

PRIME MINISTER

MEETING WITH MR. LUBBERS: 29 APRIL

Mr. Lubbers is coming to Chequers at 1600 on 29 April for talks and an early working supper. He will leave again at 1930.

Mr. Lubbers will be accompanied by his Foreign and Defence Ministers, his Private Secretary and the Dutch Ambassador. The Foreign Secretary, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and our Ambassador in The Hague will also be present.

I suggest that you have a first session of talks with Mr. Lubbers alone (plus notetakers) while the others meet separately. We might then have a plenary session from 1700 to 1800: drinks from 1830: and continue over supper from 1830 to 1930.

Content with this format and participation?

CDD

I thought it
was only Lubbers
and myself.

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C. D. POWELL

25 April 1989

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PRIME MINISTER

MEETING WITH MR. LUBBERS

You did actually agree earlier to Foreign and Finance Ministers.
 You will recall that under the Dutch Constitution, the Foreign
 Minister has a separate responsibility and Mr. Lubbers in
 practice always brings Van der Broek. The purpose of having
 Finance Ministers is to discuss the Delors Report on which
 the Dutch Finance Minister - rara avis - seems relatively
 helpful.

Agree to proposed format and participation?

C.D.?

Yes

C. D. POWELL

26 April 1989

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cc Hig Lambert
Sue Goodchild

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From the Private Secretary

25 April 1989

Dear Richard,

ANGLO-DUTCH MEETING AT CHEQUERS ON SATURDAY 29 APRIL

I have had some further discussion with Mr. Lubbers' office about the arrangements for this meeting. We have agreed on the following:

- 1600 Dutch party arrive (Mr. Lubbers, Mr. Van den Broek, Mr. Ruding, Mr. Merklebach and Ambassadors).
Tea in Great Hall
- 1615-1700 Separate talks: Prime Minister and Mr. Lubbers, accompanied by Mr. Merklebach and Mr. Powell.

Foreign and Finance Ministers accompanied by Ambassadors
- 1700-1800 Full delegation talks
- 1800-1830 Drinks
- 1830-1930 Supper
- 1930 Depart

The Prime Minister has agreed that Ambassadors should be present for supper, but since the Dutch Ambassador will accompany the party from RAF Benson we can hardly send him away again, so I suggest they should come to Chequers at 1600. You will wish to inform our Ambassador in The Hague.

Yours sincerely
C. D. Powell

C. D. POWELL

Richard Gozney, Esq.,
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MR. POWELL

Meeting and Working Supper with Netherlands Prime Minister
Saturday, 29 April

I attach the list of guests attending the talks and working
supper next Saturday. Is this list correct?

Dot at Chequers is working on the following timetable
for the visit:

1600	Tea on arrival in Great Hall
	Talks ?
	Drinks in Great Hall
	Dinner
	Departments

1800
1900
1830
1915
1930
2030

Where would you like the talks to take place?

I have not included the Ambassadors?

Sue

24 April 1989

LIST OF GUESTS ATTENDING THE TALKS AND WORKING SUPPER ON
SATURDAY, 29 APRIL 1989

The Prime Minister
and Mr. Denis Thatcher (for supper)
His Excellency Dr. Ruud R.M. Lubbers Prime Minister of the Kingdom
of the Netherlands

Mr. van den Broek

Mr. Ruding

Mr. Merkelbach

Rt. Hon. Sir Geoffrey Howe, MP

Rt. Hon. Nigel Lawson, MP

Mr. Charles Powell

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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20 April 1989

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Dear Charles,

Visit of Mr Lubbers: 29 April

Thank you for your letter of 17 April. Mr Lubbers' office have confirmed that he is content with the revised times you have suggested. We have informed the Chancellor's Office.

I am copying this letter to Jonathan Taylor (HMT).

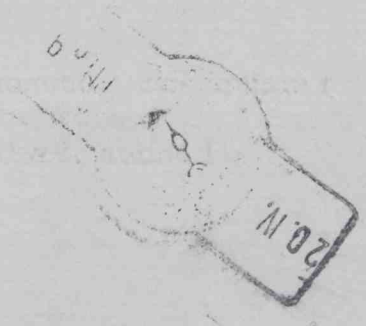
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From the Private Secretary

17 April 1989

VISIT OF MR LUBBERS

As you know, Mr Lubbers is due to come to Chequers on Saturday 29 April with his Foreign and Finance Ministers, for talks followed by a working lunch. There is now a difficulty over the timing of this meeting. The memorial service for the victims of the Hillsborough Stadium tragedy is to be held in Liverpool at 1100 a.m. that day. The Prime Minister will attend and will need time afterwards to meet the families of the victims (although knowledge of this should, for reasons of security, be very tightly restricted indeed). The Prime Minister could be back at Chequers in time for a meeting with Mr Lubbers and his colleagues starting at 1600 and continuing over an early working supper, if that were convenient. If not, we shall have to look for an alternative date.

I think the only course is for our Ambassador to explain the Prime Minister's dilemma frankly to Mr Lubbers (or his office) asking them on no account to reveal publicly the reason why we have to seek this change. I should be grateful if you could instruct him to do so, expressing the Prime Minister's regrets for the inconvenience.

