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FROM SOMMER

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RECOMMENDED PRES PHONE CALL TO THATCHER //SUMMARY OF PHONE CALL SUBJECT

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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October 27, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN M. POINDEXTER

FROM:

PETER R. SOMMER

SUBJECT:

President's Telephone Conversation with Prime

Minister Thatcher of Great Britain

Attached for your review and approval is a summary of the President's conversation with Prime Minister Thatcher on October 26. I believe we should provide State a copy of our summary.

RECOMMENDATION

That you authorize Bob Kimmitt to sign the memo at Tab I forwarding the summary to State.

Approve____

Disapprove_

Tab I Kimmitt to Hill

Tab A Memcon of Phone Conversation

S98-002 #52/ CHS 7/21/00

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHARLES HILL

Executive Secretary Department of State

SUBJECT:

President's Telephone Conversation with Prime Minister Thatcher (C)

Attached for your information is a summary of the President's phone conversation with Prime Minister Thatcher on October 26. It should be accorded highly restricted circulation. (SY

> Robert M. Kimmitt Executive Secretary

Tab A Memcon of Telephone Conversation

We do not send there to State.

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WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS:

President Ronald Reagan

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher of Britain

DATE, TIME:

October 26, 1983

AND PLACE: 1:28 - 1:38 p.m.

Prime Minister Thatcher: Hello, Margaret Thatcher here.

President Reagan: If I were there Margaret, I'd throw my hat in the door before I came in.

Prime Minister Thatcher: There's no need to do that.

President Reagan: We regret very much the embarrassment caused you, and I would like to tell you what the story is from our end. I was awakened at 3:00 in the morning, supposedly on a golfing vacation down in Georgia. The Secretary of State was there. met in pajamas out in the living room of our suite because of this urgent appeal from the Organization of East Caribbean States pleading with us to support them in Grenada. We immediately got a group going back here in Washington, which we shortly joined, on planning and so forth. It was literally a matter of hours. We were greatly concerned, because of a problem here -- and not at your end at all -- but here. We have had a nagging problem of a loose source, a leak here. At the same time we also had immediate surveillance problem -- without their knowing it -- of what was happening on Cuba to make sure that we could get ahead of them if they were moving; and indeed, they were making some tentative moves. They sent some kind of command personnel into Grenada.

Incidentally, let me tell you that we were being so careful here that we did not even give a firm answer to the Caribbean States. We told them we were planning, but we were so afraid of this source and what it would do; it could almost abort the mission, with the lives that could have endangered.

When word came of your concerns -- by the time I got it -- the zero hour had passed, and our forces were on their way. The time difference made it later in the day when you learned of it. For us over here it was only 5:30 in the morning when they finally landed and at last we could talk plainly. But I want you to know it was no feeling on our part of lack of confidence at your end. It's at our end. I guess it's the first thing we have done since I've been President in which the secret was actually kept until

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it happened. But our military and the planning only had -- I really have to call it a matter of hours -- to put this together. I think they did a magnificent job. Your Governor General and his wife are safe. One of our primary goals was to immediately sequester him for his safety. He is safe in our hands down there.

Prime Minister Thatcher: I know about sensitivity, because of the Falklands. That's why I would not speak for very long even on the secret telephone to you. Because even that can be broken. I'm very much aware of sensitivities. The action is underway now and we just hope it will be successful.

President Reagan: We're sure it is. It's going beautifully. The two landings immediately took the two airfields. Then we managed to secure that medical school, St. Georges Medical School, where we have about 800 students. We've moved on, but there is still some combat. All those several hundred Cuban construction workers down there must have been military personnel or reserves, because, and as I told you, we got word that a little group had arrived before we could get anything underway. They looked like they were pretty prominent Cubans because they were being treated with great deferrence. They turned out to be a military command and the opposition that still remains, as of the last word we have here — in about three spots on the Island — is led by those Cubans. They are the leading combat forces, not the Grenadian forces. We have captured 250 of them already.

<u>Prime Minister Thatcher:</u> Well let's hope it's soon over Ron, and that you manage to get a democracy restored.

