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From the Private Secretary

8 January 1981

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES: SPEECHES

As you know, the Prime Minister will be delivering major speeches at Georgetown University and at the Donovan Award Dinner during her visit to the United States next month. She intends that these two speeches, together with that which she will be delivering to the Pilgrims at the end of this month, should be regarded as a group. They will be "trailed" as such by the Press Office here. News Department may care to do the same.

The first speech, of which a draft is already in preparation, will deal with Anglo/American and US/Europe relations in the traditional sense. The second, which we here will draft, will deal with both domestic and international economic issues. It may touch on, but will not be primarily concerned with, North/South relations. The third speech will deal with East/West relations and the threats to freedom throughout the world. I will be in touch with Mr. Mallaby about the drafting of this.

The Prime Minister will also have to deliver a number of minor speeches in Washington, e.g., those during the arrival ceremony on the White House lawn, before dinner at the White House and after dinner at the Embassy. I should be grateful if you could ask the Embassy in Washington to put in hand the drafting of these. It would be helpful if the results of their efforts could be available by Monday 9 February.

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cc Prof. Walters.

PRIME MINISTER

See comments proposed and

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Anglo/American relations: your speeches

You will be delivering three major speeches in an Anglo/American context in the next few weeks. These will be as follows:-

- (a) 29 January - The Pilgrims Society
- (b) 27 February - Georgetown University
- (c) 28 February - Donovan Award Dinner

The three speeches should, I think, be considered as a group and "trailed" as such in background briefing by Mr. Ingham and the FCO. (You may recall that this was done, rather effectively, with the three major overseas affairs speeches you delivered in the autumn of 1979.)

The first speech, for which I hope to submit a draft to you over the coming weekend, will, if you agree, be devoted to Anglo/American relations in the traditional sense. It will also deal with transatlantic links more generally and with our role in the relationship between Europe and North America. - Roushorkin -
Speeches would?

The second speech might, always in an Anglo/American context, be devoted to economic problems in the broadest sense. On the domestic front it could cover your approach to this country's economic difficulties; monetarism; your confidence in the future; parallels with President Reagan's approach etc. On the international front you could deal with global economic issues, notably the recession and North/South relations. (This will be of particular interest to a Georgetown University audience.) You may think that Mr. Walters, with his current knowledge of the American scene, would be well placed to try his hand at a first draft. (I have not mentioned the idea to him.)

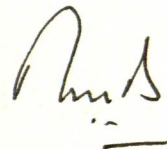
The third speech, when you will be receiving an award for "service to the cause of freedom", would seem to be a natural occasion for you to set out your political philosophy. You might repeat some of the themes of your Luxembourg speech (now 15 months old) and describe the threats to freedom as you see them, notably in the context of East/West relations. I would aim to produce a first draft, in consultation with the FCO and Sir Nicholas Henderson, early next month.

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No - this is the East/West relationship & the approach to it.

I would plan to leave it to the Embassy in Washington to produce drafts for the minor speeches in Washington e.g. those before dinner at the White House and after dinner at the Embassy. I will also ask them to have the first go at a text for your remarks on the White House lawn: these will, of course, be brief but important.

Do you agree the foregoing?

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'P. H. S.' with a horizontal line underneath.

6 January 1981