

PRIME MINISTER

YOUR MEETING WITH MRS THATCHER: FOREIGN POLICY

At your meeting with Mrs Thatcher tomorrow you may want to cover:

1. Former Soviet Union
 - Visit of President Yeltsin
 - Food/medical aid
 - IMF membership/long term economic aid.

2. Special Meeting of the UN Security Council
 - Your meeting with President Bush

3. Iraq
 - Action against Saddam Hussein (see separate minute in hot box) e.g. a stepping up covert propaganda campaign.
 - Maintenance of sanctions.
 - Countering the Iraqi blockade of Kurdish areas.
 - Possibility of extending the ban on Iraqi aviation from 36° to 35° north.

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I doubt if you will want to raise Yugoslavia. Mrs Thatcher might, though we have done what she wanted in recognising Croatia.

Would you like notes on any of the above?


J.S. Wall

5 February 1992

c: thatcher (MJ)

PRIME MINISTER

cc. Mr. Turnbull

CALL BY VICE PRESIDENT QUAYLE ON MRS. THATCHER

Brent Scowcroft telephoned today to say that a call had been fixed by Vice President Quayle on Mrs. Thatcher during Mr. Quayle's forthcoming visit to London. For programming reasons the call had to take place before the Vice President's meeting with you. This was not how they would have wanted things, but Brent hoped this would not cause difficulties. I said that we had no problem with this arrangement. I said that, in private, Mrs. Thatcher had been critical of the British and American Governments for not doing enough for Russia, but none of this had emerged publicly during President Yeltsin's visit. [In fact, on television, Mrs. Thatcher said that the British Government had taken the lead in support for Russia.]



JSW

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J. Judith

When I saw the Prime Minister last Thursday I undertook to let him have a note about what we would like his predecessor to do during an Election campaign before he sees her tomorrow evening.

As you probably know the Daily Express and maybe other newspapers know about this meeting - not, needless to say, from our end.

The Prime Minister will of course want to let Mrs. Thatcher know that we will be happy to provide any support for her election tour which she would like. We have imagined that she would want above all to visit her closest friends and I am seeing Peter Morrison and Gerald Howarth later today to discuss the sort of itinerary they may have in mind for her. In addition to this we are very keen that Mrs. Thatcher should speak at the Candidates' Conference which could be on 22nd March at the Q.E. II Centre, if the Election is on 9th April. We would hope that Margaret would speak during the televised morning session at which the Prime Minister will also address the candidates. This would mean from the outset of the campaign her support would be publicly known.

I understand that Margaret's entourage are letting it be known that if she were not invited to the final rally she would be "hurt". It may be that inviting her to a rally at the beginning of the campaign as we are proposing will get around this difficulty. I must say for the time being I would want to avoid any commitment about the final rally which I think should be as forward-looking as possible.

The Prime Minister may also want to make it plain to Margaret that we will welcome one or two strong speeches from her during the campaign, not least attacking Labour, and will give these occasions all the media support we can.

We would not propose inviting her to any of our press conferences: I do not imagine she will press us on this.

Chris Patten

Mrs. Judith Chaplin.



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