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HUMBLE ADDRESS: APPOINTMENT OF LORD MANDELSON AS HM AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON

That an Humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that he will be graciously pleased to give directions to require the Government to lay before this House all papers relating to Lord Mandelson's appointment as His Majesty's Ambassador to the United States of America, including but not confined to the Cabinet Office due diligence which was passed to Number 10, the Conflict of Interest Form Lord Mandelson provided to the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), material the FCDO and the Cabinet Office provided to UK Security Vetting about Lord Mandelson's interests in relation to Global Counsel, including his work in relation to Russia and China, and his links to Jeffrey Epstein, papers for, and minutes of, meetings relating to the decision to appoint Lord Mandelson, electronic communications between the Prime Minister's Chief of Staff and Lord Mandelson, and between ministers and Lord Mandelson, in the six months prior to his appointment, minutes of meetings between Lord Mandelson and ministers in the six months prior to his appointment, all information on Lord Mandelson provided to the Prime Minister prior to his assurance to this House on 10 September 2025 that 'full due process was followed during this appointment', electronic communications and minutes of all meetings between Lord Mandelson and ministers, Government officials and special advisers during his time as Ambassador, and the details of any payments made to Lord Mandelson on his departure as Ambassador and from the Civil Service except papers prejudicial to UK national security or international relations which shall instead be referred to the Intelligence and Security Committee of Parliament.

GOVERNMENT METHODOLOGY IN COMPLYING WITH THE HUMBLE ADDRESS

Summary

1. In order to provide transparency to Parliament and the public, below is set out the process by which the Government gathered, processed and published material in relation to the Humble Address of 4 February 2026. This includes the publication of Volume I on 11 March and this publication of Volume II.

2. The scope of the motion is very broad and has required the discovery, assessment, analysis and preparation of thousands of individual documents and messages. This is a task that has involved every Government department and goes far beyond the scope of any Freedom of Information Act request or Parliamentary Question. From the beginning it was recognised that the Government's response would be more similar in scale to a public inquiry. In addition, it has been necessary for the Government to navigate the added complexity of an ongoing police investigation, which it has been consistently clear it will not prejudice in its response to the Humble Address.

3. The Government's guiding principle in responding to the Humble Address has been to comply as fully and transparently as possible with the motion and Parliament's will, as swiftly as possible. Other than the redaction of individual email addresses and contact details, the majority of redactions are those which the Government has agreed with the Intelligence and Security Committee of Parliament (ISC). The only other redactions made outside the ISC process have been where there is a clear rationale, informed by the FOI Act or other legal frameworks, and in line with the clear precedent set by previous administrations. The application of such redactions has been deliberately limited, targeted, and the subject of detailed consideration on a line-by-line basis. The reasons for redaction have been clearly marked.

4. The Government has invited and received comprehensive assurance at every stage of this process, from making the initial decisions on scope, to the minutiae of specific redactions. This includes advice from leading Counsel on the principles followed and the detailed underpinning methodology, and the Chair of the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee reviewing the information which has been withheld in order not to prejudice the ongoing Metropolitan Police Service investigation.

5. The result is the largest ever Government response to a Humble Address. It represents thousands of hours of work from officials across the Government to deliver an unprecedented piece of Government transparency.

Commissioning

6. A disclosure exercise of this size required multiple commissions to every government department, in order that the Government could be assured that it was discharging Parliament's will. These are explained below.

7. To prepare the first volume of published material, an initial set of documents relevant to the appointment and withdrawal of Peter Mandelson was provided to the Cabinet Office Humble Address team by the Prime Minister's Office, following which the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) was commissioned to provide further specific documents relating to Peter Mandelson's appointment and withdrawal. These documents were subject to the same series of checks as outlined below.

8. In addition, all Government departments (including the Prime Minister's Office) received an instruction to retain all potentially relevant information shortly after the Humble Address motion was passed, to ensure that nothing in scope of the motion would be lost before departments were formally commissioned.

9. On 23 February, the the Senior Responsible Officer (SRO - the Permanent Secretary to the Cabinet Office) commissioned all departments to search for and return all electronic communications and minutes of meetings in scope of the Humble Address, in order to return information mainly within scope of the limbs of the motion concerned with messages and meetings during Peter Mandelson's tenure as Ambassador and the six preceding months. This focused on obtaining electronic communications directly between Peter Mandelson and Ministers, Pay Band 3/4 Special Advisers, Permanent Secretaries and Directors General, and minutes of meetings between those same individuals, where they were the principal attendees, rather than where they were one member among wider cast lists (for example not including formal committee meetings such as COBR or the NSC). This did not include wider groups or distribution lists, therefore excluding FCDO Diplomatic Telegrams, regional updates, thematic notes and briefing materials, press lines, corporate updates and newsletters.

10. In addition to this request, a further specific commission was made to the FCDO on 24 February, in order to target information in scope of the limbs of the motion most relevant to the FCDO. This included information relating to Peter Mandelson's withdrawal and severance.

11. Departments were asked to provide assurance on their returns on 6 March, in order that the central Humble Address team could be sure that all relevant information had been collected and to understand where further commissions may be required.

