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10 June 1988

Rice Minister
 Agree to confirm the
 visit to Poland on
 16/17 October?

Dear Charles,

Yes

CDP 10/6

Prime Minister's Visit to Poland

The Poles have told our Embassy in Warsaw that the dates we propose for the Prime Minister's visit are acceptable. In doing so, the Vice Director of the MFA Department dealing with Western Europe said that the Polish side recognised that the Prime Minister might think it necessary to consider whether recent events in Poland had any implications for the visit. Duchowski added that the Poles themselves saw no such implication and hoped there would be no change of plan: they still wished the visit to go ahead. Mr Barder confirmed that HMG was analysing the significance of the recent events in Poland and that he could not forecast the outcome, or whether it would affect the Prime Minister's plans.

Now that the Poles have accepted our dates we need to decide whether we should continue, as suggested in your letter of 17 May, to preserve a certain amount of uncertainty about whether the Prime Minister will go; or whether we should confirm to them now that we intend the visit to go ahead provided that (as has been the clear understanding all along) a satisfactory programme can be agreed.

The Foreign Secretary considers that the recent events in Poland have if anything strengthened the case for the Prime Minister to go ahead with the planned visit in October. He recommends that we should now confirm this to the Poles, and embark on discussion of the programme.

As you will recall, a number of important points remained unsettled when the decision was taken earlier this year to postpone the visit. If the Prime Minister is content to proceed on the basis set out above, we would propose to write to you shortly with details of the line we now recommend taking with the Poles over the details of the programme.

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The Prime Minister may also wish to be aware that the Polish Embassy have approached us independently to suggest that their Deputy Prime Minister, Professor Sadowski, should visit London later this month. They have proposed that the Foreign Secretary should be his host: they have not proposed a call on the Prime Minister herself, nor would we wish to recommend one.

However,

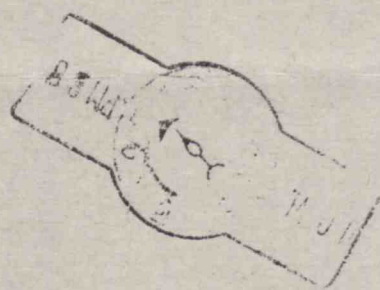
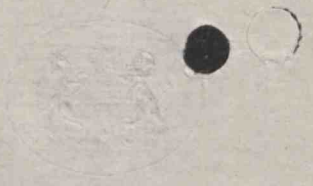
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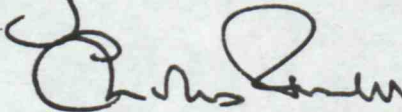
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DA10 DOWNING STREET
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11 June 1988

Dear Lynn,

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO POLAND

Thank you for your letter of 10 June confirming that the Polish Government have accepted the dates proposed for the Prime Minister's visit to Poland in October. I agree that we should confirm to the Poles that the Prime Minister will go ahead with the visit and should now start on discussion with them of the programme.

Yours sincerely,


(C.D. POWELL)

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From the Private Secretary

17 May 1988

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO POLAND

Thank you for your letter of 16 May about the Prime Minister's visit to Poland and the Motion for the Adjournment which has been put down for 19 May. I am sure the Prime Minister would be content for Mr. Eggar to take the line proposed in the enclosure to your letter.

I do not think we need press the Poles too hard for an answer on the October dates. It does no harm to preserve a certain amount of uncertainty about whether the Prime Minister will go.

(CHARLES POWELL)

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16 May 1988

Yes
 Dear Charles,

Prime Minister
 Content for Mr.
 Eggar to speak as
 proposed? edp 16/5.

Prime Minister's visit to Poland

The Polish MFA have still not responded to the revised dates (16-18 October) which we have proposed for the Prime Minister's visit (your letter of 15 April). Meanwhile, we are considering with our Ambassador in Warsaw what effect recent events in Poland are likely to have on the Prime Minister's discussions with Jaruzelski and Walesa. We also need to consider carefully the effect of recent events on the programme, in particular a possible visit by the Prime Minister to Gdansk.

