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1 June 1979

Prime Minister

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Dear Bryan

Would you agree to see  
Dr. Waldheim for, say,  
an hour on 12 July? It would be a good  
opportunity to discuss Cyprus. But  
A friend ans. 4/6

Visit to London by UN Secretary-General

You asked for advice on UKMis New York telno 509 (enclosed), which reports that the Secretary-General of the United Nations would like to visit London at an early opportunity to meet the Prime Minister and the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary. Dr Waldheim proposes 29 June or 12 July, with a preference for the latter.

Lord Carrington thinks there would be advantage in early discussions with Dr Waldheim and that it would be appropriate to invite him as an official guest of the Government. 29 June is ruled out by the Tokyo Summit; Thursday, 12 July, however, looks more promising. Lord Carrington suggests the Prime Minister might receive Dr Waldheim for a call in the late afternoon; this need not last more than 40 minutes.

Lord Carrington would himself propose to have a longer talk with Dr Waldheim earlier on in the afternoon and to give a dinner for him the same evening.

I am copying this letter to Martin Vile (Cabinet Office).

Yours ever,  
Stephen

J S Wall  
Private Secretary

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26 June 1979

Visit to London by Dr. Waldheim

Thank you for your letter of 25 June about the arrangements which have been made for Dr. Waldheim's visit to London on 12 July and its designation as a "working visit".

The Prime Minister is content with these arrangements and with the suggestion that Dr. Waldheim should be invited to pay an official visit to London sometime next year.

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1. Min Hedges ✓
2. Prime Minister

Content with this arrangement?

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Yes no

Dear Bryan,

Visit to London by Dr Waldheim

Thank you for your letter of ~~6~~ June telling us that the Prime Minister agreed that the UN Secretary-General should be invited as the Government's official guest and that she would receive him on 12 July at 1700.

We subsequently received UKMis New York telno 578 (copy enclosed) suggesting that Dr Waldheim hoped he could be invited for a meal. Your office told us that the Prime Minister's diary was already so full that she would not be able to give Dr Waldheim a meal on this occasion. We therefore asked the Mission in New York to explain this to Dr Waldheim's office and to ask whether, in these circumstances, he would prefer that next month's visit should be classed as a working visit, in which case we would hope to arrange an official visit at some future date.

U Dr Waldheim has accepted this suggestion and said he hopes that an official visit might be arranged for next year. Lord Carrington regards this as a satisfactory outcome. He himself proposes to have a meeting with Dr Waldheim at 15.30 on 12 July following which, if the Prime Minister wishes, he would accompany Dr Waldheim to his call on her. Lord Carrington will entertain Dr and Mrs Waldheim that evening; they would depart for Africa on the following morning.

That is the sum of the official programme for the Secretary-General. He may have one or two unofficial engagements during the morning of 12 July, eg with the UN Association.

Yours ever,  
Stephen

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TELECON REITH/BYATT: VISIT BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

1. WE HAVE TOLD WALDHEIM'S OFFICE ABOUT THE ARRANGEMENTS PROPOSED FOR 12 JULY. THEY HAD IN FACT ALREADY HEARD FROM UNIC LONDON. THEY SAY THAT WALDHEIM IS VERY PLEASED AND, UNLESS THERE ARE THINGS WE WISH HIM TO DO, WOULD NOT MIND A FREE MORNING.

2. THEY SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THERE IS ONE POINT WHICH GIVES HIM CONSIDERABLE CONCERN IF THE VISIT IS TO BE AN OFFICIAL ONE (WE SAID WE WERE NOT YET SURE, BUT THOUGHT THAT SUCH WAS THE INTENTION). IT IS APPARENTLY THE PRACTICE THAT, WHEN ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO A MEMBER STATE, HOWEVER SHORT, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL RECEIVES HOSPITALITY FROM THE HEAD OF GOVERNMENT. HIS OFFICE REMINDED US THAT, ON HIS LAST VISIT TO LONDON, HE HAD LUNCH WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND DINNER WITH THE PRIME MINISTER. HE DOES NOT WISH NEXT MONTH'S VISIT TO LOOK "LESS IMPORTANT". HE VERY MUCH HOPES THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO FIT IN A MEAL, EITHER LUNCH OR DINNER, WITH THE PRIME MINISTER. HIS OFFICE SAY THAT, SINCE HE WILL BE TRAVELLING IN HIS OWN AIRCRAFT, IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE, THOUGH DIFFICULT, FOR HIM TO EXTEND HIS VISIT UNTIL AFTER LUNCH ON FRIDAY 13 JULY.

3. PLEASE ASCERTAIN AND LET US KNOW HOW WE SHOULD RESPOND TO THIS SOUNDING.

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*From the Private Secretary*

6 June 1979

Visit to London by Dr. Waldheim

Thank you for your letter of 1 June about Dr. Waldheim's forthcoming visit to London.

The Prime Minister agrees that Dr. Waldheim should be invited as the Government's official guest and she would be glad to receive him on 12 July at 1700, probably in the House of Commons, for one hour.

I should be grateful if briefing for the Prime Minister's meeting with Dr. Waldheim could reach me not later than 1800 on Friday 6 July.

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FROM UKMIS NEW YORK 240018Z MAY 79  
TO PRIORITY F C O  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 509 OF 23 MAY

FW advice  
to follow.

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VISIT TO LONDON BY UN SECRETARY-GENERAL

1. WALDHEIM'S OFFICE TELEPHONED THIS EVENING TO SAY THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WOULD LIKE TO TAKE AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO MEET YOU AND THE PRIME MINISTER. HE IS DUE TO ATTEND THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL SESSION, OPENING IN GENEVA ON 4 JULY, VISIT "A COUPLE OF EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES", AND THEN GO TO MONROVIA FOR THE OPENING OF THE OAU SUMMIT. HE COULD SPEND 29 JUNE OR 12 JULY IN LONDON IN THE COURSE OF THIS PROGRAMME. HIS PREFERENCE WOULD BE 12 JULY.

2. WE WERE ASKED WHETHER SUCH A VISIT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE IN PRINCIPLE AND WHETHER EITHER DATE WOULD BE CONVENIENT.

3. FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THIS POST, IT WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE HELPFUL IF YOU WERE ABLE TO RECEIVE WALDHEIM. IF THE CRITERIA PERMIT, HE MIGHT BE ASKED TO BE A GUEST OF HMG, AS ON HIS VISIT IN 1977.

4. GRATEFUL FOR INSTRUCTIONS AS TO WHAT REPLY WE SHOULD GIVE.

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