes

As it was Mrs. Thatcher's first official visit to the United States as Prime Minister, her foreign-policy address was characterized as "major" by her aides. However, it appeared to be an outline of previously announced policies, and for the most part, dealt with broad themes rather than specifics.

She repeated her support of President Carter's handling of the Iranian crisis. "We will continue to help in any way we can," she said, although she made no mention, as she did in Washington yesterday, of her willingness to endorse economic sanctions against Iran.

Throughout her speech, Mrs. Thatcher spoke forcefully and in measured tones. This assertive posture seemed to be one she enjoyed. At one point she noted that she had been referred to as "the iron lady," especially by "my enemies."

"They're quite right — I am," she declared to laughter and applause from the



The New York Times / Fred R. Conrad

Margaret Thatcher, British Prime Minister, speaking at the Hilton Hotel in New York.

2,000 luncheon guests, who included Governor Carey and Mayor Koch.

Strong Language for Soviet

Her strongest language was reserved for the Soviet Union, which she said "continues to proclaim the ideological struggle."

As she has in the past, the Prime Minister said she hoped the treaty to limit nuclear weapons would be approved by the United States Senate. However, she added, "the fact is that the Russians have the weapons and are getting more of them. It is simple prudence for the West to respond."

The only references to British domestic policies came during a brief question-and-answer session after the speech, and Mrs. Thatcher broke no new ground on matters such as inflation and the violence in Northern Ireland.

A dozen demonstrators opposed to the presence of British troops in Northern Ireland camped for several hours outside the Exxon research plant in Linden, but the Prime Minister never saw them.

Before her scheduled departure for London at 10 last night, she was the guest of honor at a dinner arranged by David Rockefeller, chairman and chief executive officer of the Chase Manhattan Bank, at the Center for Inter-American Relations in Manhattan.



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15 December 1988

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Dear Charles,

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Prime Minister's Next Visit to Washington

Thank you for your letter of 9 December. The Foreign Secretary agrees that it would be better not to visit Washington in April. We have so informed Antony Acland and asked him to decline the invitation of the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

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From the Private Secretary

9 December 1988

PRIME MINISTER'S NEXT VISIT TO WASHINGTON

I wrote to you on 3 December about whether the Prime Minister should visit Washington next April, taking advantage of the invitation from the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

The Prime Minister has now said that she does not think it would be right to visit Washington at that time. She does not want to give any impression of chasing after President Elect Bush or forcing another visit on him after the very successful visit she paid to Washington last month. She detects some sensitivity in Washington about the Brits having had it too good for too long and thinks we must avoid any suggestion that we are appearing to tell the new Administration how to run things. A visit in April risks running up against both these problems and would anyway come very close on the heels of her proposed visit to Southern Africa. In the circumstances, she would wish to suspend planning for such a visit and decline the invitation from the American Society of Newspaper Editors. Unless the Foreign Secretary wishes to discuss this further with the Prime Minister, I should be grateful if Sir Antony Acland could be informed and the necessary apologies made to the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

(C. D. POWELL)

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From the Private Secretary

3 December 1988

Dear Stephen.

PRIME MINISTER'S NEXT VISIT TO WASHINGTON: APRIL 1989?

I have seen a copy of Antony Acland's letter to you of 30 November about a possible visit of the Prime Minister to the United States next April.

I have already warned Antony Acland that I thought the Prime Minister would be rather sceptical of the need for such a visit in the wake of Vice-President Bush's election. I think she will feel that her visit in November was a satisfactory early contact and she will not hurry to impose herself again. In addition you will recall that the Prime Minister is planning to visit Southern Africa from 27 March to 2 April and would probably be reluctant to go abroad again so soon thereafter. Another new factor is the suggestion by Chancellor Kohl that there might be a NATO Summit in London sometime in the period April/May.

The Foreign Secretary will no doubt wish to put advice to the Prime Minister, but you will wish to take the factors I have mentioned into account. It may be that it does not make sense to seek a decision from the Prime Minister until we know more about the prospects for a NATO Summit.

Yours sincerely,
Charles Powell

C. D. POWELL

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Private Secretary to the
Secretary of State
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30 November 1988

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Dear Stephen,

THE PRIME MINISTER'S NEXT VISIT TO WASHINGTON: APRIL 1989?

1 While Charles Powell was here two weeks ago, we discussed briefly the timing of the Prime Minister's next visit to Washington. I said that I still thought it would be right to take advantage of the invitation from the American Society of Newspaper Editors to address their annual conference on 12-14 April, and that I would write with advice about other elements of a possible visit in due course.

2 I need not repeat what an excellent platform the ASNE event would provide (my letter to Tony Galsworthy of 12 May). Presentationally, at least as far as the American side is concerned, it would of itself justify a visit by the Prime Minister and could wholly plausibly be presented as the main reason for coming at that particular time. The Society have recently repeated to us that they are very anxious for the Prime Minister to address them, and that they would be certain to give her a major slot. President Reagan has addressed the Society in every single year of his Presidency - 8 times - and the Society hope that Bush will follow that precedent. They have assured us, privately, that one way or another they would find a way of accommodating both the President and the Prime Minister (and indeed have said that if necessary they would adjust the former's appearance to fit in with the Prime Minister's timetable). Although the Society are not pressing for an immediate reply, I think we should aim to give them one if possible before Christmas, and certainly before the inauguration on 20 January.

3 As for the remaining parts of the programme, I wholly take Charles Powell's point that the Prime Minister would not want to put any pressure on President Bush and his Administration when they will be very busy and only just out of the transition. But by mid-April, I think that a genuine agenda will have emerged as we move towards a possible Alliance, and a certain G7 Summit. As well as a working session with Bush the other major element which I would like to see included

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is the Hill. I alluded to this in my telno 2796. Because most members of Congress were out of town on 15/16 November and also because of the length and style of the visit, the Prime Minister inevitably focused most of her attention this last time on the Executive. To redress the balance, particularly with a Congress now likely to have a more assertive role, I would see advantage in the Prime Minister spending some time with the Congressional leadership on the Hill.

4 On timing, I assume that the Prime Minister might want to follow the usual pattern of leaving London after Questions in the House on Thursday 13 April. A possible outline might therefore be to arrive here later that Thursday evening, spend Friday morning on the Hill (Friday morning is usually easier for Congressmen than Friday afternoon), address the ASNE Conference at lunch, meet new Cabinet members and others (some or all of Baker, the Defence Secretary, Brady, Scowcroft, perhaps Greenspan again) during the afternoon - time will be tight here - attend the Presidential address to ASNE in the evening, and then have a working session and perhaps lunch with the President on the Saturday morning (either at the White House, or perhaps, Camp David) before returning to London on the Saturday afternoon, 15 April. One further point: the Prime Minister will need to be seen to pay adequate attention to Vice-President Quayle. She always saw Bush separately, and to pre-empt unfavourable comparisons to Quayle's disadvantage, I think that she should try to continue the practice, at least initially, with his successor (particularly if Quayle is not included in the plenary and if she has had separate meetings with individual Cabinet Ministers as well). A meeting with Quayle could perhaps be fitted in earlier on the Friday or Saturday morning.

5 I am conscious that this represents a formidably hectic schedule. But the Prime Minister has undertaken similarly full programmes here in the past with great success. Alternatives would be either to drop some of the calls by Cabinet members on the Friday afternoon, or slightly to lengthen the visit by arriving earlier, possibly on the Wednesday evening if she were prepared to miss Prime Minister's Questions. Perhaps you and Charles Powell, to whom I am copying this letter, would let me know what you think. There is no need to come to any immediate decisions, but I recommend that we should aim to give the ASNE a final response and be ready to put dates to the Administration before 20 January.

Antony Acland

Antony Acland

cc: C D Powell Esq

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Louis D. Boccardi
President and General Manager

May 31, 1988

Mr. Bernard Ingham
Press Secretary to
Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher
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Dear Mr. Ingham:

I'm very pleased to learn from Myron Belkind of your continuing assistance on news access matters.

I also would like to reaffirm our interest in having the prime minister, Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, address the annual AP meeting, held each year in the spring and attended by nearly 1,500 senior American publishers and other newspaper and broadcast executives.

I'm aware that Mrs. Thatcher's schedule is extremely tight when parliament is in session, but I am reaffirming our invitation in view of the repeated suggestions we receive from publishers to have Mrs. Thatcher as a speaker.

Next year's annual meeting will be in Chicago on April 24. If there's any possibility that she could attend, we would be pleased to make all the necessary arrangements.

On a related matter, the next time Mrs. Thatcher comes to New York, we would be pleased to have her and you and other senior colleagues join us at the AP world-wide headquarters for lunch and a chat with our senior news executives on major international issues.

With very best wishes.

Sincerely,

Louis D. Boccardi
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*Am I correct in believing
that the PM is prepared in
principle to do this?*

Mr. Ingham
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*America Society of
Newspaper Editors*

*in Wash DC
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September 7, 1988

Mr. C.D. Powell
Private Secretary to
the Prime Minister
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Dear Mr. Powell:

Your message that the Prime Minister is seriously considering our invitation is quite heartening. Certainly there is no need for a definite commitment until year-end. We will hold open the Friday, 14 April date in hope that Mrs. Thatcher will decide to come. It would be the highlight of our meeting. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

James D. Squires
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Date 1 September 1988

Dear Shevard,

INVITATION TO THE PRIME MINISTER FROM THE AMERICAN SOCIETY
OF NEWSPAPER EDITORS

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1. I called yesterday on Mr James Squires, the Editor of the Chicago Tribune, and handed to him Charles Powell's letter of 12th August.
 2. Mr Squires understood that no formal reply could be sent for the time being but expressed himself well pleased with the content of the letter and said that the Society would be happy to wait for a reply as long as was necessary. In practical terms an answer at the beginning of December would be helpful.