We plan to send you some comments on these aspects in the near future. Meanwhile, however, the Foreign Secretary's view is that, as things stand, it would be no less useful than before for the Prime Minister to go to Poland. The need for pressure on Jaruzelski to implement both political and effective economic reform has increased, rather than diminished.

A Motion for the Adjournment has been put down for 19 May by Mr Anthony Coombs MP on "UK relations with Poland". In Mr Mellor's absence overseas, Mr Eggar will reply. The subject of the Prime Minister's visit is bound to be raised. We propose that Mr Eggar should take the line in the enclosure to this letter. The wording proposed would be consistent with the reply which the Prime Minister gave on 23 February to a question from Mr John Bowis MP (copy enclosed), which so far as we are aware is the most recent on-the-record reference to the likely timing of the visit. The wording would also leave open the option of a further postponement of the visit, if circumstances were to make this necessary or desirable. I should be grateful to know whether you would be content.

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DRAFT PASSAGE ON PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO POLAND
FOR USE BY MR EGGAR IN ADJOURNMENT DEBATE ON 19 MAY

"As the House knows, my Rt Hon Friend the Prime Minister has accepted an invitation to visit Poland. She hopes that circumstances will make it possible for the visit to take place before the end of the year. In her discussions with General Jaruzelski and the Polish leadership, as well as with Mr Lech Walesa and representatives of independent opinion, she will I am sure wish to reflect the concerns which have been expressed in the House tonight, in particular about the essential relationship between political and economic reform, and the need for human rights to be respected."

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SED Greece (British Visitors)

Mr. McCrindle: To ask the Secretary of State for Transport if he has had discussions with his Greek counterpart regarding that country's attitude to British visitors on inclusive tours or seat-only arrangements; and if he will make a statement.

Mr. Paul Channon: I have had no such discussions. But I understand that the tour operators' representatives are actively involved in discussions with the Greek authorities.

Ministerial Visits

R.D.

Mr. Beggs: To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland what notice was given to Her Majesty's Government of the visit of a Minister from the Government of the Irish Republic to a school and British Army post outside Newry on 8 February; and if he will make a protest to the Government of the Irish Republic about this incident.

Mr. Tom King: We were told the previous day that he would be visiting the hon. Member for Newry and Armagh (Mr. Mallon).

R.D.

Provisional IRA (Arrests)

Rev. William McCrea: To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland how many Provisional Irish Republican Army suspects have been arrested and brought into police holding centres in Armagh and Castlereagh within the past two years and subsequently released without charges.

Mr. Stanley [holding answer 15 February 1988]: The total number of persons detained in Northern Ireland under section 12 of the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1984 during the period 1 January 1986 to 31 December 1987 was 2,768. Of those, 701 were subsequently charged with criminal offences and the remainder were released without charge. The figure for the numbers of those released without charge who are believed to have been members of the Provisional IRA is not readily available.

Nuclear Test Veterans Association

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Mr. Alex Carlile: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence what representations he has received from the Nuclear Test Veterans Association concerning claims for damages.

Mr. Sainsbury: My Department has received numerous letters from members of the British Nuclear Test Veterans Association seeking compensation for harm alleged from participation in the nuclear test programme. In addition, my noble Friend the Minister of State for Defence Procurement met a deputation of hon. and right hon. Members and two officers of the British Nuclear Test Veterans Association on Tuesday 16 February.

Nuclear Tests (Radiation Victims)

Mr. Hinchliffe: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the answer of 28 January, *Official Report*, column 309-10, what estimate is available to him of the number of deaths during the next 10 years amongst the nuclear test participants examined during the National Radiological Protection Board's inquiry; what steps have been taken and will be taken to monitor the incidence of (a) diseases other than cancer, (b) still births, (c) infertility and (d) genetic handicaps in that group; and if he will make a statement.

Mr. Sainsbury: The National Radiological Protection Board report referred to in my answer of 28 January, in column 309, is the only source of information available to me on the expected mortality of participants. Taking account of the ages of the participants, the NRPB has estimated that in the 10 years from 1984 "about 30 deaths could be expected from leukaemia and multiple myeloma and at least a further 20 cases in the participants and a similar number in the controls, if the men experienced the normal national mortality and cancer registration rates in England and Wales."