12. Departments were asked to undertake a search for any further non-corporate communications on 13 March, given the significant interest in this limb of the motion. This commission specified that all relevant non-corporate communications, except where they were purely personal in nature (for example relating to family matters or medical information), were required to be shared with the Cabinet Office. This included group messages.

13. A commission was sent to departments on 27 March which provided a further opportunity to share any additional material that departments believed should be considered in scope of the Humble Address motion. The commission also requested confirmation from departments that their initial return had captured all minutes of

meetings in scope. Such confirmation would be taken to mean that departments had cross-referred to specific individuals' calendars as well as their inboxes.

14. There were two specific commissions to relevant departments to check that all material relating to Peter Mandelson's National Security Vetting had been returned, on 21 April and 8 May.

15. Departmental Permanent Secretaries were responsible for assuring the Cabinet Office that they had taken reasonable steps to comply with the commissions and provide all relevant information. Departments were responsible for contacting all relevant current and former Ministers, Special Advisers and officials in their departments in scope of the request. Throughout the process there was an ongoing dialogue between the central team and departments, with specific sessions held with relevant private office officials to answer any questions.

16. Where individuals in scope had subsequently left the Government, the department which last employed them was responsible for contacting them and assuring their return. Where Ministers had occupied other Ministerial posts in the period between the six months prior to Peter Mandelson's appointment as HMA Washington and the date of the Humble Address motion, the Minister's current department was responsible for contacting the departments where that Minister had previously served.

17. The Cabinet Office Humble Address team used a secure portal to process returns from departments. These returns were instructed to be unredacted and undoctored.

<u>Scope of searches</u>

18. In order that the Government could respond swiftly and transparently to discharge the spirit and letter of the Humble Address, search parameters were included based on the limbs of the Humble Address motion. These were as follows:

    a. Individuals in scope of the limbs of the motion seeking direct correspondence with Peter Mandelson (via email and other electronic messages) were specified as all Ministers, Pay Band 3/4 Special Advisers, Permanent Secretaries and Directors General. This was on the basis that these were the individuals most likely to have come into contact with Peter Mandelson.
    b. These individuals were instructed to search their work devices and personal devices for any relevant information.
    c. Minutes of meetings between those same individuals and Peter Mandelson where they were the principal attendees were requested, not where they were one member among wider cast lists (for example not including formal committee meetings such as the National Security Council).
    d. Electronic messages involving Peter Mandelson that were exchanged as part of a group were requested, as well as those directly between an in-scope individual and Peter Mandelson.

19. While commissions to departments did not specifically request invitations to meetings or schedulers from individuals' calendars, where these have been provided to the

Cabinet Office Humble Address team and where relevant, they have been included in the publication.

20. Some material has been included in the publication where it does not meet the above criteria but includes content relevant to areas where Parliament has expressed a significant interest, such as Peter Mandelson's campaign to become Chancellor of Oxford University. Material of a party political nature is included in the publication, contrary to usual practice and precedent for information 'held' by the Government, in order to demonstrate the maximum possible transparency.

21. Some information was deemed out of scope via the commissioning process so as to keep the returns focused on the most relevant information:
    a. Obvious ephemera - for example press cuttings, out of office replies, FCDO internal corporate messaging.
    b. Anything which was clearly related to the corporate management of British Embassy Washington (e.g. FCDO personnel decisions and discussions, individual performance reporting, embassy staffing and management plans, estate issues).
    c. Routine Embassy business (such as consular work and copylists containing FCDO Diplomatic Telegrams, regional updates, thematic notes and briefing materials, press lines, corporate updates and newsletters).
    d. Purely personal information that would not usually be considered 'held' by the Government (for example relating to family matters or medical information).

22. On 31 March the SRO wrote to Peter Mandelson - via his solicitors - to request any information held on his personal phone. Peter Mandelson declined to comply with this request. The Government has no further recourse to search the personal devices of Peter Mandelson.

<u>Cabinet Office assessment</u>

23. All documents submitted to the Cabinet Office underwent a series of checks including:

- An assessment to determine whether the material submitted was in scope of the Humble Address motion.

- A first stage assessment to determine whether material contained information which may prejudice UK national security or international relations. Where so, it was subject to a further process as outlined below.

- A team of Civil Service reviewers conducted checks to examine whether the documents contained: junior officials' names; legally privileged information; third party information; commercially sensitive information; or, personal data (e.g. phone numbers or email addresses). Such material was flagged for potential redaction ahead of final publication.

- A review team of senior officials, overseen by the SRO, has made the final

decisions on scope, commissioning, and fine judgements on specific principles and documents.

24. As the Government has consistently set out, documents have been withheld from publication if they could potentially prejudice the ongoing Metropolitan Police Service investigation. As set out below, these are intended to be published at a later date.

National security and international relations

25. The motion required that any papers prejudicial to national security or international relations would be referred to the ISC. Consequently, a subset of the material above was subject to an additional process to comply with that aspect.

