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Dear John,

Thank you for your letter of 15 November asking for advice on the letter of 11 November to the Prime Minister from Dr Wakman, Secretary-General of the Afghan Social Democratic Party. I enclose a draft reply declining Dr Wakman's request for a meeting with the Prime Minister during CHOGM.

The Afghan Social Democratic Party is a party of Pushtoon nationalists, some of whom may remain in touch with the Karmal regime. It exerted some influence in the 1960s and early 1970s but dispersed after the coup in April 1978 which installed the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan.

Dr Wakman met a member of the South Asian Department here last August to discuss his efforts to raise funds for medical and food supplies for the Afghan refugees, but he did not ask for HMG's assistance. It seems that his party has recently drawn closer to the so-called 'moderate' alliance of Afghan resistance groups. However, we do not consider Dr Wakman to be of sufficient importance to warrant an interview with the Prime Minister or with any member of the Prime Minister's party at CHOGM.

As you will see, the draft suggests that Dr Wakman might call instead on the High Commission in Delhi and once it has issued, we will copy the correspondence to Delhi.

Yours ever,

Peter Ricketts

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.....In Confidence

Thank you for your letter of 11 November to the Prime Minister in which you ask for a meeting with the Prime Minister during the forthcoming Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting in New Delhi.

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Unfortunately the Prime Minister's programme will not allow any opportunity for a meeting. However, I am sure that a member of the British High Commission in New Delhi would be glad to discuss with you the Afghan Social Democrats' proposals and any other matters relating to Afghanistan.

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From the Private Secretary

18 November, 1983

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Dr. M. Amin Wakman

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From the Private Secretary

15 November 1983

AFGHANISTAN

I enclose a copy of a letter which the Prime Minister has received from the Secretary General of the Afghan Social Democratic Party. Dr. Wakman seeks a meeting with the Prime Minister or her representative in New Delhi during CHOGM.

I should be grateful for advice and a draft reply for my signature as soon as possible please.

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A. J. COLES

Peter Ricketts, Esq.,
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AFGHAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY

No. : ASDP/ND/387
Date : Nov. 11, 1983

Mrs Margareth Thatcher,
Prime Minister of U.K.
London.

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Your Excellency: _____

We are working for the freedom of Afghanistan and
for a peaceful political solution of the Afghan problem.
Our work has been recognised and supported by the Socialist
International.

We shall appreciate if you will give us a chance to
meet you or your representative in New Delhi during the forthcoming
Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting. We eagerly await
your positive reply so that we can acquaint you with the
proposals advanced by the Afghan Social Democrats and its
alliance partners as well as the guidelines given by ex King
Zahir Shah of Afghanistan from his exile in Rome.

With regards,

Sincerely yours,

Dr. M. Amin Wakman

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