President Reagan: We're very hopeful that it is going to be short and then your role is going to be very critical, as we all try to return Grenada to democracy under that constitution that you left them. The leader that was murdered, and of course those that murdered him, have abandoned that constitution.

Prime Minister Thatcher: Well the constitution, I'm afraid, was suspended in 1979.

President Regan: Yes, that's when Bishop made his coup and took over. We think he was murdered because he began to make some noises as if he would like to get better acquainted with us. He no more got back on the Island -- he was here and visited our State Department -- and he was murdered. The people who murdered him are even further over in the Cuban camp. So things would be worse, not better, for the people on Grenada.

Prime Minister Thatcher: That is right. Is there any news about Coard, his rival?



President Reagan: No. The man that seems to be out in front is named Austin. We believe that the same thing has happened to Coard that happened to Bishop. We won't be sure of that until we get the situation controlled, but we have the radio stations, so we can communicate with the people. They have just these three spots and we're very optimistic. There have been very limited casualties, certainly on our side. We don't want a lot of casualties on the Grenadian side. The troops that are out in front now seemed to be those several hundred Cubans. We know that you and through the Queen's Governor General there -- all of us together -- can help them get back to that constitution and a democracy.

<u>Prime Minister Thatcher</u>: I just hope Ron, that it will be very soon and that they will manage to put together a government which can get back to democracy.

President Regan: Those people on those other islands are pretty remarkable. I had with me Prime Minister Charles when I made the announcement to the press here that our forces are on shore and D-Day has happened.

Prime Minister Thatcher: I know her. She's a wonderful person.

President Reagan: She certainly is. She's captured our city by storm. She's up on the Hill meeting with some of our Congress right now. And then, Adams, from Barbados, we are getting him up here. We've gotten both of them on some of our television shows so they can talk to the people. We are getting him on, we've had her on. He's a remarkable man also.

Prime Minister Thatcher: He is a very cultured man and very wise. He's been in politics for a long time.

President Reagan: Yes. Mrs. Charles doesn't even have an army. She did away with an army completely. She has a police force. She told me that her constables in her police force were coming in from out in the country and asking her if they couldn't go with the forces to Grenada.

Prime Minister Thatcher: They wanted to help.

President Reagan: They all feel -- and dating from the days when they were under the Crown -- she used the expression: kith and kin. I don't know if that's one of our expressions or one of yours.

Prime Minister Thatcher: It's one of ours.

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President Reagan: Well, we still use it here. We still have the heritage. She used that several times to describe their feelings. They have no feeling of the people on the other islands being foreigners. They still think of themselves as all one group. We want to put them out ahead in helping with the restoration of a government, so there will be no taint of big old Uncle Sam trying to impose a government on them.

Prime Minister Thatcher: There is a lot of work to do yet, Ron.

President Reagan: Oh yes.

Prime Minister Thatcher: And it will be very tricky.

<u>President Reagan:</u> We think that the military part is going to end very shortly.

Prime Minister Thatcher: That will be very, very good news. And then if we return to democracy that will be marvelous.

<u>President Reagan</u>: As I say, I'm sorry for any embarrassment that we caused you, but please understand that it was just our fear of our own weakness over here with regard to secrecy.

Prime Minister Thatcher: It was very kind of you to have rung, Ron.

President Reagan: Well, my pleasure.

Prime Minister Thatcher: I appreciate it. How is Nancy?

President Reagan: Just fine.

Prime Minister Thatcher: Good. Give her my love.

President Reagan: I shall.

<u>Prime Minister Thatcher:</u> I must return to this debate in the House. It's a bit tricky.

President Reagan: All right. Go get 'em. Eat 'em alive.

Prime Minister Thatcher: Good-bye.

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October 11, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CHARLES HILL

Executive Secretary Department of State

COLONEL (P) JOHN STANFORD

Executive Secretary Department of Defense

SUBJECT: Letter from Mrs. Thatcher

The attached letter was received at the White House. Please advise if you believe either a reply or further action is required.

Distribution should be strictly limited.