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cc: ✓ C D Powell Esq
Private Secretary to
The Prime Minister

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Various US organisations Pt 3



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From the Private Secretary

12 August, 1988.

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you very much for your letter of 3 May in which you invite her to address the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Newspaper Editors in Washington next April. I am sorry that it has taken so long to send you a reply, but I think Sir Antony Acland did tell you that a certain amount of time would be needed.

The Prime Minister is very grateful for the invitation, and would like to take it up if possible, but will not be able to commit herself definitely until nearer the end of the year. I do not know whether you are able to keep the invitation open until, say, 1 December, but if you are, I would aim to be in touch with you again then. If, on the other hand, you feel that you must have a firm acceptance now, and want to try some-one else, then I am sure that the Prime Minister will understand. Incidentally, of the dates mentioned in your letter, the only one which the Prime Minister might eventually manage is Friday, 14 April.

I hope this is of some help. I am sorry not to be more definite.

C.D. Powell

Mr. James D. Squires

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From the Private Secretary

12 August, 1988.

INVITATION TO THE PRIME MINISTER
FROM THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF NEWSPAPER EDITORS

Thank you for your letter of 27 July about the invitation to the Prime Minister from the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

I have discussed this with the Prime Minister who is prepared to keep open the possibility of addressing the Society next April, without giving any commitment. The only day she could do it would in fact be Friday, 14 April. I enclose a reply to the Society, and would be grateful if the Embassy in Washington could deliver it, stressing that no formal reply will be sent until November.

C.D. Powell

J.S. Wall, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Prime Minister

I attach your diary for the period in question.

April 12-14 is a

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April is feasible.

Agree on the basis?

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PRIME MINISTER

INVITATION FROM THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF NEWSPAPER EDITORS

The American Society of Newspaper Editors have written to invite you to address their Annual Conference in April next year. It is a very prestigious forum indeed and would secure the widest possible publicity for the message you want to deliver. Depending on the outcome of the Presidential election, it could be useful to have this in reserve as a means of influencing the views of the new Administration. I have discussed it with Antony Acland, who believes the invitation could be kept open until after the Presidential election in November, provided we were able to reply now to the Society that acceptance is a distinct possibility.

Would you agree to this course?

CDP

Let me have a look at details. I should not want to miss a question time. not

C. D. POWELL

10 August 1988

Yes - possible

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PRIME MINISTER'S ENGAGEMENTS: MARCH to MAY 1989

Friday 3 March

?Summit (or 27 Feb.)

Saturday 4 March

Local Government Conference

Monday 6 March

Finchley AGM

Friday 10 March

Summit?

Monday 13 Mach

Commonwealth Day Observance at Westminster Abbey

Friday 17 March/Saturday 18 March

Central Council

Friday 24/Monday 27 March

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Tuesday 28 March/Friday 31 March

Possible overseas visit

Monday 3 April

House returns?

Friday 7 April

Regional Tour?

Monday 10 April

Finchley Westminster Forum Dinner

Friday 21 April

Finchley Cocktail Party

Thursday 4 May

1922 Dinner? (or lunch on 3rd)

Friday 5 May

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Family Party

Tuesday 9 May

State visit of President Babangida

Friday 12 May

Scottish Conference

Monday 22 May

European Candidates Conference and
Manifesto Launch

Wednesday 24 May

Women's Conference

Thursday 25 May

House rises?

Monday 29 May

Bank Holiday

Tuesday 30 May

Euro Press Conference

Wednesday 31 May

Overseas?

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27 July 1988

*Dear Charles,**below*

Invitation to the Prime Minister from the American
Society of Newspaper Editors

You wrote on 21 May about the invitation to the Prime Minister from the American Society of Newspaper Editors (copy attached for ease of reference).

In the event, we did not get a chance to speak about this invitation with Sir Antony Acland when he was in the country in June. I understand that you managed only to touch on it briefly, and that that was before the Prime Minister accepted the President's invitation to visit in November.

Washington and we are firmly of the opinion that this would be a very good forum, and an excellent opportunity both in terms of timing for the Prime Minister's first visit under the new Administration, and in terms of the publicity which the speech would generate. It is likely that the new President will address the conference, and we would strongly recommend that the dates (12-14 April) be pencilled into the Prime Minister's diary.

The Embassy have confirmed that the invitation will remain open and that there is no rush for a definitive answer. Indeed, to avoid any hint of discourtesy to the incoming President, it would probably be best to avoid formally accepting the invitation until after the November visit. If you agree, we would recommend that you send a fairly encouraging interim reply to the Society, saying that acceptance is very much a possibility, and that you will be in touch again nearer the time. The Embassy would be happy to transmit any reply to the Society.

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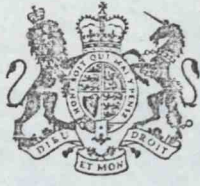
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From the Private Secretary

21 May 1988

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Dear Tom,

I have seen a copy of Antony Acland's letter of 12 May to you about the invitations to the Prime Minister from the American Society of Newspaper Editors and from the Town Hall of California.

On the second of these, we have already replied saying that the Prime Minister has no plans at present to visit California but we shall keep their invitation in mind. It may be better to delay any reply to the American Society of Newspaper Editors until we have been able to discuss the invitation with Antony Acland when he is back here at the end of the month. I agree that it is an excellent forum. Equally, we shall need to look at the possibility of a visit in April in relation to other opportunities which the Prime Minister may have to put across our views to American opinion. Perhaps you could let me have some further advice after you have discussed it with Antony Acland.

Yours sincerely,
C. D. Powell

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Yours sincerely,

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FROM THE AMBASSADOR

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12 May 1988

A C Galsworthy Esq CMG
Private Secretary to the
Secretary of State
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Dear Tony -

1. When I was in Chicago recently I saw the Editor of the Chicago Tribune. He gave me the enclosed letter addressed to the Prime Minister.

2. The annual meeting of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, which will in 1989 be held from Wednesday 12 to Friday 14 April, is an important and high profile platform. Every newspaper Editor worth his salt is there. The speech would be televised nationwide, and in Mrs Thatcher's case might also be carried by satellite around the world. Major speakers usually give a luncheon address on any one of the 3 days, or an after dinner speech at the closing banquet, but the Society would be more than happy to fit in with the Prime Minister's programme. President Reagan has spoken at the last 2 Washington meetings (1986 and 1988). All in all, it would be an excellent platform for the Prime Minister.

3. No doubt you will be giving Number 10 advice on this in due course. When I come to London at the end of the month I hope to have a word with the Secretary of State about the timing of possible visits by the Prime Minister to the United States during the twelve months ahead. We need to think very carefully about how to handle the transition from this Administration to the next, particularly if Dukakis wins in November. For the moment, I am inclined to think that the American Society of Newspaper Editors' invitation for April might be a useful event to include in, or on which to hang, a visit next Spring. There is no need to give the Society a

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definite reply at this stage. They will realise that it is still far too early for a firm commitment; but if the Prime Minister were attracted by the idea in principle, it should be possible to keep the invitation open until, say, the turn of the year.

4. I understand that another invitation for the Prime Minister to speak in the United States is being delivered to the Prime Minister by hand of the United States Information Agency Director, Mr Charles Z Wick, on behalf of the Town Hall of California. No particular time is specified. We have advised in the past from here that Los Angeles would be an excellent platform for the Prime Minister in the United States, and I still hope it will be possible at some stage to tempt her to make a speech on the West Coast. But I think that the American Society of Newspaper Editors should be the top priority give the nationwide and probably international coverage which it would bring. I therefore suggest that the Town Hall invitation should be answered in a non-committal way, saying that we will keep it in mind.

5. I am sending a copy of this letter and enclosure to Charles Powell, whom I also hope to see on my visit to London.

Yours ever
Antony

Antony Acland

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May 3, 1988

The Right Honorable Margaret Thatcher, M.P.
House of Commons
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Dear Mrs. Thatcher:

Not since Winston Churchill has a British political leader so captured the interest and admiration of the American people. But here in the United States we simply do not see enough of you. With a newly-elected President due in Washington, next spring would be a wonderful time for you to visit America and bring us news of your country and your continent.

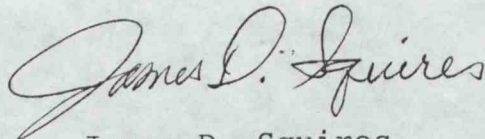
On behalf of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, I am delighted to extend to you an invitation to address our annual meeting in Washington a year hence, April 12-14 at the J.W. Marriott Hotel, which is one block from the White House. Although our program is quite flexible, a luncheon speech would be most appropriate, as the new President of the United States will likely be our speaker on one of the convention days.

Rest assured we are quite aware of protocol concerns and stand ready to make whatever adjustments necessary to accommodate your demanding schedule. We do, however, think our meeting the most appropriate forum for visiting heads of state, as it brings together in one room the directing editors of most of this country's daily newspapers. More than 1,000 people attended the 1988 gathering last month. The program included addresses by President Reagan, former President Nixon, and President Arias of Costa Rica, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize.

Rt. Honorable Margaret Thatcher 2. May 3, 1988

On behalf of John Seigenthaler, editorial director of USA Today, the incoming president of ASNE, and the entire society, I offer my personal hope that you will give serious consideration to our invitation and honor our program by your presence.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James D. Squires". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large initial "J" and "S".