It is also estimated that approximately a 1,000 further deaths in each group will occur "from the two diseases most closely related to smoking (lung cancer and chronic obstructive lung disease)".

In line with the recommendations of the report, it is intended that the information for the 10-year follow-up study will be derived from the same sources as were used for the original study, that is, cancer registrations and mortality statistics, including dates and causes of death, contained in the National Health Service central registers.

SED

Poland

Q104. Mr. Bowis: To ask the Prime Minister, what plans she has to visit Poland.

The Prime Minister: I hope to visit Poland this year.

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Common Agricultural Policy

Mr. Austin Mitchell: To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food by how much common agricultural policy prices would rise in the event of the value of the Deutschmark rising 5 per cent. within the ERM of the European monetary system against all EEC currencies; what would be the effect on the stabilisers; and how any increase in surpluses would be forced.

Mr. MacGregor: Arrangements agreed in 1987, but not yet activated by an EMS realignment, provide that green rates will be altered following any such realignment (which would take place in the circumstances the hon. Member cites) if the net effect of the realignment is to widen the gaps between green and market rates of exchange. The effect on common agricultural support prices expressed in national currencies would depend upon changes in the central rates of all EMS currencies, including those such as sterling, which are not in the ERM. It cannot be predicted in advance.

The stabiliser arrangements, which are not linked to agrimonetary considerations, will act to penalise production in excess of the thresholds set for the various commodities, and therefore help to constrain expenditure.

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From the Private Secretary

15 April 1988

VISIT TO POLAND

I have now discussed with the Prime Minister possible alternative dates for the visit to Poland. The Prime Minister can pay a visit on 17/18 October (travelling out on the evening of 16 October). I should be grateful if you could put these dates to the Poles to see if they are acceptable.

(C.D. POWELL)

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Lyn Parker'.

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PRIME MINISTER

VISIT TO POLAND

We need to explore dates for your visit to Poland. The options seem to be:

- 19/20 September. This would be immediately before your visits to Luxembourg and Spain, and give you a full week of foreign visits. *I think that is too much - the visits are so different.*
- 3/4 October. This would involve changing the Opera Dinner and be getting quite close to the Party Conference.
- 17/18 October. Immediately after the Party Conference.
- 31 October/1 November. Would mean moving a General Reception.
- 3/4 November. This would mean missing a Cabinet and Questions.

I attach the relevant pages of your diary. Do you have any preference? It would be helpful to have two alternatives to propose, if possible.

C.D.P.

I think it would be best to delay the visit until next year.
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C. D. POWELL

9 April 1988

PMMAVT

Wednesday 7 September

0830 VISIT TO TESCO STORE?, FINCHLEY
1000 RETURN
Keep free for speech

Thursday 8 September

ADDRESS SCOTTISH CBI, GLASGOW

Friday 9 September to Sunday 11 September
SCOTLAND

Tuesday, 13 September
evening ?KEEP FREE

Wednesday 14 September

1300 LUNCH AT SOTHEBYS

Thursday 15 September

?Cabinet
1200 Talks followed by
1300 Lunch for Prime Minister of Malta
1830 ?LOOK IN AT HENRY MOORE EXHIBITION ROYAL ACADEMY

Friday, 16 September
pm FINCHLEY

Wednesday 21 to Friday 23 September
OVERSEAS?

Monday 26 September

1430-1600 First meeting for Party Conference Speech

Tuesday, 27 September

AUDIENCE?
ATTEND ROYAL SOCIETY ANNUAL DINNER: FISHMONGERS HALL

Wednesday, 28 September
REGIONAL TOUR

Thursday 29 September

1300 PRESENT "WOMEN MEAN BUSINESS" AWARD: DORCHESTER HOTEL

Friday 30 September

? DEPART NO.10
1045 ARRIVE BRIZE NORTON
VISIT RAF BRIZE NORTON ?
1530c TO CHEQUERS

Monday 3 October

Possible Anglo-German Summit?
Dinner for Covent Garden Opera

Tuesday, 4 October
AUDIENCE

Wednesday 5 October
0900-1030 Keep free for speech writing

Thursday 6 October
1800-1930 LOOK IN AT RECEPTION FOR RUC DEPENDANTS
CITY LIVERY HALL

Friday 7 October
1830-2000 Reception for Fashion Buyers No.10

Saturday 8 October/Sunday 9 October
Keep free for speech writing

Tuesday 11 - Friday 14 October
PARTY CONFERENCE

Monday, 17 October
House returns?