Robert M. Kimmitt Executive Secretary

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WHITEHOUSE FOR JUDGE CLARK: STATE FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS JOHN HUGHES

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SUBJECT: PRESS STATEMENT

FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS ISSUED THROUGH EMBASSY PRESS

OFFICE THIS AFTERNOON: QUOTE--

THE AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, JOHN J. LOUIS. JR., HAS ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT TODAY: AS REPORTED. I WILL BE LEAVING THIS POST IN THE AUTUMN OF THIS YEAR. I WILL RETURN TO AMERICA. AND TO THE BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND CIVIC, EDUCATIONAL AND CHARITABLE WORK WHICH HAD BEEN MY LIFE UNTIL MY APPOINTMENT TO THE UNITED KINGDOM IN 1981.

I LEAVE WITH A GREAT SENSE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT. ANGLO-AMERICAN RELATIONS ARE EXCELLENT. BRITAIN'S SUPPORT FOR ALLIANCE POLICIES, AND THE EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR

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CONSULTATIONS. HAVE ALLOWED THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED KINGDOM TO WORK TOGETHER WITH RENEWED STRENGTH - AND ENTHUSIASM FOR CREATIVE DIPLOMACY. THERE IS A REFRESHING CANDOR IN BOTH OFFICIAL AND PERSONAL CONTACTS WITH MRS. THATCHER'S GOVERNMENT. OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN EFFECTIVE PARTNERS IN NUMEROUS INITIATIVES ALL OVER THE WORLD. AND OUR SUCCESSES TOGETHER HAVE BEEN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SEARCH FOR PEACE AND SECURITY. I AM VERY PROUD OF THESE ACHIEVEMENTS. MY FAMILY'S PERSONAL GRATITUDE EXTENDS TO A BROAD SPECTRUM ON THIS SIDE OF THE ATLANTIC: TO THE PEOPLE OF BRITAIN -- TO THE ROYAL FAMILY. TO THE PRIME MINISTER. TO THE BUSINESSMEN AND WOMEN. THE JOURNALISTS. THE ACADEMICIANS, THE STUDENTS. THE COAL MINERS OF DURHAM. THE TRADES UNION COUNCIL. AND TO ALL THE BRITISH CITIZENS IN ENGLAND, WALES, SCOTLAND, AND NORTHERN IRELAND. WE HAVE BEEN RECEIVED WITH UNEQUALLED GRACE AND CIVILITY AND WE REJOICE IN THE CERTAIN KNOWLEDGE THAT WE HAVE MADE A HOST OF NEW FRIENDS. WE WILL RETURN TO GREAT BRITAIN OFTEN TO NOURISH THESE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS.

NOT SURPRISINGLY, MY WIFE, MY FAMILY AND I ARE DISAPPOINTED AND SADDENED AT THE PROSPECT OF LEAVING BRITAIN. PRESIDENT REAGAN PAID US THE HIGHEST COMPLIMENT, AND THE HIGHEST HONOR BY APPOINTING US TO THIS POST. OUR RESPONSIBILITIES HERE HAVE BEEN THE MOST DEMANDING, THE MOST THRILLING, AND THE MOST SATISFYING OF OUR LIVES; AND WE ARE INFINITELY GRATEFUL TO THE PRESIDENT FOR HIS TRUST. END QUOTE. LOUIS BT

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FROM NORTH

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MEMORANDUM



NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

CONFIDENTIAL

September 16, 1983

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM:

OLIVER L. NORTH

SUBJECT:

British Troops in Belize

Yesterday, a very private source informed that Her Majesty's Government (HMG) has made a firm decision to keep the British garrison in Belize for perhaps as much as another "two or three years." The source advises that "the blood was ankle deep in Whitehall on this one" and that Sir Geofferey Howe carried the day over Mrs. Thatcher's apparent opposition.

If all this is true, it is indeed a hopeful sign that our efforts with our European friends may be paying off. If we can broach this subject during the forthcoming Thatcher visit, it would be something that Dick Stone could use to good effect on his European trip. He, of course, should not use it with other European leaders if Mrs. Thatcher wants it kept quiet.

RECOMMENDATION

That you discuss this matter with SECSTATE to determine validity and apprise the President if verified.

Approve to

Disapprove

Peter Sommer has seen and concurs.