26. Although the ISC was operating under the authority of the Humble Address in fulfilling this task (as opposed to its normal statutory remit), the process largely followed the usual process for requesting and agreeing national security redactions (although in this case, the ISC was also agreeing to international relations redactions as well as those relating to national security). Departments were asked to indicate where their searches identified material that would be prejudicial to either national security or international relations (or both). Departments then prepared pro formas that specified the text which required redaction, and the rationale for requesting that redaction. The pro formas, alongside the unredacted documents, were submitted to the ISC to seek their approval. In undertaking this process departments were supported by the National Security Secretariat for national security material, and the FCDO for international relations material. Over 300 documents were submitted to the ISC to seek their approval for the Government's proposed redactions.

27. Following the initial process, the Government and the ISC were in agreement on a number of the redaction decisions. The remaining documents were subject to a contested redactions process with a hearing held between senior officials and the ISC. This hearing led to the successful resolution of redactions relating to all of the remaining documents.

28. The ISC's statement of 15 May makes clear that it has considered all redactions proposed in the documents referred to the Committee, in order not to prejudice UK national security or international relations. The decisions determined by the Committee were final following the contested redaction hearing on 14 May. The Government is extremely grateful to the Committee for their work.

Preparation for publication

29. Following these processes, the Cabinet Office Humble Address team prepared the documents for publication. The documents include a mixture of emails, submissions, hard-copy files, and electronic messages such as WhatsApps, some of which required formatting choices to be applied for intelligibility.

30. WhatsApp and other instant messages were transcribed in a standard format to ensure intelligibility. Where material such as WhatsApp messages was submitted to the Humble Address team with incomplete details (for instance regarding dates), the

Cabinet Office Humble Address team followed up with departments to request the remaining material. Material has been published with the maximum amount of available information, and some messages which are not strictly in scope of the motion have been included in order to provide context, where such context was necessary, or where they respond to particular areas of interest from Parliament.

31. Documents have been de-classified to enable publication. Where documents show a classification marking, this no longer applies.

32. The publication is structured according to each limb of the motion. Within this, documents are ordered chronologically.

Redactions

33. It is a longstanding practice across successive administrations that, when the Government responds to a Humble Address motion, it has a responsibility to consider whether it is in the public interest to place certain information into the public domain. In line with practice across successive administrations, this is done using the principles of the Freedom of Information Act, and in line with the Ministerial Code and the resolutions on ministerial accountability, passed by both Houses in 1997 which state that "*ministers should be as open as possible with Parliament, refusing to provide information only when disclosure would not be in the public interest, which should be decided in accordance with relevant statute*."

34. As set out above, the Government's overriding priority in responding to the Humble Address has been to respond fully, transparently and swiftly in order to meet the will of the House. Clearly, the scale of the Humble Address disclosure goes far beyond any usual Freedom of Information Act or other transparency request. However, the principles the Freedom of Information Act sets out have been used by previous administrations when responding to such motions - for example when responding to Humble Addresses relating to Randox and the Westferry Printworks. That means that, outside the process for managing papers prejudicial to UK national security or international relations, a number of targeted, specific redactions have been made in order to prevent real-world harms.

35. Specifically, these targeted redactions are in order to protect:
    a. Individuals' email addresses and phone numbers;
    b. The identities of junior civil servants;
    c. Third party data - including the personal or commercially sensitive data of third parties not relevant to the motion; and
    d. Legal professional privilege.

36. A small amount of Peter Mandelson's personal data has also been redacted: his signature and the location of his home.

37. In the interests of transparency, third party individuals who are considered to be public figures have been named. Third parties who have a reasonable expectation of privacy, because they are not public figures, have not been named. No references to current or former UK politicians have been redacted on the basis of their being third

parties. Publication of the names of political figures from countries other than the USA has been limited to world leaders.

38. There has been particular public interest in information involving Global Counsel and Palantir. No redactions have been made to references to Global Counsel, other than to protect the privacy of individuals who are not public figures - their connection to Global Counsel has been made clear in those emails. References to Palantir and Anduril have only been redacted in cases where the redaction has been agreed with the ISC, i.e. on the grounds of being information that is prejudicial to UK national security or international relations.

39. Some company names other than Global Counsel and Palantir have been redacted where this is not relevant to the motion. The Government does not consider it to be in the interests of the taxpayer to damage the Government's relationship with companies, to damage ongoing Government commercial negotiations, or to potentially damage those companies' commercial prospects, if they are not relevant to the motion.

40. Where material that has been submitted to the Cabinet Office Humble Address team is already in the public domain, no redactions have been applied to that material.

41. The redaction process has been overseen by the Cabinet Office and, where relevant, in conjunction with the ISC. No Government Minister or Special Adviser has determined any of the redactions.

