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Prime Minister

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

As you know, you will have other things on your mind on 6 January. London SW1A 2AH

2. Are you nevertheless prepared to see Klibi from 1700 to 1800?

21 December, 1982

A.J.C. <sup>21.</sup>/<sub>12.</sub>

Dear John,

Visit by Arab League Secretary General

Mr Pym has mentioned to the Prime Minister that Mr Chadli Klibi, Secretary General of the Arab League, is interested in paying a private visit to London to talk over current problems. The Arab League Office in London has confirmed Klibi's wish to do this in early January. I understand it might be possible for Mrs Thatcher to allocate up to an hour on 6 January for talks with him.

/ I enclose a draft telegram of instructions to HM Ambassador, Tunis, to suggest this date to Klibi. The telegram touches on other details, including advance publicity, which both sides will wish to be kept to a minimum.

Yours ever

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10	OUR TELNO L07 (NOT TO ALL): VISIT BY ARAB LEAGUE SECRETARY
11	GENERAL
12	1. The Arab League Office in London have confirmed to us
13	that Klibi would like to make a private visit to London within
14	the two weeks following Christmas. Please now tell him that
15	the Prime Minister would be delighted to see him on
16	6 January (we anticipate a meeting lasting one hour).
17	2. As Klibi had indicated from the beginning that the visit
18	should be low-key, the programme might be in essence a talk
19	with the Prime Minister in the morning followed by a working
20	lunch with me (no more than three or four on each side). We
21	hope this will fit with Klibi's preferences.
22	3. Klibi will of course understand that the Moroccans must
23	remain our primary channel for exchanges on reinstating the
24	full Arab League delegation's visit. The discussions on
25	6 January should be expected to cover recent developments in

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 2 the Middle East generally, as well as touching on Anglo-Arab  
 3 relations.  
 4 4. We would not (not) propose to make any announcement in  
 5 advance. If questions arise about the appointment in the  
 6 Prime Minister's and my programmes, No 10 press office and  
 7 News Department will mention that the original suggestion came  
 8 from Klibi and will deny that the visit is devoted to  
 9 negotiating a solution to the delegation problem.  
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