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TO

CLARK

FROM SOMMER

DOCDATE 02 AUG 83

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KEYWORDS: GREAT BRITAIN

THATCHER, MARGARET

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDS CALL TO PM THATCHER RE EYE CONDITION

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

Dick Darman: TO: N.C.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

The President asked me to see if we could reach Margaret Thatcher at approx: 11:00 a.m. this morning. I had Signal check with her secretary to check on her status and he advised that it would be more appropriate and comfortable for Mrs. Thatcher if we waited until Sunday or Monday. He also indicated she would like to call RR back on one of those two days when she feels up to it. RR says fine.

She is aware he tried to call her yesterday and expressed his concern upon learning she was in surgery at the time.

Harry Oblesure

P.S. RR is aware she had a detached retina and had surgery yesterday.

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

August 2, 1983

Bob --

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Carol Cleveland

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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RECOMMENDED PHONE CALL

TO:

Margaret Thatcher, British Prime Minister

DATE:

August 2 or 3, 1983

RECOMMENDED BY:

WILLIAM P. CLARK WE

PURPOSE:

To inquire about her eye infection and to wish her a speedy recovery.

BACKGROUND:

We have confirmed via our Embassy in London that today's press report about Mrs. Thatcher having a serious eye infection is accurate. Mrs. Thatcher, we are told, will be examined by an eye specialist later today, after which we should know more about her precise condition. One can conjecture that press stories concerning her eye infection may be designed to condition the public to the possibility of an operation. Given your close working relationship with Mrs. Thatcher, it would be entirely appropriate for you to call to inquire about her condition and wish her a speedy recovery. You may also wish to express appreciation for her recent supportive statement in Parliament concerning our Central American policy.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

- 1. Inquire about her eye infection.
- 2. Wish her a speedy recovery.
- 3. Express appreciation for her supportive statements in Parliament concerning our Central American policy.

MEMORANDUM

ACTION

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

August 2, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM:

PETER R. SOMMER Peter

SUBJECT:

Mrs. Thatcher's Eye Condition



I have confirmed via our Embassy in London that today's press report about Mrs. Thatcher having an eye infection is accurate. Mrs. Thatcher reportedly will be examined by an eye specialist today, after which we should know more about her condition. One can conjecture that press stories concerning her eye infection may be designed to condition the public to the possibility of an operation.

RECOMMENDATION

That you send the President the memo at Tab I confirming that Mrs. Thatcher has a serious eye infection and suggesting that the President may wish to call her.

Approve

Disapprove____

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TO:

WILLIAM CLARK (Coordinate with James Rosebush)

FROM:

FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR. 111

SUBJ:

APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

MEETING:

Time reserved for the visit of Prime Minister Thatcher:

11:00 am - 30 mins - Briefing for Meeting - Oval Office 11:30 am - 60 mins - Private Meeting - Oval Office

DATE:

12:30 m - 60 mins - Expanded Luncheon - Residence 1:30 pm - 10 mins - Departure Statements - Diplo. Entrance

September 29, 1983

TIME:

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DURATION:

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LOCATION:

As shown

REMARKS REQUIRED:

Yes

MEDIA COVERAGE:

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PARTICIPATION:

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHARLES HILL

Executive Secretary
The Department of State

SUBJECT:

Official Working Visit of

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher

of the United Kingdom

The White House has approved and you are authorized to issue an invitation to Prime Minister Thatcher for an Official Working Visit on Thursday, September 29. The scenario is:

11:00 a.m. - Briefing 11:30 a.m. - Meeting 12:15 p.m. - Luncheon

1:30 p.m. - Departure Statements

In preparation for the visit, briefing papers, recommended meeting and luncheon participants, draft departure statement, and a biography of Mrs. Thatcher would be appreciated by Thursday, September 22.

Please coordinate simultaneous press release with Robert Sims, 395-6965.

Thank you.

Robert M. Kimmitt Executive Secretary

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SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

July 29, 1983

TO:

FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR.

PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM:

JOHN M. POINDEXTER

REOUEST:

Meeting between the President and British

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

PURPOSE:

To review international issues.

BACKGROUND:

Mrs. Thatcher will be in the United States for the opening of the United Nations General Assembly in September. Ambassador Wright informed Mike Deaver that Mrs. Thatcher would also like to come to Washington to continue bilateral discussions with the President.