42. The following labels have been used for redactions in Volume II:
    a. Redactions made with the agreement of the ISC have been labelled with asterisks '(***)'
    b. All email addresses and phone numbers have been redacted with the label 'PERSONAL'
    c. A small amount of personal data contained in the body of documents has also been redacted with the label 'PERSONAL'
    d. All junior civil servants' names have been redacted with the label 'JCS'
    e. Third party material not relevant to the motion and relating to individuals who are not public figures have been redacted with the label 'THIRD PARTY'
    f. Information relating to companies, where disclosure of the information would be commercially damaging, has been redacted with the label 'THIRD PARTY'
    g. Material attracting legal professional privilege has been redacted with the label 'LPP'

<u>Acronyms</u>

43. Below is an explanation of common acronyms used in document titles:
    a. CO - Cabinet Office
    b. DBT - Department for Business and Trade
    c. DEFRA - Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
    d. DSIT - Department for Science, Innovation and Technology
    e. FCDO - Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office
    f. HMT - HM Treasury

g. HO - Home Office
h. MoD - Ministry of Defence
i. NCSC - National Cyber Security Centre
j. No.10 - Prime Minister's Office

Independent assurance

44. The Government has taken several measures to ensure independent, external assurance of the process it has followed.

45. The Senior Responsible Owner has taken advice from leading Counsel, senior Government lawyers, and other Government experts throughout this process.

46. As confirmed by Ministers to Parliament, the Chair of the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Simon Hoare MP, has reviewed information that has been withheld from publication on the basis of not wishing to prejudice the ongoing Metropolitan Police Service investigation, in order to provide as much transparency to Parliament as possible, albeit in a closed setting.

47. Finally, the Cabinet Office Humble Address team has taken advice from an independent Kings Counsel - including reviewing the methodological approach followed by officials - and acted on that to inform their approach. This has helped ensure that the Government is confident that its approach is compliant with the Humble Address and the Government's legal obligations.

Police process and third publication

48. The Government has now discharged its duties under the Humble Address when it comes to identifying relevant material within scope of the motion and preparing it for publication. With the exception of the material being withheld in order not to prejudice the ongoing Metropolitan Police Service investigation, all these documents have now been published in either Volume I or II. There will be a final publication by the Government at the conclusion of the Metropolitan Police Service investigation, or before, if the Metropolitan Police Service confirms that doing so will not prejudice their investigation.

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Hello

President Trump addressed the media at the round table discussion with EU leaders and Zelensky ahead of their Ukraine/Russia peace talks today at 2.50pm EST. He mentioned his friendship and liking of British Prime Minister Kier Starmer. He also mentioned that they would spend a lot of time today trying to work out a resolution and that he would call President Putin afterwards. Zelensky then spoke about wanting the end to the war and about security guarantees and humanitarian results. All participants were invited to speak making a short statement about what they hope to achieve today and what they can offer. In order they were: Nato Sec Rutter, President of the European Commission Von der Leyen, German Chancellor Merz, Italian Prime Minister Meloni, French President Macron, British Prime Minister Kier Starmer (highlighted in yellow below), Finnish President Stubb.

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Trump
Thank you for all the wonderful things we have done today, we are all here for the same thing to end the killing and stop the war in Ukraine. We're all working for the same goal, very simple goal. We want to stop the killing, get this settled. I've just had the honor of being with President zelenskyy and all of the discussions that we've had, we covered a lot of territory, and I spoke indirectly with President Putin today. We're going to call President Putin right after this meeting. I'm sure we're going to have a solid meeting, good meeting, maybe a great meeting. And we're going to try and work out a trilat after that and see if we can get it finished. Put this to sleep, because this is not since the Second World War has there been anything like this. So I'm honored to welcome NATO Secretary General, Mark Ruta, who's a great gentleman, great, great political leader in Europe generally, but now he's the NATO Secretary General, and you're doing