James D. Squires
Editor

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From the Private Secretary

19 May 1988

Dear Mr. Miner,

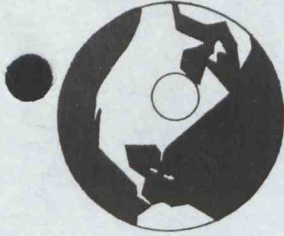
The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your letter of 13 April in which you kindly renew your invitation to her to address the Chief Executive Officers of the Mid-America Committee in Chicago in the autumn. The Prime Minister does not at present have any firm plans to visit the United States during the autumn, and is not therefore able to accept your invitation. But she will of course bear it in mind should her plans change. Mrs. Thatcher asked me to say once again how grateful she is to you for your renewal of the invitation.

Yours sincerely,
Charles Powell

Charles Powell

Mr. Thomas H. Miner

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April 13, 1988

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Margaret Thatcher
Prime Minister of Great Britain
and Northern Ireland
10 Downing Street
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Dear Prime Minister:

On behalf of the Mid-America Committee, I would like to renew our invitation to address our chief executive officers in Chicago during your visit to the United States this fall.

For the past 22 years, the Mid-America Committee has served as the most powerful and prestigious platform of business leaders in the Midwest for senior foreign dignitaries and U.S. government officials. During the past few years we have had the privilege of arranging visits with such dignitaries as The Honorable Ronald Reagan, President of the United States; H.E. Li Xiannian, President of the People's Republic of China; Their Majesties the King and Queen of Sweden; H.E. Amintore Fanfani, President of the Italian Republic; The Honorable George Bush, Vice President of the U.S. and The Honorable George Shultz, U.S. Secretary of State. In 1986 we had the privilege of hosting His Excellency Sir Antony Acland at a black tie dinner, and in 1987 hosted The Honorable Charles Price at a dinner.

Our membership is comprised of the chairman, president and chief executive officer of over 125 major, multinational corporations and financial institutions based in the Midwest. Many of these corporations have substantial operations and interests in Great Britain.

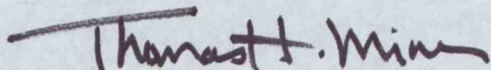
We would be delighted and most honored to arrange a luncheon or black tie dinner in your honor in Chicago. For your information, I have enclosed updated background information on the Mid-America Committee and a list of the dignitaries we have recently hosted.

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Again, we appreciate your consideration and look forward to the opportunity of meeting with you later this year.

Respectfully,



Thomas H. Miner
President

cc: His Excellency Sir Antony Acland, GCMG KCVO
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The Committee was founded by Thomas H. Miner, president of an international consulting firm, together with the chief executive officers of the major multinational corporations in the Midwest (sponsors include the chief executive officers of more than one hundred top firms in the region). Sponsors have met with over four hundred U.S. and foreign government officials in the past twenty-two years. The Committee's guests have included President Ronald Reagan, His Excellency Li Xiannian, President of The People's Republic of China, Their Majesties The King and Queen of Sweden, Secretary of State George P. Shultz, Prime Minister Amintore Fanfani of the Italian Republic, and President Richard M. Nixon.

The Committee's activities include sponsoring high-level Trade and Investment Missions to various parts of the world (e.g. Middle East, 1974; Cuba, 1977; China, 1976, 1977, 1979, 1984). In addition, the Committee arranges briefings in Washington for its sponsors with senior U.S. government officials and also organizes seminars on topics of current economic interest such as Trade and Investment in Latin America, Asia, Africa and China.

The Committee has hosted visiting delegations from Africa, the Middle East, Latin America, and Japan. These include foreign trade and investment missions and international visitor groups under U.S. State Department programs.

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The White House
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US-CANADA LEADERSHIP ROUNDTABLE, TORONTO, ONTARIO
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Jorge Espinosa de los Reyes, Ambassador of Mexico
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WASHINGTON BRIEFING

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SEMINAR: Mexico's Austerity Program

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8 February 1988

We spoke this morning about the outstanding invitation from the Air Force Academy to the Prime Minister to deliver their commencement address. As I said to you, I fear I do not see any significant chance that she would be able to accept this invitation since May looks likely to be a very busy month here in London. But the suggestions for associated visits which you put in your letter of 29 September were very interesting and I intend to keep them in mind for a future visit, when she is next able to visit the great United States outside Washington!

(C. D. POWELL)

His Excellency The Honourable Charles H. Price II

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
LONDON

CONFIDENTIAL

September 29, 1987

Mr. Charles Powell
Private Secretary to the
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
London

Dear Charles:

Further to the prospective visit by the Prime Minister to the Air Force Academy to lecture next year between the time period we discussed, I had a couple of other thoughts depending upon the PM's wishes and the time she might have available for such a trip.

I know of course of her interest in the SDI program, and it occurred to me that if she decided to take up the idea of visiting the Air Academy why not couple it with a trip to Los Alamos, where a lot of the nitty, gritty is actually taking place? This would provide her with an opportunity for an in-depth briefing on the actual status and progress of this program. Further it occurred to me that if it were in the period following about the beginning of May, she could swing back through Washington to meet with the President which might be an appropriate point to discuss with him his prospective return visit to Moscow.

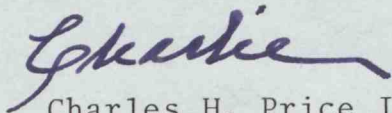
If she wanted to add a little further icing on the cake, what about a brief stopover on return to Norfolk for a briefing at SACLANT, where she would be in a position to delve into additional measures relating to increasing security to the European Alliance and the weight of the INF Agreement.

These are just some thoughts I pass along for your consideration and that of the PM. I should think you could touch base at each of these areas during the course of

a four or five days' trip.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "C. Price II", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

Charles H. Price II
Ambassador

P.S. You will of course recall that I mentioned a trip to Cheyenne Mountain, close to the Air Force Academy, for a visit and briefing at the new Space Command. Whenever convenient, you might let me have the Prime Minister's preliminary reaction to any or all of the above.





10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON SW1A 2AA

Refusals
Hampden-Sydney
College

Prof Leutze

14th December, 1987

Dear Dr. Leutze

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your letter of 24th November, and asked me to reply on her behalf. May I also thank you for your letter to me dated 30th November?

You ask whether it might be possible for the Prime Minister to give the graduation address at the Hampden-Sydney College on 8th May, 1988 or in May 1989. Sadly, the demands on the Prime Minister's time are such that she does not get over to the US very frequently, and when she does, her visits are usually very brief and exceptionally busy with meetings, etc. I very much fear, therefore, that she must decline your kind invitation.

I am sure you will appreciate the position, but I am nevertheless sorry to have to send you a disappointing reply. I hope you will accept the Prime Minister's thanks and regrets.

Yours sincerely,
Archie Hamilton

ARCHIE HAMILTON
Parliamentary Private Secretary

Dr James Leutze

HAMPDEN-SYDNEY COLLEGE

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

HAMPDEN-SYDNEY, VIRGINIA 23943

TELEPHONE 804-223-4383

November 24, 1987

The Right Honourable Margaret Thatcher, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
London SW1A 2AA
UNITED KINGDOM

Dear Mrs. Thatcher,

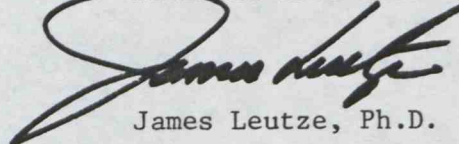
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Next, as you may recall I asked whether you would be willing to give the graduation address at my College this spring. You were kind enough to say that you would consider this request and comply if possible. The ceremony will be held on 8 May 1988 on our beautiful campus a short distance outside Richmond, Virginia. Your remarks could be brief--generally speakers are allotted twenty minutes, but you could have as long as you wanted. It might be of interest for you to know that the two most recent graduation speakers have been Vice President George Bush and Malcolm Forbes.

We would be absolutely delighted if your schedule would allow you to grace our 207th graduation. If, because of scheduling conflicts, you cannot accept this year, we would be gratified if you would consider May 1989.

Again, I want to thank you for your help and consideration. There is no one I have ever interviewed with whom I was more impressed; you exceeded my very high expectations. I hope that you will now give my entire College the opportunity to hear and meet you.

With all best wishes,



James Leutze, Ph.D.

JL/d

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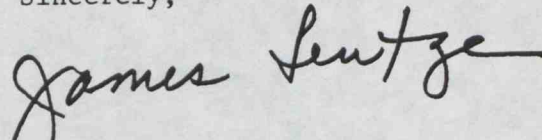
November 30, 1987

Mr. Archie Hamilton
Parliamentary Private Secretary
10 Downing Street
London SW1A 2AA
ENGLAND

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Sincerely,


James Leutze

JL/d



10 DOWNING STREET

Chatter

You will recall this
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dealt with by AH. In
the event, no harm done
I think: but maybe

you should have been made
aware of the previous
corres.?

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

4 January 1988

Dear Charles,

Hampden-Sydney College

You wrote to me on 17 December about an invitation to the Prime Minister to give the commencement address at the Hampden-Sydney College on 8 May 1988. My letter of 23 December explained that, like you, neither we nor the Embassy at Washington had been able to trace the original invitation from Dr Leutze, but that the Embassy were obtaining copies.

/ I now enclose copies of the letters to the Prime Minister
/ of 24 November and to Archie Hamilton of 30 November. Our advice on how the Prime Minister might respond to this invitation remains as set out in my letter of 23 December.

