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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEETING WITH MARGARET THATCHER

Saturday, February 28, 1981
10:30 a.m. (30 minutes)
Yellow Oval Room

From: Richard V. Allen *per*

I. PURPOSE

Farewell call from Prime Minister Thatcher.

II. ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

- I know how pressed your schedule is, how punctually you have made a point of accommodating all of your activities here, and the importance of your meeting with David Rockefeller later today; therefore, Nancy and I are all the more appreciative of this chance to see you just before you leave Washington.
- We both have reason to feel gratified by the press coverage accorded your visit; I am told that rarely in recent years has a foreign visitor attracted such a uniformly favorable press.
- I also understand that the Commonwealth Ambassadors were especially grateful for the opportunity to meet with you last evening (during the Blair House reception preceding your lovely dinner). This strikes me as a very gracious gesture to your commonwealth partners.
- Your call for caution in responding to Brezhnev's proposal, and the wide coverage which your remarks to that effect were given, I considered very helpful.
- We will continue to keep in close touch on the tactics for handling the Brezhnev business; our talks these past two days were indispensable for that purpose.
- I fully intend to consult closely with you on all matters concerning issues which affect us both (in that connection, let me brief you on the exchange which I had yesterday via phone with Mexican President Lopez Portillo.)