Tuesday, 18 October
AUDIENCE

Thursday 20 October
1945 for 2000 Dinner for the Kennedy Memorial Trust No.10

Friday 21 October
Anglo-German bilaterals?
TO CHEQUERS

Monday 24 October
? ATTEND DINNER FOR THE GUARDIAN ?

Tuesday 25 October
AUDIENCE

Thursday 27 October
GUEST OF HONOUR AT A DINNER ORGANISED BY HEBREW
UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM - LONDON

Friday, 28 October
FINCHLEY LADIES LUNCH

Monday 31 October
1500-1600 First meeting for Lord Mayor's Banquet Speech
1830-2000 General Reception

Tuesday 1 November
AUDIENCE?
1830-2000 Reception for Wightman Cup No.10

Thursday 3 November

2000 Dinner for CTS sponsors

Sunday 6 November

?1930 SIR GEORGE SOLTI CONCERT

RFH

Tuesday 8 November

State Visit?

AUDIENCE

STATE BANQUET?

Wednesday 9 November

? Lunch for Overseas Visitor?

pm Keep free for Lord Mayor's Banquet Speech

Thursday 10 November

pm RETURN STATE BANQUET?

Friday 11 November

Keep free for speech

Saturday 12 November

FINCHLEY FAIR

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE +DT ROYAL ALBERT HALL

Sunday 13 November

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Monday 14 November

0830 Hair

1000 Week Ahead Meeting

1030 Diary Meeting?

1215 Meeting of colleagues?

followed by Lunch?

pm Keep free for speech

? LORD MAYOR'S BANQUET GUILDHALL

Tuesday 15 November

AUDIENCE

Friday, 18 November

REGIONAL TOUR

Saturday 19 NovemberADDRESS UK FEDERATION OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL
WOMEN - LONDONTuesday 22 November

? AUDIENCE

ATTEND DINNER TO MARK LORD FORTE'S 80th BIRTHDAY
GROSVENOR HOUSE

MR. POWELL

VISIT TO POLAND

There are no very obvious alternative dates for the Polish visit apart from 19-20 September. But I set out below some possibilities:

Monday 3 - Tuesday 4
October (if we move Opera dinner here)

Monday 17 - Tuesday 18
October (nothing in diary but this is the week following Party Conf. week)

Monday 31 October -
Tuesday 1 November (would need to move General Reception on 31/10 and Prime Minister would miss Wightman Cup Reception. Would DT go to Poland?)

Thursday 3 - Friday 4
November (a: miss Questions and Cabinet
b: move dinner for CTS sponsors)

Tessa

Tessa Gaisman

7 April 1988

PRIME MINISTER

c. Mr Wicks
Mr Ingham
Mr Bearpark
Mrs Gaisman

VISIT TO POLAND

The Polish Government unfortunately cannot manage the alternative dates which we have put to them - 6/7 June - as their Prime Minister will be in China. They have counter-proposed 19/21 June which is hopeless because it coincides with the Economic Summit.

We shall therefore have to look for alternative dates later in the year. We will put some proposals to you. One possibility which occurs to me is Monday 19/Tuesday 20 September. That would lead on to Luxembourg on 21 September and Spain on 22/23 September, making a whole week of foreign visits and getting them all out of the way together.

Another possibility would be to use the free dates of 5/6 June by trying to bring forward a visit planned for later in the year, eg. Spain or Morocco. But you may prefer just to leave the dates free. ✓

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CHARLES POWELL

5 April 1988

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PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No: 41/88.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

28 March, 1988.

Dear General Jaruzelski,

As you know, the Moscow summit has now been arranged for 29 May - 2 June. With real regret, I have decided that in view of this, and of President Reagan's planned visit to London on his way back to Washington, I shall not be able to go ahead with my visit to Poland on 29-31 May.