*Yours ever,
L Parker*

(L Parker)
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
PS/10 Downing Street

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JL/d

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*(This trip
was cancelled)* →

Sincerely,

James Leutze

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10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON SW1A 2AA

THE PRIME MINISTER

24 December 1987

Dear George,

Thank you for your letter of 30 November about the invitation to give the commencement address at the Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia on 8 May. I know what a very distinguished college Hampden-Sydney is, counting Patrick Henry and James Madison among its founders. I also recall very well my talk with Dr. Leutze in October. But sadly I do not have any plans at present to visit the United States at that time and, given the very large number of overseas engagements I have next year, think it unlikely that I would be able to do so. I am afraid, therefore, that I shall have to decline Dr. Leutze's invitation. But it was very kind of you to write.

Denis joins me in sending warm good wishes to you and Barbara and all the family for Christmas and the New Year.

Yours ever

Margaret

The Honorable George H. W. Bush.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

23 December 1987

Dear Charles,

Thank you for your letter of 17 December concerning Vice-President Bush's letter to the Prime Minister of 30 November endorsing an invitation to her to give the commencement address at the Hampden-Sydney College on 8 May 1988.

We have consulted the Embassy at Washington. Like you, neither we nor they have been able to trace this invitation. The Embassy have established however that it was sent to the Prime Minister on 24 November. The College also wrote to Archie Hamilton MP on 20 November. Copies of these letters are now being sent to the Embassy.

Hampden-Sydney is an all male liberal arts college, specialising in the classics. It has a good reputation and counts amongst its founders Patrick Henry and James Madison. Its President, Dr Leutze, is also host and field producer of Globewatch TV and interviewed the Prime Minister for an international affairs programme on 28 October.

We do not feel however that the invitation is a strong claim on the Prime Minister's time. If the Prime Minister were to visit the US in spring next year we believe there are other more prestigious academic platforms for a speech. As you know, the Prime Minister has already declined invitations this year from William and Mary College and Georgetown, both better known institutions. Unless there are particularly strong reasons or connections, of which we are not aware, we recommend the Prime Minister reply to the Vice-President that she will unfortunately have to decline the invitation as she has no plans to visit the US at that time. The Vice-President's letter was couched in neutral terms and it is not likely he would expect the Prime Minister to accept.

Rowland Evans, Lynn Parker

(L Parker)
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
PS/No 10 Downing Street

Vice-President BUSH

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10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON SW1A 2AA

From the Private Secretary

17 December 1987

I enclose a copy of a letter to the Prime Minister from Vice-President Bush about an invitation to the Prime Minister to deliver the commencement address at the Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia on 8 May. We have been unable to trace this invitation here. Does it ring any bell with you or the Embassy in Washington? I should be grateful if you could let me have a reply fairly soon as we ought to say something to the Vice-President.

(Charles Powell)

R.N. Culshaw, Esq., M.V.O.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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10 DOWNING STREET

Janice N/T

Do we have
either emergency?

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Janice

Both Sally & I couldn't
find anything on this.

Does it ring any bells
with you?

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GEORGE BUSH

November 30, 1987

PERSONAL AND UNOFFICIAL

Dear Madame Prime Minister:

A good friend of mine, Bob Hatcher, told me that you were considering an invitation to give the commencement address at Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia on May 8. Apparently, Dr. Leutze, the new president of Hampden-Sydney, spoke to you about this.

I gave the commencement address there in 1985. It is a unique institution and has provided many of our country's leaders. I know you are deluged with invitations, and I have no idea if your schedule will permit a visit to the United States at that time. But I just wanted you to know that I think very highly of Hampden-Sydney, and, of course, it would be great to see you here.

My warm best wishes to Denis.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "G. Bush", with a long diagonal stroke extending downwards and to the right.

The Right Honorable
Margaret Thatcher, M.P.,
Prime Minister,
London

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10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON SW1A 2AA

From the Private Secretary

1 September 1987

INVITATION TO THE PRIME MINISTER FROM D MAGAZINE,
DALLAS

Thank you for your letter of 1 September about the invitation to the Prime Minister from the Editor of D Magazine in Dallas to give a speech on "Women in the 80s". I should be grateful if the Embassy in Washington would decline this on the Prime Minister's behalf, on the grounds that she already has a very heavy programme of speeches ahead of her.

CHARLES POWELL

R. N. Culshaw, Esq., M.V.O.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

1 September 1987

Jean Charles

Invitation to the Prime Minister
from D Magazine, Dallas

Ruth Miller Fitzgibbons, editor of D magazine, Dallas has contacted our Consulate-General in Houston inviting the Prime Minister to give a speech in Dallas on "Women in the 80's". The speech would form the keynote to a series of seminars and workshops being arranged by the magazine.

Although this monthly magazine, which has been going for about 15 years, is well thought of, financially sound and editorially responsible, it is our view, and that of the Embassy at Washington, that this invitation is not weighty enough to merit serious consideration. There are of course other more worthy contenders for the Prime Minister's time should she visit Texas. (You will recall that she had to cancel a speech to the University of Texas in Austin in February 1985).

If you agree, the Embassy are content to reply on the Prime Minister's behalf.

Yours ever

(R N Culshaw)
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
PS/10 Downing Street

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The University Club
One West Fifty-Fourth Street
New York, N. Y. 10019

CIRCLE 7-2100

June 25, 1987

Mr. Charles Powell
Private Secretary to the Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
London, England

Dear Mr. Powell:

Having just heard of Mrs. Thatcher's impending visit July 17, I hasten to renew our invitation of 10 February — could she address us at dinner on a day of her choosing? Or at lunch Saturday, July 18?

Ros Stafford of the British Government Offices here has a file on the University Club started in 1984, when it appeared the Prime Minister would speak to us then. . I believe that time the P. M. spoke to the Council on Foreign Relations, and you reminded me to be patient -- we were next! Enclosed are some of our past invitations.

You will be glad to know that earlier this month the Club voted to admit women as members. By speaking to us so soon after, Mrs. Thatcher would honor not just the Club but its recent vote.

If the date we heard is correct, time is short. Could you reply by telexing CI467540 or telephoning 212-319-6400? With this much notice, I believe we can attract 500-800 influential New Yorkers to a dinner or Saturday lunch, even in July.

Sincerely,

Charles Ramond

Charles Ramond
Chairman
Dinner & Lecture Committee

CC: Rosalind Stafford
British Government Offices

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Spoken to

Mr. Ramond

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The University Club
One West Fifty-Fourth Street
New York, N. Y. 10019

CIRCLE 7-2100

10 February 1987

Mr. Charles Powell
Private Secretary to the Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
London, England

Dear Mr. Powell:

By now the duty clerk will have passed on my telephone message renewing our invitation to Mrs. Thatcher to address the University Club at dinner on a day of her choosing.

Thanks to past encouragement ("Don't be too daunted," Michael Alexander once said), this invitation has now reached its eighth year. Enclosed are some of my earlier letters, one of which she may remember for its story about Sir Winston's speech to the Club after World War II.

In spite of -- or because of -- my dilatory performance in this matter, I have been named to chair the committee, for a term of three years. This is surely shorter, we hope and trust, than the rest of Mrs. Thatcher's. Within it we look forward to the honor and pleasure of her company.

Undaunted,

Charles Ramond

Charles Ramond
Chairman
Dinner & Lecture Committee



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

27 September 1984

Dear Dr. Ramond,

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you for your letter of 19 September.

This is receiving attention and you will be sent a reply as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,
Charles Powell

CHARLES POWELL

Dr. Charles Ramond.

The University Club
One West Fifty-Fourth Street
New York, N.Y. 10019

OFFICE OF THE MANAGER

CIRCLE 7-2100

October 2, 1984

Dr. Charles K. Ramond
Predex, Inc., 15th fl.
Three East 54th Street
New York, NY 10022

Dear Dr. Ramond,

This is with reference to your work with the Dinner and Lecture Committee.

Earlier today I received a telephone call from a Miss Ros Stafford, who is with the British Government's Offices here in New York, and who has been forwarded a letter from yourself to Number Ten Downing Street (as she phrases it). Lacking a copy of the original letter, I was momentarily at a loss; however, once she explained what it was about, I tried to be helpful.

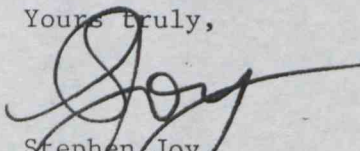
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Essentially, she was inquiring about The University Club. She had not been aware that we had a lecture program until she received your letter to Mrs. Thatcher, and wanted to confirm that we are indeed a prestigious club which attracts prominent speakers. After we chatted for a few minutes, she asked if I could leave some materials pertaining to the Club and our lecture program for her to pick up. This I agreed to do. I am enclosing a copy of the covering letter which I rattle off at that time.

Miss Stafford informs me that Mrs. Thatcher is not planning an American trip at this time, but that she will give our request due consideration. For what it is worth, she seems most amiable. She did also make reference to the possibility of other Ministers and British leaders speaking here, to which possibility I was guardedly open, and concerning which I suggested that she call either yourself or General Ward, your Committee's Chairman.

I hope that this was in line and that it may prove helpful. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Yours truly,



Stephen Joy
Assistant to the Manager

The University Club
One West Fifty-Fourth Street
New York, N.Y. 10019

OFFICE OF THE MANAGER

CIRCLE 7-2100

October 2, 1984

Miss Ros Stafford
British Government Offices
845 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10022

Dear Miss Stafford,

Following up on our telephone conversation a few minutes ago, I am enclosing some materials concerning The University Club, to wit: the blue brochure which we give to new members and which describes the Club's facilities, plus several copies of our monthly Bulletin from past months.