a fantastic job. Thank you very much, Mark, Prime Minister Starmer of the United Kingdom, our friend and my friend, and doing really well. And people like him a lot. We all like him. Everyone knows President Macron of France, who's been with me from the beginning, one of the first people I met as a foreign dignitary, and I liked him from day one, and I like him even more now. That's pretty good. That's unusual. That's a pretty unusual thing. Prime Minister Maloney of Italy, who's a really great leader and an inspiration over there, she's she's served now, even though she's a very young person, she's served there for a long period of time. Relative to others, they don't last very long. You've lasted a long time, you're going to be there a long time. Chancellor Mertz of Germany, who is very strong person and a very strong leader and very highly respected in Germany, and he's my friend, and it's an honor to have him as my friend. Thank you very much. Very good. You look great with your tan. Where'd you get that tan? I want to, I want to get a tan like that President stub of Finland, and he's, uh, he's somebody that, where are we here? Huh? We're, we're Oh, you look better than I've ever seen you look, but you've done a great job, and we wanted to have you here because you're somebody that we all respect, and you've had a lot to do with the success, I think, and the potential success. And thank you very much for being here. We appreciate it. And the President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, who is somebody that we just made a big deal with, with all of those countries, I don't know. I think you might be more powerful than all these guys at this table. I don't know, but you, we had a great negotiation, and you're respected all over the world. So I want to thank you very much for being here. It's a great honor to have you. The Alaska summit reinforced my belief that while difficult pieces within reach, and I believe that in a very significant step, President Putin agreed that Russia would accept security guarantees for Ukraine, and this is one of the key points that we need to consider, and we're going to be considering that at the table also, like, who will do what? Essentially, I'm optimistic that collectively, we can reach an agreement that would deter any future aggression against Ukraine, and I actually think there won't be. I think that's even over overrated, largely overrated, but we're going to find out, and I think that the European nations are going to take a lot of the burden. We're going to help them, and we're going to make it very secure. We also need to discuss the possible exchanges of territory, taking into consideration the current line of contact. That means the war zone, the war lines that are pretty obvious, very sad actually, to look at them and negotiating positions President Putin. Also you have President of Ukraine. Who is? You just met a little while ago, and we're going to try and get a a three party meeting, maybe as soon as we can. And I have a feeling you and President Putin are going to work something out. Ultimately, this is a decision that can only be made by President zelenskyy and by the people of Ukraine working also together in agreement with President Putin. And I just think that's very good things are going to come of it. So I hope we have a good meeting, and if we can have a good meeting, I'll set up a meeting with President Putin, and if you'd like, I'll go to that meeting. And not that I want to do that, but I will do that because we want to save a lot of people from dying. A lot of people are dying, and we got to save them. Got to save it. Five. 1000, 6000, 7000 people, sometimes a week. All of us would obviously prefer an immediate cease fire while we work on a lasting peace and maybe something like that could happen as of this moment. It's not happening, but President zelenskyy and President Putin can talk a little bit more about that. You know, in the six or so wars that we stopped, we haven't had a cease fire, and so I don't know that it's necessary. You can do it through the war, but it would be, I like the cease fire from another standpoint, you immediately stop the killing. But I believe a peace agreement at the end of all of this is something that's very attainable and it can be done in the near future, with all of the wars that I got involved in, we we only have this one left. Of course, as I walk out the door, there'll probably be a new one starting, and I'll get that stopped too. But I thought this was going to be one of the easier ones. It's actually one of the most difficult. They're very complex. The next step would be for a trilateral meeting, and that will be worked out. And I just look forward to working and having a great result. We're going to spend a lot of time today talking about and we're really honored you guys came over. I mean, these are the heads of major countries and respected all over Europe, and they speak for largely, I think I should say, but pretty much for the other countries of Europe, and we will come to a resolution today, I think, on almost everything, including probably the security. And that's pretty much a story. I'd like to say, Mr. President, would you like to say something you have the media if you want. You could come over and you could stand you could use mine, or you could just turn around, whichever you feel comfortable with.

Zelensky:
Thanks so much. I can speak without microphone. Thank you so much. I think that we had very good conversation with President Trump, very good. And it really was the best one. Or, sorry, maybe the best one will be in the future. But it was really good, and we spoke about very sensitive points. The first one is security guarantees, and we are very happy with President that all the leaders are here, and security in Ukraine depends on the United States and on you and on those leaders who are with us in our hearts, they have been on online before yesterday and etc. So a lot of countries on the side of Ukraine, our people and all of us want to finish this war. Stop So Russia, stop this war. We spoke about it, and we will speak more about security guarantees. This is very important that United States gives such strong signal and is ready for security guarantees the second point, or maybe the first humanitarian direction, very important to exchange all the prisoners. And I think that President will help. And I was very thankful to be your wife again, Mr. President, for the letter about our abducted children. And I hope that really, it can be historical for the people to bring kids back to the families and be happy, guys. This is so, so important, and I'm happy that we discussed it this track with President Trump, and I hope that we will find decisions and then what is very important that all the sensitive things, territorial, etc, we will discuss on the level of leaders during trilateral meeting, and President Trump will try to organize such meeting. And he said that he will come or not come, Ukraine will be happy. If you, if you there, I will be there. Yeahthank you. And I think this is very important, yes. So security guarantees, bringing kids back and all our people, not only warriors, first of all, warriors, and all the civilians, journalists, a lot of people in prison, so we need them back and guarantees which will work for the years. We spoke about it, and I showed the President a lot of details on the battlefield, on the map. Thank you so much. Thank you for the map. By the way, that was great. I'm thinking how to take it back. I think that we had constructive, specific meeting, and I'm very thankful to all the all the leaders who are here, and you help a lot. And so we're happy that we have such big unity today.

Trump:
Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you very much, Mr. President. I think you'll see that President Putin really would like to do something else. I think when we set that up, when we do, I think it's going to be when not if. I think you're going to see some very popular. Really positive moves. I know there's over 1000 prisoners, and I know they're going to release them. Maybe they're going to release them very soon, like immediately, which I think is great, but we will. We're going to set that up today, after these, after this meeting. So very good and great remarks. I appreciate it. Marcus, head of NATO, maybe you could say a few words.

Mark Rutte
Yes, I will be very brief. I really want to thank you, President of the United States, Dear Donald, for the fact that you, as I said before, broke the deadlock basically with President Putin by starting that dialog. And I think it was in February that you had the first phone call. And from there, we are now where we are today. And that is, I think if we play this well, we could end this, and we have to end it. We have to stop the killing. We have to stop the destruction of Ukraine's infrastructure. It is a terrible war. So I'm really excited, and let's make the best out of today and make sure that from today onwards, we get this thing to an end as soon as possible. I really want to thank you for your leadership, what you are doing for Logan here. But of course, also all the European colleagues, it is really crucial. And the fact that you have said I am willing to participate in security guarantees is a big step. Is really a breakthrough, and it makes all the difference. So also thank you for that.

