

Thatcher Visit

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ACTION

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MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN M. POINDEXTER

FROM: *Frank Lavin* FRANK LAVIN/PETER *Peter* POWELL

SUBJECT: Thatcher Visit

We need to nail down the scenario for the Thatcher visit. Jim Kuhn has taken a strong, personal interest in the arrangements, since he will be at Camp David and he was the one who organized her December 1984 visit there.

Kuhn has made it clear that the President wishes to honor Mrs. Thatcher's request for a private meeting and to keep the numbers very small. We have consulted closely with him, and according to Jim, the President wants to start with a one-on-one, with no notetakers; and then move to a wider group at a working lunch, which will be preceded by informal cocktails. Mrs. Thatcher will be accompanied to Camp David by Ambassador Acland and her Private Secretary, Charles Powell.

We think we have done everything to accommodate the British -- indeed we cannot recall any previous meeting in which the President played such a direct role in the arrangements. The British, nonetheless, continue to want more, and Powell may call you.

The British have asked for more time -- they would like to start earlier. We see no need. We are already offering not only Camp David, but also nearly an hour longer than the time allocated in Washington for official working visits. The British have also suggested that we forego the cocktails after the tete-a-tete private meeting before lunch, in favor of a sit down session. The informal drinks apparently are a mainstay at Camp David (we did the same thing the last time she was here) and add to the informality of the Saturday session. Moreover, we are planning a real working lunch (sit down discussions) and she is having separate meetings with Shultz and Weinberger on Friday. There is also a basic principle: the President is, after all, the host.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the Tab I memo to Don Regan, reflecting the scenario the President suggested.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachment
Tab I Memo to Regan