I am extremely sorry that this postponement has become necessary. It seems to me important that my visit should take place at a time when it will have the fullest international impact, in the interests of both our Governments. If by any chance it were to be convenient for you, I could manage 6-7 June, that is exactly a week later than the dates we had agreed. But I realise that this may well not be possible for you at short notice, in which case we should need to look for dates rather later in the year.

Meanwhile, I continue to look forward greatly to coming to Poland, and send you my best wishes.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency General Wojciech Jaruzelski

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From the Private Secretary

27 March 1988

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO POLAND

Thank you for your letters of 22 and 25 March.

First, as regards dates, the Prime Minister is amenable to our proposing 6 and 7 June to the Poles (with arrival on the evening of 5 June). She has written to Jaruzelski in this sense. I enclose the letter.

Second, as regards the programme, the Prime Minister is reluctant to yield on Gdansk but realises that, for a visit in June at least, there is no option. But if the Poles cannot manage 6/7 June, then the visit will need to be postponed until later in the year. In that event, we should not at this stage indicate to the Poles that we accept their position on Gdansk. When we know whether the Poles accept 6/7 June, I will consult the Prime Minister further on the programme, particularly the idea of a visit to Auschwitz. I am sure that points (b) - (e) inclusive of your letter of 22 March are right.

Yours sincerely,
Charles Powell

C. D. Powell

Lyn Parker, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Charles

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a good chance
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for June we will have to ~~ask~~
change Dr. Rock's time (0930-
1000)

would you like me to do
this with the two direct
or with you?

PRIME MINISTER

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VISIT TO POLAND

I have put to you separately a proposal that we should suggest to the Poles the postponement of your visit by one week, to avoid a clash with the US/Soviet Summit. If you have accepted this suggestion, I think it would be courteous to write to General Jaruzelski. I attach a letter.

But before deciding this, there is a further aspect which we need to settle. We proposed to the Poles that you should visit Gdansk, to lay a wreath at the shipyard workers' memorial and meet Lech Walesa on his home territory rather than in Warsaw. The Poles have rejected this as unacceptable and have said that their refusal is not negotiable. Our Ambassador's assessment is that if we insist on Gdansk, the visit will have to be postponed indefinitely.

Its a fine judgment what best to do. Without Gdansk there is nothing in the programme which other Western leaders have not already done. The visit will not therefore break new ground. While the Russians said that you could go anywhere you wanted in the Soviet Union, the Poles are being more difficult. Arguably they should forfeit the visit (for which they have been pressing): or at the least we should keep on pressing them to let you go to Gdansk. It won't be the end of the world if the visit is postponed sine die. The Polish regime is morally, politically and financially bankrupt. We could make a good public case for our insistence on inclusion of Gdansk.

On the other hand, the Poles have accepted all our other demands - which are pretty stiff - for the programme. We are told by the Embassy that Solidarity would prefer you to go ahead with the visit even without Gdansk. We don't want to forfeit a chance to pursue our policy of giving encouragement to Eastern Europe, or pass up the opportunity to press the

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Poles to reach an agreement with the IMF. There was no substantive reason to go to Gdansk: it was a presentational advantage we sought. There's not much point in visiting a country if you start by annoying your hosts.

The Foreign Secretary's clear advice is that you should go to Poland even without visiting Gdansk. He argues that the remainder of the programme is difficult enough for the Poles to accept and that a visit will exert more pressure on them on human rights issues than a refusal to go. Its really a question of how far you want to push them.

Agree to propose a visit in June, even without visiting Gdansk (in which case, agree to sign attached letter?).

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Prefer to postpone visit until later and continue to press the Poles on Gdansk?

What about going to Gdansk?

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Charles Powell

25 March 1988



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25 March 1988

Dear Charles

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Prime Minister's Visit to Poland

In your letter of 23 March, you asked for advice by the weekend on whether, now that dates for the Moscow Summit have been fixed for 29 May - 2 June, the Prime Minister should go ahead with a visit to Poland on the dates which the Poles had agreed (29-31 May).

The Foreign Secretary is in Switzerland, and has not seen this reply. But I believe he would endorse the views set out below.

