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From the Private Secretary

21 May 1984

Dear Peter,

CALL ON THE PRIME MINISTER BY THE  
US SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

Most of the conversation between the Prime Minister and Mrs. Dole, when the latter called at No. 10 this evening, was about the US election campaign and the policy which the US Administration was following with regard to the liberalisation of transport and services. All this was of a fairly general nature and I do not propose to record it.

You should know, however, that the US Ambassador, who accompanied Mrs. Dole, used the occasion to seek from the Prime Minister her assessment of the situation in the Gulf and of the prospects for a settlement of the European budget issue.

In reply to Mr. Price's questions about the Gulf, the Prime Minister said that she had heard an excellent radio interview which Mr. Perle had given this morning and had found herself in substantial agreement with it. We believed that the emphasis must be put on a diplomatic solution; we sought the closest consultation with our allies; and we understood that the United States was not prepared to contemplate military intervention without a request from the States concerned. It did not appear that the possible closure of the Straits of Hormuz was an immediate issue. The present problem was how to persuade Iraq and Iran not to attack shipping. The difficult question was whether the recent attacks on shipping were a short-lived episode or the harbinger of a policy which would continue into the future. World stocks of oil were high at present. We should be able to cope with a temporary stoppage. The Prime Minister added that she was pleased with the fact of close US/UK consultation on these matters and the similarity of view which seemed to exist. In response to a question from Mr. Price, she said that the French attitude was difficult - France, as was not unknown, was hesitant about joining in Western consultations.

/ On the question



On the question of the EC budget, the Prime Minister said that she believed that President Mitterrand took the view that the Governments concerned would not be able to make concessions during the European election campaign. If this was so, the next opportunity to settle the matter would be at the European Council at the end of June.

I am copying this letter to Alison Truphet (Department of Transport).

*Yours ever*

*John Cole.*

Peter Ricketts, Esq.,  
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*From the Private Secretary*

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When he accompanied the US Secretary of Transportation in her call on the Prime Minister this afternoon, the US Ambassador referred to the forthcoming visit to London by President Reagan, observed that the President would be staying at Winfield House for six days and said that he believed that this might be the longest period an American President had ever stayed in a US Embassy abroad. It occurred to me that this might mean that no former US President had ever stayed so long in London. If so, this would be an interesting point to make public during the President's visit. Would it be possible to check the facts and let me know whether this supposition is true?

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18 May 1984

Dear David

/ I attach a brief for the Prime Minister's meeting with Mrs Elizabeth Dole, United States Secretary for Transportation at 5.15 on Monday 21 May. If you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours ever

Alison Truphet.

ALISON TRUPHET  
Private Secretary



BRIEF FOR PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING WITH MRS ELIZABETH DOLE,  
UNITED STATES SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORTATION

5.15pm MONDAY 21 MAY 1984

1. The Prime Minister has agreed to receive Mrs Dole for a short courtesy call at 5.15pm on Monday 21 May.
2. A biographical note is attached.
3. Mrs Dole is in London at the invitation of the Secretary of State for Transport, with whom she is having talks during the afternoon of 21 May. During their meeting Mrs Dole and Mr Ridley will sign an aide-memoire extending a formal Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation between their 2 Departments on transport policy questions. This Memorandum has in practice been limited to inland transport questions and DTp has concluded that its deliberate extension to shipping and aviation would not be helpful at present. But Mrs Dole and Mr Ridley are likely to take the opportunity to exchange views on shipping and aviation. A round of official-level talks between the US and the European countries of the Consultative Shipping Group took place from 14-18 May: their aim is to preserve the current liberal regime in world shipping, shipping being one of the few service sectors where the task is to preserve liberalisation rather than bring it about. Mr Ridley is giving a dinner party for her on Monday evening.
4. On Tuesday 22 May, Mrs Dole flies to Oslo for the Council meeting of the European Conference of Ministers of Transport (including almost all Western European countries), of which US is an associate member. Mrs Chalker will be attending for UK. Mrs Dole will be addressing the Council briefly on 23 May about Deregulation Policy in the United States.
5. Before returning to the United States Mrs Dole will be coming back to England for a short private visit during which she hopes to see her ancestral home near Evesham.



ELIZABETH DOLE

US Secretary of Transportation

Born Salisbury, North Carolina, 29 July 1936. Graduated in political science, Duke University, 1958, followed by postgraduate study at Oxford. Received an MA in Education from Harvard in 1960. She then studied law and was admitted to the District of Columbia bar in 1966. Staff Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Education, Health and Welfare 1966-67, then returned to legal practice 1967-68. Associate Director and subsequently Executive Director, President's Commission for Consumer Interests, Washington 1968-71. Deputy Director, Office of Consumer Affairs, the White House, 1971-73. Member, Federal Trade Commission (FTC) 1973-79, with a brief interlude in 1976 to help her husband's campaign as Vice-Presidential running-mate to President Ford. She finally resigned from the FTC in 1979 to take part in her husband's unsuccessful campaign for the Republican Presidential Nomination, later working in the Reagan campaign and in the Reagan transition team.

Mrs Dole was the President's Assistant for Public Liaison at the White House from 1981 to January 1983 when she was appointed to her current position. She was the second woman to be appointed to Reagan's Cabinet (the first being Jeane Kirkpatrick, and followed later in January 1983 by the appointment of a third, Margaret Heckler as Secretary of Health and Human Services). Her appointment was seen as part of an attempt to silence criticism from women's groups unhappy with the Administrations performance on women's issues.

Mrs Dole married (in 1975) Senator Robert Dole, Republican Senator from Kansas, currently Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and thought to be a strong contender for the 1988 Republican Presidential nomination. Mrs Dole herself is often mentioned as a possible Republican Vice-Presidential candidate.

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*From the Private Secretary*

21 March 1984

Visit of US Secretary for Transportation

Thank you for your letter of 14 March.

The Prime Minister would be glad to see Mrs. Dole at 1715 hours on Monday, 21 May.

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I am copying this letter to Roger Bone (Foreign and Commonwealth Office).

A. J. COLES

Mrs. Alison Truphet,  
Department of Transport.

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