Trump:
Well, NATO also has agreed from 2% to 5% which is something that is a massive amount of money, and it's 2% that wasn't always paid to 5% that is paid. That's a big difference, and so we appreciate that as great move. Thank you very much. Ursula, maybe on behalf of the commission, you could say a couple of words,

Ursula Von De Leyen
thank you very much. It's a pleasure to be here, and it's a very important moment. Indeed. We are here, Europeans as friends and allies. We had a fantastic NATO summit together the two largest and biggest economies in the world. We had the largest trade deal ever agreed, and now we are here to work together with you on a just and lasting peace for Ukraine, stop the killing. This is really our common interest, stop the killing. And indeed, it's very good to hear that we're working on the security guarantees. Article Five lies. Security guarantees so important. But I want to thank you also that you mentioned the 1000s of Ukrainian children that have been abducted, and as a mother and grandmother, every single child has to go back to its family. This should be one of our main priorities, also in these negotiations, to make sure that the children come back to Ukraine to their families. Thank

Trump
you. And we did. I was just thinking, we're here for a different reason, but we, just a couple of weeks ago, made the largest trade deal in history. So that's a big that's a big thing, and congratulations. That's great. Thank you very much, Mr. Chancellor from Germany, a very, very great leader, Mr.

Friedrich Merz
President Donald, many thanks for having us today. I think this is extremely helpful that we are meeting and hearing that the two of you are having such a good meeting today here in Washington. The next steps ahead are the more complicated ones. Now the path is open. You opened it last Friday, but now the way is open for complicated negotiations, and to be honest, we all would like to see a ceasefire. The latest from the next meeting on, I can't imagine that the next meeting would took place without a ceasefire. So let's work on that, and let's try to put pressure on Russia, because the credibility of these efforts, these efforts we are undertaking today, are depending on at least a ceasefire from the beginning of the serious negotiations from next step on. So I would like to emphasize this aspect, and would like to see a ceasefire from the next meeting, which should be a trilateral meeting, wherever it takes place.

Trump:
Well, we're going to let the President go over and talk to the President, and we'll see how that works out. And if we can do that, I will say and again, I say it in the six wars that I've settled, I haven't had a cease fire. We just got into negotiations, and they one of the wars was, as you know, and the Congo was 30 years, 31 years long. Another one that we settled last week with two great countries was 35 years going on, and we had no ceasefire. So if we can do the ceasefire, great, and if we don't do a ceasefire, because many other points were given to us, many, many points were given to us. Great points, please, Georgia, go ahead.

Georgia Meloni
Well. Thank you very much. Donald, Mr. President, for hosting us today in this important meeting. And I think it is an important day, a new phase after three years and off. That we didn't see any kind of sign from the Russian side that there was a willing for dialog. So something is changing. Something has changed. Thanks to you, thanks also to the stalling in the battlefield, which was achieved with the bravery of Ukraine, of Ukrainians, and with the unity that we all provided to Ukraine. And the reason why I mention it is that we also have to remind that if we want to reach peace, and if we want to to guarantee justice, we have to do it united. So that's why it's a very good day, the one we are we are in you can obviously count on Italy, as it was from the beginning, we are on the side of Ukraine, and we do absolutely support your efforts towards peace. We will talk about many important topics. The first one is security guarantees, how to be sure that it won't happen again, which is the precondition of every kind of peace. I'm happy that we will discuss about that. I'm happy that we will begin from a proposal which is the, let's say, Article Five, model, which was Italian at the beginning. So we are always ready to bring our proposals for peace, for dialog, it's something we have to build together to guarantee peace and to defend the security of our nation. So thank you, Mr. President for hosting us.

Trump
Thank you very much, Emmanuel,

Emmanuel Macron
thank you, Mr. President, for organizing this, this meeting and for your commitment, and everything was said. But I have to, I just have to say here, everybody around this table is in favor of peace and and we work very hard, and we've worked very hard during the past few years to have a peace which is a robust and long standing peace. This is why the idea of a trilateral meeting is very important, because this is the only way to fix it. And by the way, I think as a follow up, we would need probably a quadrilateral meeting. Because when we speak about security guarantees, we speak about the whole security of the European continent. And this is why we are all united here with Ukraine on this, on this matter, in order to organize such a trilateral meeting, your idea to ask for a truce, or at least to stop the killings, as we discuss, is a necessity, and we all support this idea. And in order to have such a long standing peace for Ukraine and for the whole continent. We do need the security guarantees. And the first one is clearly a credible Ukrainian army for the years and

decades to come. And the second one is our own commitments, all of us, and we worked very hard during the past few months amongst the coalition of the willingness, with the support of NATO, to build the different pillars of security guarantees and our commitments. And you can be sure that Europeans are very lucid about the fact that they have their fair share in these security guarantees for Ukraine, but their own security is clearly at stake in the situation. So you can count on us, as we can continue in order to deliver this August peace for both Ukraine and Europe.