The May timing would have been ideal: as you know from our letter of 22 March, the pace of political and economic reform has slowed in Poland in recent months, and the authorities high-level Western encouragement to press on. But our objectives as set out in that letter would still be valid, if the visit were now postponed and reinstated later in the year. As you know, Jaruzelski is very keen for it to take place. The Poles would certainly make every effort to accommodate any fresh dates the Prime Minister were able to suggest.

We recommend therefore that the Poles should be told that, in view of the dates now fixed for the Moscow summit, the Prime Minister will unfortunately need to remain in London over that period. We would stress that she attaches importance to the visit, and to carrying it out in circumstances which will not involve any loss of the wide international impact which both sides wish to gain from it. If (in spite of the caution in your letter) the Prime Minister is able to suggest alternative dates straight away, we would then go on to propose these to the Poles. If not, we would say that fresh dates will be proposed in due course: we hope for a visit later this year. Mr Barder in Warsaw has recommended that the Prime Minister should in addition send a short personal message to Jaruzelski. I enclose a draft (which assumes that it will not, in fact, be possible for you to identify alternative dates straight away).

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There are two further points which the Prime Minister will wish to bear in mind. First, Mr Barder is due to leave Warsaw in mid-June. His successor will not arrive there, on present plans, until late August. Second, consideration needs to be given, in reaching a decision on what should now be said to the Poles, to the question of a visit to Gdansk. Our view remains that it would be worthwhile for the Prime Minister to go ahead with a visit to Poland, even if Gdansk were not included, provided that the conditions set out in that letter were met. If we now speak to the Poles along the lines of the foregoing paragraph but say nothing about the visit to Gdansk, they will conclude that the Prime Minister does not intend to insist on meeting Walesa there rather than in Warsaw. If therefore the Prime Minister wishes to press for the inclusion of Gdansk, we ought to make this to make clear to the Poles now. (Mr Barder's view is that, in that case, the visit will in effect be postponed indefinitely. As you know, he believes that the Polish authorities will not be open to persuasion about Gdansk).

You will also wish to consider how a decision to postpone the visit should be explained to the press. The May dates had not been announced, but had become generally known both here and in Poland. We would propose to tell the Poles that the press here will be told that the Prime Minister unfortunately now has to remain in London in late May, but has sent a message to General Jaruzelski, and hopes to rearrange her visit to Poland before the end of 1988.

Yours ever

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TO: His Excellency General Wojciech

Your Reference

Jaruzelski

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Chairman of the Council of State of the Polish People's Republic

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CAVEAT.....

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I am extremely sorry that this postponement has become necessary. It seems to me important that my visit should take place at a time when it will have the fullest international impact, in the interests of both our Governments. I hope to be in a position to propose alternative dates shortly - I hope very much that I shall be able to come before the end of this

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By any chance it were to be convenient for you, I could

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manage to 6/7 June, which is exactly a week later than we had agreed. It may well be possible for you to look for dates rather later in the year.

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Meanwhile, I continue to look forward greatly to coming to Poland, and send you my best wishes.



Am TOURS: Paid Feb '88

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PRIME MINISTER

VISIT TO POLAND

You agreed that it would be right to postpone your visit to Poland given that President Reagan will be in Moscow at precisely the same time. It would be a pity to let the visit go altogether. Tessa has identified Monday 6 and Tuesday 7 June as possible alternative dates. I attach the relevant pages of your forward diary so that you can see the other engagements at about that time. A visit on 6 and 7 June would of course mean missing the first Prime Minister's Questions after the Whitsun Recess. But it would be for a good cause.

Agree that we can propose 6/7 June to the Poles?

Yes

C.D.P.