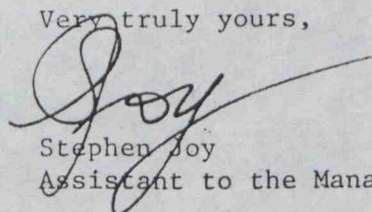
Mr. Ramond may have mentioned that lecture luncheons can draw anywhere up to three hundred people; as we discussed, the limiting factor is space. A 12:00 reception is followed by a 12:30 lunch; the speaker generally holds forth for about twenty or thirty minutes, and then fields a few questions. We assure adjournment no later than 2:00 P.M.

The University Club, as you surmised, is one of the oldest and most prestigious clubs in New York City. The Club itself was founded in 1865. Our present building was erected in 1899, and is a designated landmark. Designed by the illustrious firm of McKim, Mead and White (who were members), it may be found in many books on Glitter Era urban architecture.

We would be delighted, of course, to have Mrs. Thatcher as guest of honor and speaker here. I expect that the Lecture Committee would also be interested in hearing from you concerning possible talks by other prominent Britons.

I hope that this is helpful. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact either myself or Dr. Ramond.

Very truly yours,



Stephen Joy
Assistant to the Manager

cc: Ramond

PREDEX

September 19, 1984

Mrs. Margaret Thatcher
10 Downing Street
London SW1
ENGLAND

Dear Mrs. Thatcher:

I write to renew our invitations of years past (see enclosed) to address the University Club after luncheon or dinner any day during your next visit to New York. Michael Alexander advised me not to be "too daunted" by our lack of success thus far. We are undaunted.

Enclosed is a copy of the photograph of Mr. Churchill's visit to the Club in 1946. I'm sure you would draw as large and influential an audience. If you like, we would be pleased to commemorate your address with such a photograph and to present it to you with a proper copy of Sir Winston's.

I do hope your forthcoming travels include New York and that you'll favor us with your remarks while here. I will telephone Michael Alexander week after next in the hope of a non-daunting response!

Sincerely,

Charles Ramond

Dr. Charles Ramond
President

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PREDEX CORPORATION

680 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10019

TEL: 212-489-6443

September 13, 1979

CABLE: PREDEXCO

Mrs. Margaret Thatcher
10 Downing Street
London S. W. 1, England

Dear Mrs. Thatcher:

This morning I had the pleasure of composing the attached cable inviting you to speak at the University Club. No urgency was intended; we will welcome you any evening that fits into your next visit to the U.S.A.

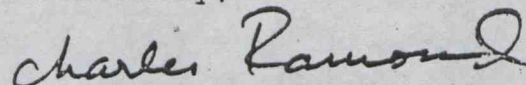
I mentioned Sir Winston because I suspect he is as much your hero as he is ours. He was between terms and had just come to New York from Missouri and his "Iron Curtain" speech. When McCloy arrived at the Waldorf to escort him to the Club, he refused, saying he was indisposed. McCloy protested and Churchill agreed to show up, but only to answer questions submitted in writing. McCloy and friends then wrote impudent questions on little cards and thoughtfully stacked them against a bottle of the Club's best brandy. As he went through the cards and the brandy, Churchill's diffidence vanished. He rose and delivered a stemwinder.

Sir Winston drew a record audience: over 1500, many in other public rooms with loudspeakers installed for the occasion. I would not be surprised if even more came to hear you. Whatever their number, your listeners would be influential folk. Many a trial balloon has been launched in that lovely dining room (See page 4 of the booklet).

We promise speakers that they are off the record; this promise has never been broken. Your subject is of course up to you. The session ends with a lively question period.

As I will be in London through Wednesday, September 19, I will be glad to meet with one of your aides to provide more detail. The Committee joins me in hoping that you will accept.

Sincerely,



Dr. Charles Ramond
President

CR/jh
Enclosure

PREDEX CORPORATION

Text of Cable Telephoned September 13, 1979

Mrs. Margaret Thatcher
10 Downing Street
London S. W. 1

On behalf of its Lecture Committee I invite you to address the University Club in New York City after dinner any evening this winter or spring.

You would follow in the footsteps of Sir Winston Churchill who, at the invitation of John McCloy, spoke to the Club in 1946. His performance and audience remain unsurpassed by any of the distinguished speakers before or since.

Your audience would be several hundred men and women mainly from business, finance and the professions, but no representatives of the media.

If Mr. Alexander or other aide would like more details, I am at the Savile Club, 69 Brook Street, Monday through Wednesday; telephone 629-5462.

Letter follows.

Dr. Charles Ramond
Predex Corporation
New York
212-489-6443

Follow up

January 2, 1981

The Honourable Michael Alexander
10 Downing Street
London, W2
England

Dear Mr. Alexander:

We were delighted to read of Mrs. Thatcher's forthcoming visit and hasten to renew our invitation (attached).

Would she address 500-1000 members of the University Club and their guests after luncheon or dinner any day during her stay?

Without bragging I can say we offer perhaps the largest audience of influential men and women after the CFR (which she addressed last time), probably the most auspicious setting (that marvelous dining room where Mr. Churchill spoke), and certainly the warmest welcome.

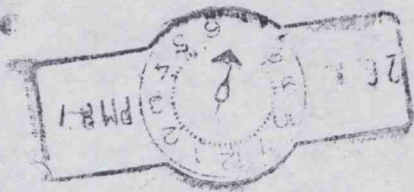
Please telephone me collect if you have questions. The Committee and I will be happy to make the arrangements you require, and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Charles Ramond
President

CR:sr
Enc.

cc: Mr. Max Ulrich
Mrs. Sue Mastriforte *with docs*
Mr. Paul Wood



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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

16 February 1987

Thank you for your letter of 10 February renewing the invitation to the Prime Minister to address the University Club. Your stoicism is much admired and I heartily wish that I could be in a position to discuss dates. But as you will have seen from the press, there is much speculation that this will be an election year. No-one (and I mean no-one!) knows the answer to that, but inevitably plans for foreign travel are rather hypothetical, and there are certainly no plans to visit the United States at present. But do not for a moment think that we shall forget you

With best wishes,

(C.D. Powell)

Mr. Charles Ramond

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By now the duty clerk will have passed on my telephone message renewing our invitation to Mrs. Thatcher to address the University Club at dinner on a day of her choosing.

Thanks to past encouragement ("Don't be too daunted," Michael Alexander once said), this invitation has now reached its eighth year. Enclosed are some of my earlier letters, one of which she may remember for its story about Sir Winston's speech to the Club after World War II.

In spite of -- or because of -- my dilatory performance in this matter, I have been named to chair the committee, for a term of three years. This is surely shorter, we hope and trust, than the rest of Mrs. Thatcher's. Within it we look forward to the honor and pleasure of her company.

Undaunted,

Charles Ramond

Charles Ramond
Chairman
Dinner & Lecture Committee

PREDEX CORPORATION

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September 13, 1979

CABLE: PREDEXCO

Mrs. Margaret Thatcher
10 Downing Street
London S. W. 1, England

Dear Mrs. Thatcher:

This morning I had the pleasure of composing the attached cable inviting you to speak at the University Club. No urgency was intended; we will welcome you any evening that fits into your next visit to the U.S.A.

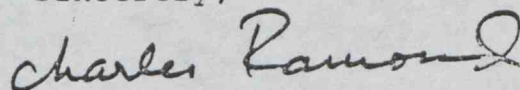
I mentioned Sir Winston because I suspect he is as much your hero as he is ours. He was between terms and had just come to New York from Missouri and his "Iron Curtain" speech. When McCloy arrived at the Waldorf to escort him to the Club, he refused, saying he was indisposed. McCloy protested and Churchill agreed to show up, but only to answer questions submitted in writing. McCloy and friends then wrote impudent questions on little cards and thoughtfully stacked them against a bottle of the Club's best brandy. As he went through the cards and the brandy, Churchill's diffidence vanished. He rose and delivered a stemwinder.

Sir Winston drew a record audience: over 1500, many in other public rooms with loudspeakers installed for the occasion. I would not be surprised if even more came to hear you. Whatever their number, your listeners would be influential folk. Many a trial balloon has been launched in that lovely dining room (See page 4 of the booklet).

We promise speakers that they are off the record; this promise has never been broken. Your subject is of course up to you. The session ends with a lively question period.

As I will be in London through Wednesday, September 19, I will be glad to meet with one of your aides to provide more detail. The Committee joins me in hoping that you will accept.

Sincerely,



Dr. Charles Ramond
President

CR/jh
Enclosure

PREDEX CORPORATION

Text of Cable Telephoned September 13, 1979

Mrs. Margaret Thatcher
10 Downing Street
London S. W. 1

On behalf of its Lecture Committee I invite you to address the University Club in New York City after dinner any evening this winter or spring.

You would follow in the footsteps of Sir Winston Churchill who, at the invitation of John McCloy, spoke to the Club in 1946. His performance and audience remain unsurpassed by any of the distinguished speakers before or since.

Your audience would be several hundred men and women mainly from business, finance and the professions, but no representatives of the media.

If Mr. Alexander or other aide would like more details, I am at the Savile Club, 69 Brook Street, Monday through Wednesday; telephone 629-5462.

Letter follows.

Dr. Charles Ramond
Predex Corporation
New York
212-489-6443

Follow up

January 2, 1981

The Honourable Michael Alexander
10 Downing Street
London, W2
England

Dear Mr. Alexander:

We were delighted to read of Mrs. Thatcher's forthcoming visit and hasten to renew our invitation (attached).

Would she address 500-1000 members of the University Club and their guests after luncheon or dinner any day during her stay?

Without bragging I can say we offer perhaps the largest audience of influential men and women after the CFR (which she addressed last time), probably the most auspicious setting (that marvelous dining room where Mr. Churchill spoke), and certainly the warmest welcome.