Trump
Thank you very much, Emmanuel, Mr. Prime Minister. Thank

Kier Starmer
you very much, Mr. President, and thank you for hosting us here. Can I start where Emmanuel started, which is we all want peace. The war in Ukraine has had a huge impact, particularly on the Ukrainians who bought the brunt of it, but it's also had an impact on Europe and on the United Kingdom. There's not a family or community that hasn't been affected. And when we talk about security, we're talking about security not just of Ukraine. We're talking about the security of Europe, but the United Kingdom as well, which is why this is such an important issue. Things is such an important meeting as a group. I think we've had a discussion on the phone a number of times, Mr. President, but be able now to be around the table to take it forward. And I really feel that we can, I think, with the right approach, this afternoon, make real progress, particularly on the security guarantees and your indication of security guarantees of some sort of Article, five style guarantees fits with what we've been doing with the Coalition of the Willing, which we started some months ago, bringing countries together and showing that we were prepared to step up to the plate when it came to security. With you coming alongside the US, alongside what we have already developed, I think we could take a really important step forward today, a historic step actually could come out of this meeting in terms of security for Ukraine and security in Europe. I also feel that we can make real progress towards a just and lasting outcome of. Obviously that has to involve Ukraine, and a trilateral meeting seems the sensible next step. So thank you for being prepared to take that forward. Because I think if we can ensure that that is the progress out of this meeting, both security guarantees and some sort of progress on trilateral meeting of some sort to bring some of the difficult issues to a head. Then I think today will be seen as a very important day in recent years in relation to a conflict which has gone on for three and a bit years, and so far, nobody, nobody's been able to bring it to this point. So I thank you for

Trump
that. Well, thank you very much. And you know, it's very interesting, because this is the first for the White House. You can't say that very often. It's seen a lot over the years, over the since 1800 1799, to be almost exact. But this is a first where we've had so many prime ministers, presidents, the heads of European nations. And by the way, Alex, I'd like you to say a couple of words too. You're a young, powerful man. Before I finish up, I want you to say a couple of words. Go ahead.

Alex Stubb
I'll take the notion of youth back to my wife and try to convince her. Thank you very much, Mr. President, I think in the past two weeks we've probably had more progress in ending this war than we have in the past three and a half years. And I think the fact that we're around this table today is very much symbolic in the sense that it's team Europe and team United States helping Ukraine. And the progress that we are looking out of this meeting is about the security guarantees, which are a big part of this. And then, of course, moving towards a process with a trilateral meeting with you and President Putin and President Zelensky. Some of the international media might wonder, you know, why is the President of Finland here? I think the reason is probably that we might come from a small country, but we have a long border with Russia, over 800 miles. And we, of course, have our own historical experience with Russia from World War Two, the Winter War and the war of continuation. And if I look at the silver lining of where we stand right now we found a solution in 1944 and I'm sure that we'll be able to find a solution in 2025 to end Russia's war of aggression and find and get a lasting and just peace. The situation is very difficult, but that's why we're here.

Trump
Thank you, Alex, very much. Good job. So we're going to be meeting for a while, and we're going to discuss some of the issues. And I don't think there's any issue that's overly complex. It's at a point now where people want to do things I do. I really do believe I've known him for a long time. I've always had a great relationship with him. I think President Putin wants to find an answer to and we'll see. And in a certain period of time, not very far from now, a week or two weeks, we're going to know whether or not we're going to solve this or is this horrible fighting going to continue. We'll do the best to get it ended. And I believe you have two willing parties, and usually that's good news, but two willing parties that want to make a deal, and we'll journey together, and we'll go over and we'll see if it can be done. And it's possible it might not be able to be done. On the other hand, it's possible it will, or will save 1000s and 1000s of lives a week. And so it's something we really have to do, and or at least we have to give it our best. So you can, you can give it your best, but I think we may have a very good outcome. So I want to thank you all and the media. I want to thank you. We're going to be staying here for a little while there. We're going to walk over to the Oval Office, and we're going to have another little discussion about similar matters, and then they're going to go home to their great countries and report, and I'm going to remain here and work, and you're going to go and work, we're all going to be working one we may be in a different location, but that's what we know how to do his work. But I want to thank the media has been actually very fair, generally speaking, very fair. I think it's important that they're fair, because this is a very important is a very important subject. We have to get it ended, and so that's all we ask for is fairness with the media. Thank you all very much. Appreciate it. Thank you very much.

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Subject: Fw: Letter from HMA Washington: Two State Solution 040925
Date: Friday, 5 September 2025 at 04:09:47 British Summer Time
From: Peter Mandelson
To: Morgan McSweeney
Attachments: HMA Washington - Middle East - Two State Solution 040925.pdf

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Subject: Letter from HMA Washington: Two State Solution 040925

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Ailsa, Caroline,

Please find attached a letter from HMA Washington on the subject of the Middle East
and the Two State Solution.