PREVIOUS:

PARTICIPATION:

The President met most recently with Mrs. Thatcher May 28 at the Williamsburg Summit.

DATE AND TIME:

September 29, 1983; 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

DURATION: 2 hours

LOCATION:

Oval Office

PARTICIPANTS:

The President, Secretary Shultz, William P.

Clark; Mrs. Thatcher, Amb. Wright

OUTLINE OF EVENT:

One hour meeting, followed by lunch.

REMARKS REQUIRED:

To be provided by NSC

MEDIA COVERAGE:

Photo opportunity at beginning of meeting

RECOMMENDED BY:

Secretary Shultz, Judge Clark, Mike Deaver

OPPOSED BY:

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PROJECT OFFICER:

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MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN M. POINDEXTER

THROUGH:

CHARLES P. TYSON

FROM:

PETER R. SOMMER Peter

SUBJECT:

Schedule Proposal for British Prime Minister

The British Ambassador, Oliver Wright, apparently worked directly with Mike Deaver on arranging for Mrs. Thatcher to meet with the President when she is in the United States for the United Nations General Assembly. There has been some confusion over the date, but after checking with State and the British Embassy, I am assured that Mrs. Thatcher's strong preference is for September 29.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve and sign the schedule proposal at Tab I.

Disapprove____

Tab I Schedule proposal

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TO:

WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM:

FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR.A.

SUBJ:

APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

Time reserved for Working Visit of Prime Minister

Margaret Thatcher: MEETING:

> 11:00 am - 30 min - Briefing for Visit - Oval Office 11:30 am - 30 min - Meeting - Oval Office/Cabinet Room

12:15 pm - 75 min - Luncheon - Residence

1:30 pm - 10 min - Departure Statements - Diplo.Recep.Room DATE:

September 29, 1983

TIME:

As shown DURATION:

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REMARKS REQUIRED: Yes

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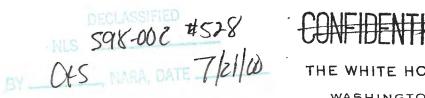
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MEETING WITH BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY SIR GEOFFREY HOWE

DATE:

July 14, 1983 Oval Office

LOCATION: TIME:

3:30 - 4:00 p.m.

FROM:

WILLIAM P. CLARK POTO

PURPOSE

To review international issues with Foreign Secretary Howe, the first member of Mrs. Thatcher's new Cabinet to visit Washington.

II. BACKGROUND

Sir Geoffrey Howe, who served as the Chancellor of the Exchequer in Mrs. Thatcher's first government, was named Foreign Secretary in the extensive Cabinet reshuffle that followed her convincing June 9 election victory. His visit is billed as partially a get-acquainted session. Given his previous experience, Howe may focus on international economic issues, but we expect him to concentrate as well on broader East-West political questions.

We expect Howe to emphasize the same point Genscher made, i.e., success in arms negotiations will depend on our continued firmness, coupled with willingness to adjust our negotiating position. The British view is that continued flexibility is crucial to maintaining public support for INF. You should express our appreciation for the Thatcher government's firm support for both tracks of NATO's INF decision, which includes deployment in the U.K. in December.

Howe will likely review the importance to the world economy of sustaining the U.S. recovery. He told the Vice President in London that the international financial community would be watching anxiously to see how the U.S. deals with its deficit. You may wish to ask him about Britain's approach to controlling public spending and borrowing.

Howe may also cite Mrs. Thatcher's personal displeasure with our decision to restrict the import of speciality steel. A number of British firms will be especially hard hit, which is bad news. for a country with its highest unemployment rate since the 1930's. You should stress that our decision was based on a finding under U.S. trade law and that it does not signal a change in our support of the Williamsburg Declaration.

Although he has not yet immersed himself deeply in the Middle East, and Britain has publicly supported our policies, Howe will likely express disappointment over the lack of overall progress. You should encourage continued British participation in the MNF.