Please telephone me collect if you have questions. The Committee and I will be happy to make the arrangements you require, and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Charles Ramond
President

CR:sr
Enc.

cc: Mr. Max Ulrich
Mrs. Sue Mastriforte
Mr. Paul Wood

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With the compliments of
THE BRITISH EMBASSY

N E Sheinwald

WASHINGTON, D.C.

PREDEX

September 19, 1984

Mrs. Margaret Thatcher
10 Downing Street
London SW1
ENGLAND

Dear Mrs. Thatcher:

I write to renew our invitations of years past (see enclosed) to address the University Club after luncheon or dinner any day during your next visit to New York. Michael Alexander advised me not to be "too daunted" by our lack of success thus far. We are undaunted.

Enclosed is a copy of the photograph of Mr. Churchill's visit to the Club in 1946. I'm sure you would draw as large and influential an audience. If you like, we would be pleased to commemorate your address with such a photograph and to present it to you with a proper copy of Sir Winston's.

I do hope your forthcoming travels include New York and that you'll favor us with your remarks while here. I will telephone Michael Alexander week after next in the hope of a non-daunting response!

Sincerely,

Charles Ramond

Dr. Charles Ramond
President

CR:ljb
Enclosures





FROM THE AMBASSADOR

2/21/87
PL copy this letter to me *CCJC*

Mr. Steinwald

Thank you.

BRITISH EMBASSY,

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Quentin

TELEPHONE: (202) 462-1340

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15 January 1987

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Mr Jean Mayer
President
Tufts University
Medford
Massachusetts 02155

- 1) cc: Mr Caroline Ryder,
No 10 Downing St
NAD, FW*
- 2) Mr Martin*
- 3) P- N*

Dear Mr Mayer,

Thank you very much for your letter of 31 December 1986.

We shall of course bear in mind your handsome offer to hold a special honorary degree ceremony for the Prime Minister to coincide with a future visit by her to Massachusetts. But, as I have already explained, there are no plans at the moment for Mrs Thatcher to come to the United States again.

I plan to be in the Boston area at the end of February and I hope that there may be a chance for us to meet. Our Consul-General in Boston, Mr David Burns, will be in touch with you about this.

With best wishes -

*Yours sincerely
Antony Acland*

Antony Acland

Spoken to Mr Burns - may well take place.
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TUFTS UNIVERSITY

Jean Mayer
President

December 31, 1986

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The Honorable Antony Acland
British Embassy
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ambassador Acland:

I am authorized by the Trustees of the University to hold a ceremony for the award of an honorary degree to Mrs. Thatcher at times other than commencement. While we would love to have her as a commencement speaker, if, at any time, she comes to the United States, we will arrange a special occasion to award her the degree at any time of the year.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

JM:cs

cc: Caroline Ryder

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BRITISH EMBASSY,
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TELEPHONE: (202) 462-1340

FROM THE AMBASSADOR

22 December 1986

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Ms Speed

Thank you.

Quentin Gordon

22/12

Mr Jean Mayer
President
Tufts University
Medford
Massachusetts 02155

Dear Mr Mayer,

I promised to be in touch when I had a response from London to your kind invitation to the Prime Minister to visit Tufts University next May.

You will by now have heard from Number Ten Downing Street that the Prime Minister has had to decline your offer. But I know that Mrs Thatcher will want to keep your invitation in mind, in the hopes that a visit to Tufts could be fitted in, if and when she is able to spend more than just a few hours in the United States and to visit Boston.

Yours sincerely

Antony Acland

Antony Acland

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TUFTS UNIVERSITY

November 18, 1986

Jean Mayer
President

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Grateful for draft
reply by 3/12.

Quentin

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His Excellency, Sir Antony Acland
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
The Embassy of Great Britain
3100 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20008

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Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Several years ago, Tufts University's Board of Trustees voted to award an honorary degree to Prime Minister Thatcher, to be presented at any time the Prime Minister should be in the United States, and have a schedule that permitted her to come to Boston (by tradition, Tufts does not award degrees in absentia).

Mrs. Thatcher is one of the two persons who have ever been voted the degree in perpetuity. I have just written the Prime Minister to ask whether she might consider the possibility of giving us the great pleasure of coming to Tufts' 131st Commencement ceremonies on May 17, 1987, to receive the degree we are still eager to present, and further, if she wished, to do the University the honor of giving this year's Commencement address.

I believe that we could assure her an excellent and receptive audience: the other distinguished honorees, the faculties and graduates of Tufts' Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, our five graduate schools of health sciences, and the School of Arts and Sciences, and their guests - in total, over 10,000 attendees. It goes without saying that we would arrange for extensive national and international coverage.

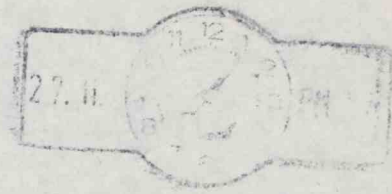
Tufts University would welcome Mrs. Thatcher most warmly into our official family, and I look forward to hearing whether this is the year when she will be able to join our celebrations.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

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Medford, Massachusetts 02155
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10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON SW1A 2AA

From the Private Secretary

17 December 1986

INVITATION TO THE PRIME MINISTER
FROM COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Thank you for your letter of 16 December about the proposed award to the Prime Minister of the Columbia University's Graduate School of Business Award for Excellence in Government.

I agree that Sir Antony Acland should reply in the terms proposed.

(CHARLES POWELL)

R.N. Culshaw, Esq., MVO,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

16 December 1986

Prime Minister

I fear there seems
no alternative but to

Dear Charles,

decline this. It cannot be
accepted in absentia. Agree?

Invitation to the Prime Minister
from Columbia University

CDP
Yes on 16/12

The Embassy at Washington have forwarded the enclosed letter from the Dean of Columbia University's Graduate School of Business which invites the Prime Minister to accept the School's Award for Excellence in Government, at a dinner in New York on Monday 6 April 1987.

Founded by Royal Charter as "Kings College" in 1754, Columbia is a highly regarded Ivy League University with an outstanding academic reputation. The Graduate School (established in 1905) has a good reputation, ranking fifth in the United States, but considerably behind the top business schools at Harvard and Stanford.

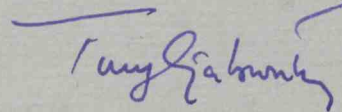
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The Award itself is fairly prestigious. Previous recipients include Vice President Bush, Mr Volcker and Governor Mario Cuomo of New York. The dinner is also a fund raising event for the school.

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However, the Embassy at Washington advise that the award cannot be accepted in absentia. In the circumstances, if you agree, we propose to ask Sir Antony Acland to write to the Dean conveying the Prime Minister's warm appreciation of the offer but saying that there are no plans for her to visit the United States in April.

Yours ever,


(A C Galsworthy)
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
No 10 Downing St

Columbia University in the City of New York | New York, N.Y. 10027

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
Office of the Dean

Uris Hall

November 13, 1986

The Right Honourable Margaret Thatcher, P.C., M.P.
The Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
London SW1 2AL
England

Dear Prime Minister:

It gives me great pleasure to invite you to accept the Award for Excellence in Government presented by Columbia University's Graduate School of Business. This award is to be conferred at the Business School's Annual Dinner to be held on Monday evening, April 6, 1987 in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City.

This black tie event, a highlight of Columbia Business School's annual activities, draws more than 1200 executives each year including the Chairmen, Chief Executive Officers or Presidents of more than one hundred leading national and international companies.

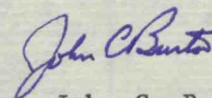
Two awards are conferred at this event, the first for exceptional accomplishments in government and the second for achievements in the corporate sector. The culmination of the evening is a major address by the recipient of the Award for Excellence in Government on a topic of his or her choice.

In the past we have honored such leaders as George Bush, Vice President of the United States of America; A. W. Clausen, President, World Bank; Arthur F. Burns, former Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and former U.S. Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany; Paul A. Volcker, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and Mario M. Cuomo, Governor, The State of New York.

We would be most honored if you would accept this award. As you can appreciate, I am sure, our time constraints in planning next spring's event are of great concern to us and we would be most grateful for your reply as soon as possible.

With best regards,

Cordially,



John C. Burton
Dean



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LONDON SW1A 2AA

From the Private Secretary

10 October 1986

INVITATION TO THE PRIME MINISTER FROM BELLARMINE COLLEGE,
LOUISVILLE (sic), KENTUCKY

Thank you for your letter of 10 October about the invitation to the Prime Minister to receive the Bellarmine Medal from Bellarmine College in Louisville, Kentucky.

I should be grateful if our Consul-General in Cleveland could reply on the Prime Minister's behalf, in the terms which you suggest.

Charles Powell

R. N. Culshaw, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

10 October 1986

Dear Charles

Invitation to the Prime Minister from
Bellarmine College, Louiseville, Kentucky

I enclose a copy of a letter to Mr Hayday, Consul-General Cleveland from Ms Gerwing of the Board of Overseas of Bellarmine College in which she invites the Prime Minister to receive personally the Bellarmine Medal at a time convenient to her during the 1986/87 academic year. Bellarmine College is a small Catholic College which presents a medal annually to prominent persons who, in the College's own words exemplify "charity, justice and temperateness in dealing with controversial problems". past recipients include the Rev Jesse Jackson and Mother Teresa.

We think that the invitation should only be accorded a low priority and while there would be no reason why in principle the Prime Minister should not accept the invitation, it would certainly not warrant a special journey.