Charles Powell

Richard Gozney Esq
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From the Private Secretary

3 March 1989

ANGLO-DUTCH BILATERAL, 29 APRIL

Thank you for your letter of 3 March about the Anglo-Dutch bilateral on 29 April. As you know the Prime Minister likes to keep these small. She has agreed to extend it to Foreign Ministers, subsequently to Finance Ministers as well, but now you want to add Ambassadors. She has not in the past had Ambassadors at these meetings and would prefer to stick to that. I will explain this to Mr. Lubbers' Private Secretary.

(C. D. POWELL)

Richard Gozney, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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3 March 1989

Dear Charles,

Anglo-Dutch Bilateral: 29 April

You will be aware that Mr Lubbers has accepted the Prime Minister's invitation to bring van den Broek and Ruding with him to Chequers on 29 April (your letter of 8 February). Mr Lubbers wishes to bring the Dutch Ambassador rather than his Private Secretary.

If the Dutch Ambassador is present, the Foreign Secretary believes it would be right for Mr Jenkins to be present as well. We understand that the Dutch would be perfectly content for us to field two officials against their one.

A copy of this letter goes to Jonathan Taylor (HMT).

Yours ever,

Richard Gozney

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Private Secretary

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accepted 29

April at Chequers

for his bilateral

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7 February 1989

cc P.C.
Dear Charles,

Bilateral with Mr Lubbers, 29 April

Thank you for your letter of 1 February.
Mr Lubbers has accepted the Prime Minister's invitation to talks at Chequers on Saturday 29 April.

In my letter of 30 January I said that the Foreign Secretary saw a strong case for a meeting involving Van den Broek and Ruding as well as Mr Lubbers. Mr Van den Broek normally accompanies Mr Lubbers on such visits (this being a constitutional requirement) and Mr Lubbers has already said that he would want to bring him on this occasion. The Foreign Secretary considers it important to invite Ruding as well for the reasons set out in my earlier letter: Ruding and Lubbers together will be decisive on the Dutch attitude to EC monetary and tax questions. A key purpose of the meeting will be to persuade them of the general philosophy of a non-regulatory approach. They do not fully endorse our line on tax approximation but should be open to persuasion. The Chancellor has agreed to our original proposal for a three-a-side meeting (Jonathan Taylor's letter to you of 20 January).

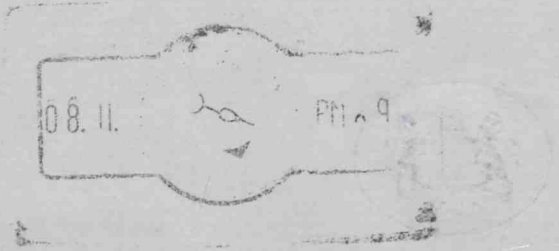
I would be grateful to know if we may now extend an invitation to Mr Ruding and for confirmation that the Prime Minister is content for Van den Broek to attend.

I am copying this letter to Jonathan Taylor (HMT).

Yours ever,
Richard Gozney

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Private Secretary

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From the Private Secretary

8 February 1989

Dear Richard,

BILATERAL WITH MR. LUBBERS, 29 APRIL

Thank you for your letter of 7 February about the bilateral with Mr. Lubbers on 29 April. I am confident that the Prime Minister would be content for Mr. Van den Broek and Mr. Ruding to be invited as well. But we can only accept one Dutch official in addition, presumably Mr. Lubber's Private Secretary, making four a side.

I am copying this letter to Jonathan Taylor (HM Treasury).

*Yours sincerely,
Chris Powell*

C. D. POWELL

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PRIME MINISTER

VISIT OF MR. LUBBERS

You have agreed to see Mr. Lubbers here for talks in May and suggested that you might see him one weekend at Chequers. I attach the pages of your diary for the period in question. As you will see it is already very full.

Dates which you might like to consider are:

Saturday 22 or Sunday 23 April at Chequers.

Saturday 29, Sunday 30 or Monday 1 May (which is a Bank Holiday).

Monday 8 May. You could stay on at Chequers for the Monday morning and lunch and return to Downing Street that afternoon.

Wednesday 17 May - but this would have to be at No.10.

Would you please indicate which of these dates you prefer (or consider least awful).

CHARLES POWELL

31 January 1989

MR POWELL

Will discuss with PM
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CSP has offered
to come 29 April
or 17 May.
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Possible dates for Mr Lubbers:

Monday 1 May

This is a Bank Holiday when the Prime Minister has agreed to have dinner with the Chinese Ambassador but the morning might be quite good at Chequers.

Monday 8 May

The Prime Minister could stay over at Chequers for this Monday morning plus lunch - but there is a State Visit that week and the Scottish Conference at the end of the week so it is not ideal.

Wednesday 17 May

The morning and lunch are clear. However there are three speeches the following week.

Really, May is pretty ghastly but could you let me know which of these dates you think Mr Lubbers might be fitted into? I have looked at the weekends and they are worse!

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Tessa Gaisman

31 January 1989