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cc Vice President Ed Meese Jim Baker Mike Deaver

Public opposition to the U.S. policy in Central America is strong in Britain. Indeed, along with INF arms control it was one of the two central issues the Vice President confronted on his recent European tour. But the Thatcher government does recognize our broad interests in the area and we doubt that Howe will unduly focus on Central America. The British have interests of their own in Belize (including a military garrison they plan to withdraw essentially for financial reasons). You should encourage continued British military presence in Belize, both as a contribution to regional stability, and as an important symbol of Britain's sharing of what in NATO terminology is called "out of area" defense.

Last week the British government released its annual Defense White Paper which again called for a significant real increase in defense spending. Since coming to office in 1979 the Thatcher government has increased defense spending, after inflation, by nearly 20 percent. You should applaud Mrs. Thatcher's effort to stay the defense course.

Your suggested talking points are attached. State's briefing memo is at Tab A. Howe's bio is at Tab B.

III. PARTICIPANTS

U.S. The President
Vice President
Secretary Shultz
William P. Clark
Robert C. McFarlane
Richard Burt
Peter R. Sommer, NSC

Meese, Baker, Deaver will attend at their discretion.

U.K. Geoffrey Howe, British Foreign Secretary
Ambassador Oliver Wright
Anthony Acland, Permanent Under Secretary of the
Foreign Office
Brian Fall, Howe's Private Secretary

IV. PRESS PLAN

Photo opportunity at beginning of meeting.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

3:30 p.m. Photo opportunity/Meeting in Oval Office

4:00 p.m. Meeting adjourns.

Tab A State briefing memo

Tab B Howe's Bio Prepared by:
Peter R. Sommer

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TALKING POINTS FOR SIR GEOFFREY HOWE

- -- Welcome to the White House. Congratulations to Mrs. . Thatcher and you on your overwhelming victory. Your return to office gives a shot in the arm to the West. We look forward to an even closer working relationship.
- -- We view your victory and Chancellor Kohl's win in Germany as a boost to our efforts to seek arms reductions. Your victories make if difficult for the Soviets to divide us. It is only through unity and firmness that we will achieve the desired results.
- -- Let me assure you of my personal commitment to deep reductions, and of our willingness to adjust our negotiating position, should circumstances merit it. We applaud your support on both tracks of the INF decision. Delays in deployment would hurt negotiating prospects.
- -- The Vice President found Central America to be a central public issue during his recent European tour. He told me he encountered almost as many Central American as European specialists! Our cause is noble. We appreciate your support. We also encourage continued British military presence in Belize, both to enhance regional stability, and as a symbol-particularly important to our Congress--of sharing what NATO calls "out of area" defense. In the U.S. many call this region our backyard, but I prefer to call it our front yard.

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- -- Please convey to Mrs. Thatcher our appreciation for your continued commitment to a strong defense. I understand that your recent Defense White Paper reconfirmed significant annual real increases in defense spending. We applaud your determination.
- -- (If asked) I know of your interest in international economics. We do not have a high interest rate policy. And I am determined to lower our deficits. Our Congress, however, sometimes has other ideas, and compounds the problem with what we call domestic add-ons. How are you tackling the public spending/borrowing problem that confronts all of us?
- -- (If asked) Our speciality steel decision was based on a finding under U.S. trade law. It does not signal a change in our support of the Williamsburg Declaration.
- -- (If asked) We are also disappointed by the slow pace of progress in the Middle East peace process. The removal of all foreign forces from Lebanon is of highest priority. But until an agreement is reached, the MNF must remain. We urge you to continue British participation in the MNF.

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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

THROUGH:

CHARLES P. TYSON

FROM:

PETER R. SOMMER PETER

SUBJECT:

Background for Howe Meeting, Thursday, July 14;

3:30 p.m., Oval Office

Attached is a memorandum from you to the President (Tab I) in preparation for the visit of British Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe. His visit, which is partially a get-acquainted session, is expected to focus on broader East-West political and economic questions. Howe will likely underline Mrs. Thatcher's personal concern over our recent decision to restrict the import of speciality steel.

Your memo to the President tracks with Secretary Shultz's memo, but also notes that Howe may raise speciality steel and recommends that the President applaud Britain's sizable increases in defense spending. Britain's annual Defense White Paper, released last week, recommitted Britain to significant real increases in defense spending.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum to the President at Tab I.