We recommend therefore that the Consul-General in Cleveland be instructed to reply on the Prime Minister's behalf that she was grateful to receive the invitation, but that she has no plans to visit Kentucky in the foreseeable future.

Yours ever

R N Culshaw

(R N Culshaw)
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
PS/10 Downing Street

Liberty National Bank and Trust Company

Maria I. Gerwing
Senior Vice President
Retail Consumer Services

July 29, 1986

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Mr. Anthony V. Hayday
British Consulate General
55 Public Square
Suite 1650
Cleveland, OH 44113

Dear Mr. Hayday:

As a member of the Board of Overseers of Bellarmine College in Louisville, Kentucky, I am seeking your assistance in sending a formal invitation to Mrs. Margaret Thatcher to be the recipient of the Bellarmine Medal.

Bellarmino College is Kentucky's largest private college. Total enrollment is approaching 3,000 which has doubled in the last ten years. The school offers a superior liberal arts education and a tradition of excellence reflected in academic circles and in community involvement.

One tradition established in 1955 is the Bellarmine Medal. This award honors an outstanding person on the national or international scene who has exemplified in a notable manner the virtues of charity, justice, and temperateness in dealing with controversial problems. Both the name and the significance of the Medal are drawn from the example and inspiration of St. Robert Bellarmine, the patron of the College. He was famous for his calmness, courtesy, and unswerving devotion to truth.

The Board of Overseers believes that the virtues displayed by St. Robert Bellarmine can, in the more complex structure of modern life, be found in a variety of life situations involving such achievements as:

- a life style adhered to under difficult circumstances, which is a challenge to one's contemporaries in today's alienated world
- a higher level of personal and professional integrity than prevails within our society
- a sensitiveness to the great social problems of one's fellow man
- a significant contribution of self, one's talents and resources to solving those problems of society which militate against justice, charity, and temperateness, whether those problems arise in the arts, the sciences or human relations.

Mr. Anthony V. Hayday

July 29, 1986

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Notable past recipients are as follows:

- 1955 Jefferson Caffery,
former United States Ambassador to Brazil, France, and Egypt
- 1956 Carolos P. Romulo,
former Philippine Ambassador to the United States
- 1957 John W. McCormack,
former Speaker of the United States House of Representatives
- 1961 Frederick H. Boland,
former President, United Nations General Assembly
- 1962 Alfred M. Gruenther,
former President, American Red Cross and Commander, NATO
- 1964 R. Sargent Shriver,
former Director, Office of Enonomic Oppportunity, and Peace Corps
- 1966 Everett M. Dirksen,
former United States Senator
- 1968 Danny Thomas,
Actor, Humanitarian and Sponsor, St. Jude Children's Research
Hospital
- 1971 John Sherman Cooper
former United States Ambassador to East Berlin
- 1973 William B. Walsh, M.D.
Founder and President of Project Hope
- 1977 William F. Buckley, Jr.
Political Writer, Editor and Author
- 1979 Reverend Jesse Jackson,
Civil Rights Leader
- 1981 Mother Teresa of Calcutta,
Founder, Missionaries of Charity
- 1982 Walter Cronkite,
Radio and Television News Correspondent
- 1984 Phillip Habib
Special Representative of the President for the Middle East

Mr. Anthony V. Hayday

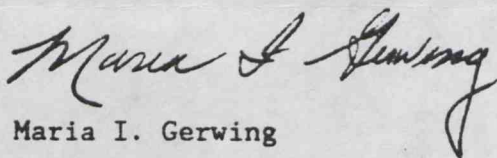
July 29, 1986

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We would be most honored if Mrs. Thatcher would accept our invitation. The College would be more than happy to tailor its presentation around her travel schedule within the next year. In addition, we would consider a personal delivery of the invitation to the Prime Minister if arrangements could be made.

Within the next three weeks, I will follow up with a personal telephone call to you directly, in order to offer further information. On behalf of Bellarmine College and the Board of Overseers, I thank you in advance for your cooperation and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Maria I. Gerwing

MIG/jm

cc: Dr. Eugene V. Petrik, President





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10 DOWNING STREET

LONDON SW1A 2AA

From the Private Secretary

2 October 1986

Thank you for your typed letter which I received this morning which crossed with mine dated 1 October. This was despatched yesterday.

I fear there is nothing more that can be done about the Prime Minister's attendance in San Francisco next August. I am so sorry.

CAROLINE RYDER

Mr. Eugene C. Thomas.

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AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
EUGENE C. THOMAS
AMERICAN BAR CENTER
750 N. LAKE SHORE DRIVE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60611
TELEPHONE: 312/988-5100
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September 30, 1986

PLEASE REPLY TO:
SUITE 300
FIRST SECURITY BANK BLDG.
BOISE, IDAHO 83702
TELEPHONE: 208/345-2334

Mrs. Caroline Ryder
Secretary to the Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
London SW1
England

Dear Mrs. Ryder:

Thank you for the opportunity to visit with you telephonically today. Please also accept my apologies for the handwritten note which was delivered to you on this occasion. Had our arrangements been more accomplished, I would have provided a letter in advance and I trust you will explain to the Prime Minister that this is, indeed, the product of an extended travel schedule.

Let me emphasize that we do believe this event in San Francisco in August 1987 will be unique in the history of the conferences of the American Bar Association. It will be a celebration of justice under constitutional law in the world. We very likely will include highly-featured events involving the former Chief Justice of the United States, Warren Burger, and other key leaders of our government. The opportunity to address the Assembly on Sunday morning, which is the principal proceeding of the entire two-week event, should be a significant platform for a world message which no one, in our view, is better suited to deliver than the Prime Minister. We see her not only as the executive leader of your nation but as a colleague of all lawyers throughout the world.

We regret that our scheduled event comes at an inconvenient time in the calendar year of the English government and recognize that the Prime Minister in particular has very few moments of respite. If it proves impossible for her to be with us, we shall understand. At the same time, we suggest respectfully, and somewhat hopefully, that there may never be another opportunity quite like this --- the largest meeting of any business or professional group in the history of the United States, addressing the assembly of the largest volunteer organization in the world, during a celebration unequal in the history of the New World, of justice under constitutional law. At the risk of overreaching, permit me to urge this thought upon the Prime Minister as at least

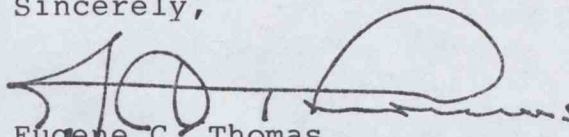
Mrs. Caroline Ryder
September 30, 1986
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one of the many reasons that a visit to San Francisco is really an appealing alternative for that time in this significant year.

It is unfortunate that the time coincides with the brief holiday opportunity that may present itself. With that in mind, I respectfully suggest that there is hardly anywhere one might consider more delightful for holiday retreats and rest than the west and Pacific northwest of the United States. Perhaps it could serve a double purpose on this occasion.

Again, my thanks for the time we spent today; also, my gratitude to you and to the Prime Minister for any consideration you may be able to give the suggestion that the address of the Assembly of the American Bar Association, may be a mutually memorable and internationally productive event between us.

Sincerely,



Eugene C. Thomas

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OPPOSITE ROAD
COTTON FIBER



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

1 October 1986

Thank you very much for your letter of 30 September, and it was nice to speak to you on the telephone yesterday.

I am afraid I have to endorse what I said to you when we spoke. The Prime Minister is extremely grateful to the American Bar Association for inviting her to address them in San Francisco next August. But, as I explained to you, the Prime Minister will almost certainly be on holiday at that time.

There is also another factor which I omitted to mention when we spoke. As the Prime Minister has already addressed your Association within the last year or so, it would be difficult for her to accept a further invitation from you when there are so many people still in the queue!

I know this will be very disappointing and am sure you understand the situation. I do hope you had an enjoyable trip.

With best wishes,

CAROLINE RYDER

Mr. Eugene Thomas

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EUGENE C. THOMAS

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The Berkeley
Wilton Place Knightsbridge
London SW1X 7RL
TELEPHONE 01-235 6000

30 September 1986

Mrs. Carolyn Ryder
Secretary to the Prime Minister
#10 Downing Street
London, England

Dear Mrs. Ryder:

My name is Eugene C. Thomas
and I am President of the
American Bar Association. My
purpose in writing is to discuss
the possibility of Mrs. Thatcher
addressing the Assembly of
the American Bar Association



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at our Annual meeting next
August in San Francisco.
on Sunday the 9th at
about 10 o'clock in the
morning.

The address to the Assembly
is the principal address
of the meeting and is
traditionally a platform
for an important message
from a world leader.



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You, of course, recall how well the Prime Minister was received when she addressed us in London in July, 1985. We are grateful for that honor, but, as President, I speak for the American lawyers who will constitute our conference in 1987 in San Francisco and very much wish to see and hear Mrs. Thatcher there.



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This 1987 event will be the largest in the history of the ABA, involving attendance by about thirty thousand (30,000) people. It will be closely followed by all our members who now number over three hundred twenty six thousand (326,000) making us the largest volunteer organization in the world. All our members are volunteers who pay dues and,



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through the ABA, are committed to professionalism and high standards of public service.

We are ~~neither~~ a political nor trade organization. The forum I am suggesting for Mr. Thatcher, therefore, is of extremely broad press and public interest; I'm sure it will command the attention of people all around the world, lawyers and non-lawyers alike.



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TELEPHONE 01-235 6000

Mr. Robert Alexander,
Chairman of the Bar
of England and Wales,
has been kind enough
to assist me in making
this initial contact and,
I'm sure, could give you
additional insights into
this event and The ABA, for
he has visited a number of our
conferences or have his predecessor
in his high office in the Bar.



