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**POSSIBLE VISIT BY LADY THATCHER**

1. I telephoned Baroness Thatcher's office today to tell Mr Worthington that I had run into a more than usually ebullient Boris Nemtsov (who is always pretty bouncy) on 12 June, and found him to have been very pleased with his talk with Baroness Thatcher a few days before. He said she would be coming to Russia later this year.

2. Mr Worthington said that dates had not been agreed, but that Lady Thatcher was looking at the possibility of a visit in early September. I said that if she did come, I hoped she would stay with me. Mr Worthington said that he thought that would be very welcome. Lady Thatcher would be thinking of two or three days in Moscow, followed by a visit to Nizhny Novgorod (not Ekaterinburg) with Mr Nemtsov. She was anxious not to deliver herself solely into the hands of Mr Nemtsov and his Just Cause group, and would need to explore further what Mr Nemtsov had had in mind in referring to her possibly addressing a conference on liberalisation and corruption. I said I would get in touch with Mr Nemtsov about that - in the meantime, one can be for the first and against the second without tying oneself to any particular party in Russia. Lady Thatcher would obviously want to see Mr Gorbachev (Mr Worthington said probably, but that she would be seeing him shortly before a visit to Russia if she came in September) and other significant players on the Russian political scene. Those would include the Communists, Luzhkov, and others as well as the reformers more traditionally defined. Mr Worthington said he would get back to me as soon as possible with possible dates.

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**MESSAGE:**

*Dear Jonathan,*

Following our conversation I am re-sending my note on the fax. The original was sent by post but I think high tech may be a better mechanism! Let's talk on Monday.

*Julian Seymour*

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7 May 1997

*Dear Jonathan,*

As you know Lady Thatcher is to call on the Prime Minister at 4.00pm on May 22. Lady Thatcher would normally prefer such a meeting to be 'one on one' but I have not spoken to her on this occasion, so perhaps you would let me have your view.

I believe that both of us agree that there would be no formal press statement but that we would answer press queries with 'The Prime Minister and Lady Thatcher discussed foreign affairs, including Europe, Asia, China and the hand-over of Hong Kong'. I believe we will be asked who instigated the meeting and suggest that we say 'Lady Thatcher was very pleased to accept the Prime Minister's invitation to call'. If of course the Prime Minister is seeing other former PMs the meeting can be put in that context as well. Finally I am assuming that you are not planning a formal photocall?

Please let me know what you think when you have a moment.

*Julian Seymour*  
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