(C. D. POWELL)

24 March 1988

Thursday 19 May

0830 Hair
0900 Questions briefing team
1300 Lunch and Questions briefing
1515 QUESTIONS
1545 KEEP FREE FOR MPs
Keep free for speech

Friday, 20 May

Keep free for possible speech writing
KEEP FREE

Saturday 21 May

KEEP FREE

Sunday 22 May

Keep free for speech writing

Monday 23 May

0830 Hair
1000 Week Ahead Meeting
1030 Diary Meeting
1215 Meeting with colleagues
1300 Followed by lunch
1830 KEEP FREE

Tuesday, 24 May

0900 Questions Briefing Team
1300 Lunch and Questions Briefing
1515 QUESTIONS
1545 CRANLEY ONSLOW MP
1600 KEEP FREE FOR MPs
1830 AUDIENCE

Wednesday, 25 May

Keep free
1400c DEPART No.10
am-1600 WOMENS CONFERENCE BARBICAN

Thursday 26 May

0830 Hair
0900 Questions Briefing Team
? Cabinet
1300 Lunch and Questions Briefing
1515 QUESTIONS
1545 KEEP FREE FOR MPs
1700 RETURN TO NO.10
Change
1900 for 1930 COMMEMORATION FEAST + DT GROCERS' HALL

Friday 27 May House rises?

REGIONAL TOUR
RETURN TO NO.10 - OVERNIGHT AT NO. 10

Sunday 29 May - Tuesday 31 May

OVERSEAS (cancelled)

*Thursday/Friday 2/3 June President Ruzven's Visit*Monday 6 June

House returns?

Tuesday, 7 June

0900 Questions Briefing Team
 0930-1000 Dr Mock +CDP
 1300 Lunch and Questions Briefing
 1515 QUESTIONS
 1545 KEEP FREE FOR MPs
 1830 AUDIENCE

Wednesday, 8 June

0830c VISIT TESCOS? COLNEY HATCH LANE
 1000c RETURN TO NO.10
 1200 Mr. Renwick + CDP
 1300? PRESS ASSOCIATION LUNCH
 1700 Chancellor + PG
 1800-1930 Reception for Teesside Business in the Community

Thursday 9 June

0830 Hair
 0900 Questions Briefing Team
 1000? Cabinet
 1300 Lunch and Questions Briefing
 1515 QUESTIONS
 1550 DEPART H/C
 1600 OPEN ANTIQUES FAIR, GROSVENOR HOUSE
 1700c RETURN TO NO.10
 1730-1830 Talks with President of Tanzania +CDP
 1945 for 2000 Dinner with President Mwinyi of Tanzania

Saturday 11 June

Trooping the Colour

Monday 13 June

0830 Hair
 1000 Week Ahead Meeting
 1030 Diary Meeting
 ?GUARD OF HONOUR
 1200 ?Talks with Saudi Arabian Crown Prince + CDP
 1300 Followed by lunch ?
 EVENING ATTEND OPERA AT COVENT GARDEN

Tuesday 14 June

0900 Questions Briefing Team
 1300 Lunch and Questions Briefing
 1515 QUESTIONS
 1545 CRANLEY ONSLOW MP
 1600 KEEP FREE FOR MPs
 1700 Ida Nudel +CDP

CHARLES

DATES FOR POLAND

I have taken 29-31 May out of the diary.

On looking through for other dates 6/7 June is one possibility if the Prime Minister were prepared to miss Questions on the 7th (that is the day the House reassembles after the Recess).

An alternative would be 1/2 September.

I have not put anything in the diary. Would you like me to ask the PM or will you?

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24 March 1988

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PRIME MINISTER

US/SOVIET SUMMIT

The dates of the US/Soviet Summit have now been set from Sunday,
29 May - Thursday, 2 June (the week of the Whitsun Recess).

This means it is likely, though not yet confirmed, that President
Reagan will come here on Friday, 3 June. You were planning
to be at Chequers.

We shall also need to consider the implications for your visit
to Poland, at present planned for 30/31 May. It will probably
be best to postpone it.

Yes

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23 March, 1988.

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From the Private Secretary

23 March, 1988.

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO POLAND

Now that the dates for the US/Soviet Summit in Moscow have been set as 29 May/2 June (with the likelihood that President Reagan will come here on 3 June), we shall need to reach an early decision on what to do about the Prime Minister's visit to Poland. There is little doubt in my mind that it would be best to postpone it because it would inevitably be much overshadowed by the Summit and not receive the attention which is a good part of its purpose. But I have to caution that it will not be easy to find alternative dates.

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I should be grateful if you could let me have advice before the weekend.

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