



Prime Minister

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Neither date mentioned at

London SW1A 2AH

A would be very convenient. But would you be content for the meeting to take place subject to finding a suitable date (possibly 19 May)?

17 March 1980

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Dear Michael,

Visit by Portuguese Prime Minister and Foreign Minister

The Portuguese Prime Minister and his deputy, who is also Foreign Minister, are proposing to make a short visit to London in late April or early May as part of a wider tour of capitals of the Nine and Athens. The purpose of the visits will be to give an impetus to the negotiations for Portuguese accession to the European Community.

The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary recommends that the Prime Minister should agree in principle to receive Dr Sa Carneiro and Professor Freitas do Amaral. The visit would be a short working one. A session of talks, which would certainly not need to start before noon and might even be confined to thirty minutes, followed by a working lunch, would seem appropriate. The Portuguese might wish to call on other Ministers in order to discuss particular aspects of the negotiations in detail.

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We now need to discuss dates with the Portuguese. I understand that 28 April or 12 May might be convenient for the Prime Minister. I should be grateful if you would let me know whether she would be prepared to receive the Portuguese on one of these dates.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Private Secretary to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Secretary of State for Trade, the Secretary of State for Industry and the Minister of Agriculture.

*Yours ever
Frederic Lyne*

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Private Secretary

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20 March 1980

Visit by the Portuguese Prime Minister
and Foreign Minister

The Prime Minister has seen your letter to me of 17 March about the visit to London of Dr Sa Carneiro and Professor Freitas do Amaral. The Prime Minister has agreed to receive both men provided a suitable date can be found. As Caroline Stephens has already told you neither the 28 April nor 12 May would be convenient. She has suggested 19 May as an alternative date.

I am sending copies of this letter to John Wiggins (HM Treasury), Stuart Hampson (Department of Trade), Ian Ellison (Department of Industry) and Garth Waters (MAFF).

Paul Lever Esq
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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MR. ALEXANDER

c.c. Mrs. Goodchild

The two substitutes for the lunch today
are:

Dr. Corte Real: Private Secretary to
Deputy Prime Minister

Dr. Rogerio Martins: Economic Adviser
to Prime Minister.

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19 May 1980

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From the Private Secretary

14 May 1980

Visit of Portuguese Prime Minister : 19 May

Given that the Portuguese wish to field a substantial delegation for the pre-lunch talks next Monday, I agree that Lord Moran, Mr. Bullard and Mr. Hannay should all attend the talks on our side. Since the meeting will therefore in effect become a Plenary Session, I would be grateful if you would provide a note-taker as well.

M. O'D. B. ALEXANDER

Paul Lever, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

14 May 1980

Dear Michael,

Visit of Portuguese Prime Minister, 19 May

I should welcome your views on attendance at the talks with the Portuguese Prime Minister at 12 noon on 19 May which precede the working lunch. Attendance at the lunch itself has, I think, already been settled (on our side it will be the Prime Minister, the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, Mr Walker, Mr Nott, Lord Moran, Mr Hannay and a Private Secretary).

The Portuguese have told us that they would like the pre-lunch session to be devoted to a general tour d'horizon on international issues, saving discussion on EEC matters until the working lunch. If all the Portuguese party were to attend, they would number seven, three Ministers, three Chefs du Cabinet and the Portuguese Ambassador. If it were thought essential to restrict numbers on their side, it would be possible to ask them to leave out the Chefs du Cabinet to the Foreign Minister and the Minister for European Integration, who will not be attending the working lunch. On the British side, in addition to the Prime Minister herself, Lord Carrington thinks it would be helpful if, as well as our Ambassador at Lisbon, Lord Moran and Julian Bullard could attend; and, in case EEC matters come up, perhaps David Hannay, who will be at the lunch, might also be present. I realise that this makes for rather a large meeting but the Portuguese have made it hard to reduce numbers by having a party of three Ministers and proposing a wide ranging agenda.

Perhaps you would let me know soon what you decide. We shall be sending you the briefs later this week.

Yours etc

Paul

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Private Secretary

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cc/ Sue Goodchild

30 April 1980

The Prime Minister has seen your letter to me of 28 April and has approved the guest list attached to it.

MICHAEL ALEXANDER

Paul Lever, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

28 April 1980

Prime Minister ^①
concern with proposed
guest list?

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Yes no

Dear Michael,

Visit of the Portuguese Prime Minister
and Foreign Minister

Your letter of 17 April asked for a guest list for the Prime Minister's working lunch for the Portuguese Prime Minister on 19 May.

I attach a draft list. The only uncertainty is whether Mr Walker will be able to attend; if he cannot, Mr Buchanan-Smith would be available in his stead.

Yours
Paul

(P Lever)
Private Secretary

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VISIT OF PORTUGUESE PRIME MINISTER: WORKING LUNCH WITH PRIME
MINISTER - 19 MAY

PROPOSED GUEST LIST

The Rt Hon Mrs Margaret Thatcher MP	Prime Minister
HE Dr Francisco Sa Carneiro	Prime Minister of Portugal
HE Prof Diogo Freitas do Amaral	Deputy Prime Minister of Portugal
HE Dr Rui Almeida Mendes	Secretary of State for European Integration
HE Sr J Freitas-Cruz	Portuguese Ambassador
Dr Antonio Patricio Gouveia	Head of the Portuguese Prime Minister's Office
The Rt Hon the Lord Carrington KCMG MC	Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs
(The Rt Hon Mr Peter Walker MBE MP	Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food
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(Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, MP	Minister of State, MAFF
Mr Cecil Parkinson, MP	Minister of State, Department of Trade
The Lord Moran, CMG	HM Ambassador, Lisbon
Mr D H A Hannay	Assistant Under-Secretary of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office
Private Secretary	



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Mrs Goodchild.

17 April 1980

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2) HF 16.5.80Visit by the Portuguese Prime Minister
and Foreign Minister

You wrote to me on 8 April about the visit to be made by Dr. Sa Carneiro and Professor do Amaral to London next month. The lunch will be a working meal for 12. It would be helpful to receive a draft guest list by Monday 28 April and to receive the briefs by close of play on Friday 16 May.

MICHAEL ALEXANDER

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Paul Lever, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

8 April 1980

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Dear Michael,

VISIT BY THE PORTUGUESE PRIME MINISTER
AND FOREIGN MINISTER

We have now heard that Dr Sa Carneiro and Professor do Amaral have accepted the proposal that their one day visit to London should take place on 19 May (your letter of 20 March).

Perhaps you could now let me know the date by which you would like to receive briefs and the numbers for the working lunch, for which we will let you have a draft guest list.

Yours etc

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Private Secretary

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