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Jack Matlock concurs.

Tab I Memo to President

Tab A State memo

Tab B Howe Bio

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July 12, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: President's Meeting with UK Foreign Secretary Howe

The attached memorandum, which is otherwise self-explanatory, contains background and objectives for the President's meeting with UK Foreign Secretary Howe at the White House on Thursday, July 14, at 3:30 p.m.

We are also providing biographic information on Sir Geoffrey, as well as biographies of the individuals who will accompany him during his call on the President.

for Charles Hill Executive Secretary

Attachments:

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- -- IN CENTRAL AMERICA OUR CAUSE IS NOBLE. RE-COGNIZE NEED TO EXPLAIN OUR POLICY PUBLICLY. APPRECIATE BRITISH SUPPORT. ENCOURAGE CON-TINUED BRITISH MILITARY PRESENCE IN BELIZE, BOTH TO ENHANCE REGIONAL STABILITY AND AS A SYMBOL OF SHARING WHAT NATO CALLS "OUT-OF-

AREA" DEFENSE, BUT WHAT IS OUR FRONT YARD.

- -- APPLAUD RECENT RECONFIRMATION, IN ANNUAL DEFENSE WHITE PAPER, TO SIGNIFICANT REAL INCREASES IN DEFENSE SPENDING. PLEASE CONVEY OUR APPRECIATION TO MRS. THATCHER.
- -- (IF ASKED) NO HIGH INTEREST POLICY. DE-TERMINED TO LOWER OUR DEFICITS. PROBLEMS WITH CONGRESS--DOMESTIC ADD-ONS. HOW IS BRITAIN TACKLING THE PUBLIC SPENDING/BORROWING PROBLEM?
- -- (IF ASKED) SPECIALITY STEEL DECISION BASED ON A FINDING UNDER U.S. TRADE LAW. DOES NOT SIGNAL A LESSENING IN OUR SUPPORT OF WILLIAMSBURG DECLARATION.

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 $From \ the \ Secretary of \ State$

Foreign and Commonwealth Office London SW1A 2AH

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I very much appreciate your taking the time to receive me on my first visit to Washington as Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary. I have had a very interesting and most useful series of meetings and I look forward to keeping in close touch with George Shultz and other members of your team. This is a very important time for the Western Alliance and it is good to know that the relationship between Britain and the United States is in such good order. We all very much value your own personal contribution to this.

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(GEOFFREY HOWE)

The President

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June 15, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: PETER R. SOMMER PAGE

SUBJECT: Your June 16 Meeting with David Gillmore

Robin Renwick has set up a meeting between you and David Gillmore, and Gillmore's successor, Brian Cartledge, at 2:30 p.m. on June 16. Renwick will accompany Gillmore and Cartledge.

Gillmore, currently Foreign Office Under Secretary for Political- Military Affairs, is being assigned as the High Commissioner to Malaysia. Cartledge is currently the British Ambassador to Hungary, and previously served as head of the Soviet Department in the Foreign Office. He has also been posted to Moscow.

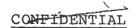
Renwick characterizes the meeting as primarily for introductory purposes. He said the British had no special topic to raise but would certainly want to discuss INF and START. From my London days, Gillmore epitomizes the role the British cherish: to straddle the differences between the U.S. and Europe. You should draw out his perceptions based on four years, I believe, near the top of the Foreign Office. Moreover, given Gillmore's and Cartledge's backgrounds and professional interest, the meeting also offers us an opportunity to solicit British views on:

- -- British foreign and defense policy under the new Thatcher mandate.
- -- New Foreign Minister Geoffrey Howe.
- -- INF deployments and the European political climate.
- -- Pressures for inclusion of British and French nuclear forces in ongoing negotiations.
- -- East-West relations in their broadest dimensions (they may ask about prospects for a U.S.-Soviet summit).
- -- The way forward on MBFR (Gillmore once served on the U.K. delegation).
- -- CSCE/CDE: Prospects for conclusion, and European pressures on CDE.

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The British side will have three people coming. Don Fortier plans to attend in his political-military hat. I also wish to attend, both because of my European responsibilities and previous service in London. Hope this is OK.