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You may already know that the Leader of the Opposition is planning an overseas tour to South Asia, Singapore, Australia and New Zealand from 4 to 25 September. Her office have told us of the following itinerary:

5 - 7 September	:	Pakistan
7 "	:	Singapore
8 - 13 "	:	New Zealand
13 - 21 "	:	Australia
22 - 25 "	:	India

Mrs Thatcher's staff have asked the Office if we would let her have unclassified background briefs on the countries she will visit, to be supplemented as necessary by oral briefing, probably by an Under-Secretary. FCO Ministers are content with what is proposed. I should be grateful if you would confirm that there is no objection to this from the Prime Minister's point of view.

I think it is likely that Mrs Thatcher may wish to be accompanied by the Head of Mission on at least some of the calls she pays on Ministers in the countries she visits. This is, I think, a normal courtesy towards the Leader of the Opposition and I take it that there will be no objection to Heads of Mission agreeing if Mrs Thatcher expresses the wish that they should accompany her on a call.

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Dear John

You wrote on 4 August about Mrs. Thatcher's forthcoming overseas tour. The Prime Minister is content with what is proposed.

Yours sincerely

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