The Berkeley

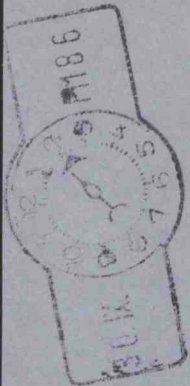
Wilton Place Knightsbridge

London SW1X 7RL

TELEPHONE 01-235 6000

Mr. Thomas and I are
here in London for the opening
of the Courts and staying at the
Berkeley through Thursday
October 2, leaving early in
the afternoon Friday
October 3, and I am available
to meet to discuss this
invitation any time
Thursday or early Friday if
you wish.

Sincerely,
Frederic Danvers





10 DOWNING STREET

LONDON SW1A 2AA

From the Private Secretary

19 September 1986

INVITATION TO THE PRIME MINISTER TO ATTEND
THE DEDICATION OF THE CARTER PRESIDENTIAL CENTER

Thank you for your letter of 19 September about this invitation to the Prime Minister from President and Mrs Carter. I agree that the Embassy should regret on her behalf and should arrange appropriate representation.

Charles Powell

Colin Budd Esq
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

19 September 1986

Dear Charles,

Invitation to the Prime Minister to attend the Dedication of the
Carter Presidential Center

I enclose an invitation to the Prime Minister from President and Mrs Carter to attend the dedication of the Carter Presidential Center and related invitations to a Gala Preview Reception on 30 September and a Dedication buffet on the morning of 1 October. Similar invitations have been sent to members of the Royal Family and the Embassy.

The Center houses the Carter Presidential archives, and the Embassy at Washington advise that the ceremony is likely to be attended by local and national, mainly democratic, political figures.

We see no need for the Prime Minister to attend. I suggest that the Embassy be instructed to regret on her behalf, and that she be represented by a member of the Embassy and/or the Consulate General, Atlanta.

Yours ever,

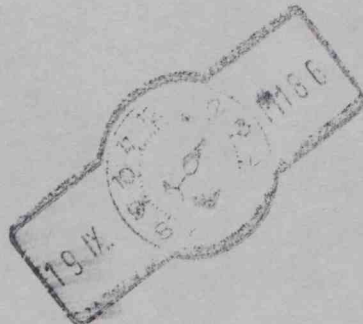
Colin Budd

(C R Budd)
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
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DEDICATION BREAKFAST

THE UNVEILING OF THE FOUNDERS WALL

AND

THE OPENING OF THE JAPANESE GARDEN

WEDNESDAY MORNING, THE FIRST OF OCTOBER

AT HALF AFTER EIGHT O'CLOCK

CARTER PRESIDENTIAL CENTER

ONE COPENHILL

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

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AT SEVEN O'CLOCK

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

1 September 1986

INVITATION TO THE PRIME MINISTER FROM
THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S FORUM

Thank you for your letter of 22 August about the intention of the National Women's Forum to make an award to the Prime Minister.

I have replied in the terms which you and the Embassy suggest. I enclose the letter and should be grateful if you would arrange for the Embassy to deliver it.

(C.D. POWELL)

C.R. Budd, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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10 DOWNING STREET
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From the Private Secretary

1 September 1986

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you most warmly for your letter of 11 August in which you invite her to accept the International Women's Hall of Fame award.

The Prime Minister is delighted to receive this invitation, which she accepts in principle with great pleasure. At present she has no firm plans to visit the United States - and could certainly not, I am afraid, be there on 4 December because of her commitments in Europe. But she would hope that it would be possible for her to accept the award in person before too long.

The Prime Minister sends you and the members of the National Women's Forum her best wishes.

(C.D. POWELL)

Ms. Susan A. Davis

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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22 August 1986

Prime Minister

Would you be ready
in principle to accept
this award? It is
prestigious. And the award

Dear Mark,

Invitation to the Prime Minister from
the National Women's Forum

could be made at a brief
ceremony in the Washington

I enclose a self-explanatory letter from the
President of the National Women's Forum inviting
the Prime Minister to accept the Forum's first inter-
national award when she next visits Washington.

Embassy
when you
are next
there.

The Embassy have commented that the writer,
Susan Davis, has called on them. She is President
of a Washington consulting firm and has worked in
the past for three Republican Presidents (Nixon,
Ford and Reagan). She is clearly well connected
with the Reagan Administration, is sensible and
has experience of setting up events of this kind.
The National Women's Forum itself is a serious
organisation with a broad membership, and some high-
powered and lively personalities. Its first award
ceremony, when Justice O'Connor and astronaut
Sally Rider were honoured, was well attended. Anything
involving the Prime Minister would be sure to get
a good turn-out. The Embassy add that the Forum
is not in any sense a feminist organisation and
that it is non-political and receives bi-partisan
support.

Agree?
CDP
29/8

Yes

/As



As you will know, there is a possibility that the Prime Minister may pay a pre-Summit visit to the US this autumn (Charles Powell's letter to me of 3 July) - albeit a short one. The Forum would in any event be ready to present the award whenever the Prime Minister is next in Washington. It would not take too long and the Embassy think it would enable the Prime Minister to meet a rewarding group of people in circumstances likely to attract favourable media attention. No speech would be required - only a few words of thanks.

The Embassy recommend that this invitation be seriously considered, and that you should reply saying that the Prime Minister is delighted to have received the invitation; that she has no plans to visit the United States at present; but that she hopes it may be possible to accept the award in person before too long. We agree.

One last point: on the advice of Sir Peter Emery MP the invitation was forwarded to the Embassy under cover of a letter to Michael Alison. This is attached. May we leave it to you to consult him as you see fit?

*Yours Sincerely,
Colin Budd*

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Private Secretary

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August 11, 1986

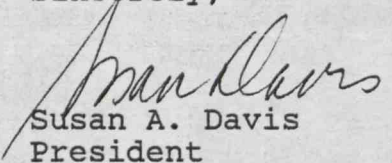
The Right Honorable
Michael Alison, M.P.
Parliamentary Private
Secretary to the
Prime Minister
No. 10 Downing Street
London, England SW1

Dear Mr. Alison:

With the advice of Sir Peter Emery, M.P., I have forwarded the attached letter to Prime Minister Thatcher inquiring as to whether she would be mindful of accepting the International Women's Hall of Fame award, should she visit the United States before the end of 1986. This award is given by the preeminent women's organization in the world, The Women's Forum. It is the first time the award will be given to an international woman leader. Mrs. Thatcher, of course, was the overwhelming choice.

I believe the letter is self-explanatory. I have included a copy of our membership directory for your information. And, of course, I am available to answer any questions you might have in this regard. I shall look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,


Susan A. Davis
President

SAD/ref

Enclosure

cc: Sir Peter Emery, M.P.
Mr. Nigel Sheinwald, British Embassy

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August 11, 1986

The Right Honorable
Margaret Thatcher, M.P.
Prime Minister
No. 10 Downing Street
London, England SW1

Dear Mrs. Thatcher:

In 1985, The Women's Forum, an organization comprised of women of preeminence throughout the Free World, instituted an International Women's Hall of Fame. First honorees were Sandra Day O'Connor, first woman associate justice of the United States Supreme Court, and Sally Ride, the first American woman astronaut. The Hall of Fame honors the most outstanding of women leaders who have accomplished their positions by virtue of extraordinary achievements in their chosen profession. The 1985 awards program was held in Washington, D.C. and was attended by over 600 senior leaders of the Reagan Administration, the U.S. Congress, international media and chief executive officers of major U.S. corporations.

The Women's Forum has 1,100 members from the United States, England, France, Sweden, Canada and Spain. Our membership includes Sandra Day O'Connor, Billie Jean King, Barbara Walters, Congresswoman Lindy Boggs, Anne Armstrong, Sally Ride, Betty Ford and Rosalynn Carter.

In 1986, The Women's Forum will make its first international award to a woman who exemplifies outstanding international leadership skills, an unflinching sense of duty to country, respect from the international business and political communities, and an unswerving sense of purpose and commitment to her profession. As the first woman Prime Minister of The United Kingdom, we would be honored if you would be of mind to personally accept this award, should your travel schedule permit you to visit the United States before the end of this year.

The International Women's Hall of Fame award is not a party political award. While we would expect complete support from The White House, we feel this award must speak to the international business community as well.

The Right Honorable
Margaret Thatcher, M.P.
August 11, 1986
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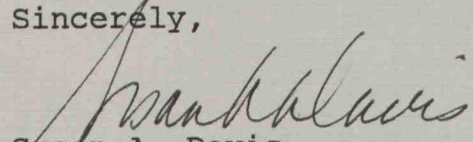
Present plans are to hold a formal awards dinner December 4, 1986 at The Departmental Auditorium in Washington, D.C. We would be most pleased if you could join us for the evening. However, we are mindful of the constraints on your time and would adjust our program according to your schedule. At the minimum, we would like you to accept the award in person and make brief remarks. The entire awards ceremony would not demand more than a 30-minute time commitment.

We do, of course, expect representation from The White House at the highest levels, as well as from the United States Congress, and the leadership of the U.S. business community. Justice O'Connor would be the award presentor.

If, however, your schedule should not permit you to be in the United States on December 4, we would be pleased to present the award, at another event arranged, in cooperation with the British Embassy, at a mutually convenient time.

The Women's Hall of Fame international award will not be an annual award. The criteria are such that few will ever meet it. There was no question in the mind of the selection committee that there was only one woman on the international scene who met and exceeded the criteria. We hope you will consider our invitation and will be able to respond favorably to it. I shall look forward to that.

Sincerely,



Susan A. Davis
President

SAD/ref



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