JCS

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British Embassy Washington

From the Ambassador

The Rt Hon Lord Peter Mandelson PC
His Majesty's Ambassador
3100 Massachusetts Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Tel: Personal

4 September 2025

Ailsa Terry CMG
Prime Minister's Private Secretary for
Foreign Affairs
10 Downing Street

Caroline Hurndall MBE
Principal Private Secretary
to the Foreign Secretary
Foreign, Commonwealth
and Development Office

By email

Dear Ailsa and Caroline,

MIDDLE EAST: TWO STATE SOLUTION

1. I am writing with further advice on advancing the Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary's priorities in the Middle East over the next few weeks, further to my letter of 6 August and Barbara's letter of 29 August.

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355 - 18-08-2025 - Email from Peter Mandelson to Morgan McSweeney (former Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister, No.10)

Subject: Fw: Scenesetter: PM Visit to DC 170825
Date: Monday, 18 August 2025 at 03:14:41 British Summer Time
From: Peter Mandelson
To: Morgan McSweeney
Attachments: Scenesetter - Russia-Ukraine - PM Visit to Washington DC 170825.pdf

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Sent: Sunday, August 17, 2025 5:46:12 PM
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Subject: Scenesetter: PM Visit to DC 170825

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Rich,

Please find attached a scene setter letter from Lord Mandelson, HMA Washington.

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British Embassy
Washington

From the Ambassador

The Rt Hon Lord Mandelson PC
His Majesty's Ambassador
3100 Massachusetts Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Tel: Personal

17 August 2025

The Rt Hon Sir Keir Starmer KCB KC MP
Prime Minister of the United Kingdom

By email

Dear Prime Minister,

SCENESETTER: RUSSIA/UKRAINE - YOUR VISIT TO WASHINGTON DC

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Personal

Lord Mandelson
British Ambassador to the United States

Subject: FW: READOUT: FOREIGN SECRETARY CALL WITH CANADIAN AND FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTERS AUGUST 2025
Date: Tuesday, 19 August 2025 at 20:39:02 British Summer Time
From: Peter Mandelson
To: Jonathan Powell

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You are probably well across this but the read out below suggests ***

Is this what is intended ?

Peter

Lord Mandelson
HM Ambassador, W
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From: JCS * Personal
Sent: 19 August 2025 11:31
To: Thomas Drew * Personal ; Robert Tinline Personal **Cc:** DL Readouts SOSFA Personal ; Stephen Hickey Personal ; Patrick Moody Personal DL Paris FPT Personal ; DL MENAD-NED-Political Core Personal ; DL MENAD-NED-Humanitarian Core Personal ; JCS Personal ; JCS Personal JCS Personal ; JCS Personal JCS Personal ; JCS Personal JCS Personal Pol Director (Shared) Personal
Subject: READOUT: FOREIGN SECRETARY CALL WITH CANADIAN AND FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTERS, 14 AUGUST 2025

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Dear Tom, Rob,

On 14 August, the Foreign Secretary joined a call with the Canadian Foreign Minister Anita Anand and French Foreign Minister Joe-Noel Barrot. The call was initiated by ***

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JCS

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From: Ed Llewellyn[Personal

Sent: Mon 25/08/2025 2:00:21 PM (UTC)
To: Peter Mandelson[Personal
Subject: Re: The Week in US Politics: Thursday 21 August

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It is also absurd, in my view, that you cannot use performance appraisals in deciding whether to hire someone - I often say that nuclear war would be breaking out and the FCDO would still be doing its much-cherished performance appraisals, which it then doesn't actually use! Nuts.

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From: Ed Llewellyn
Sent: Monday, August 25, 2025 3:53:20 PM
To: Peter Mandelson
Subject: Re: The Week in US Politics: Thursday 21 August

This is very depressing. I have far too many examples myself - also at the London end - of us just not rewarding our very best people.

We need to have a proper talk; I am determined that in my job I will try and do something about it!

Ed

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From: Peter Mandelson
Sent: Monday, August 25, 2025 3:06:25 PM
To: Ed Llewellyn
Subject: Re: The Week in US Politics: Thursday 21 August

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These officials are better than many I experience in London. Personal

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Subject: Re: The Week in US Politics: Thursday 21 August

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Nick

I found this fascinating - as I am sure others will has done too. Thank you.

Where can I read more about Potus' view of Reagan specifically, and in particular of his view of Reagan' s economic policy? Am I right in thinking that Potus has a portrait of Reagan hanging in the Oval Office?

Ed

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JCS

Subject: FW: The Week in US Politics: Thursday 21 August

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James

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Nick
Nicholas Alton | Minister Counsellor (Political) | British Embassy Washington
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From:OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE - HMG ONLY

From: J C
Sent: 21 August 2025 17:08
To: Peter Mandelson
Cc: DL US Political Reporting (External)

Ambassador,

- GOP Governors pledge to deploy additional National Guard troops to DC.
- Texas passes a new map favouring the GOP as California initiates measures to re-draw it's own map in response.

The Week in Numbers

President Donald Trump's approval rating

21 AUGUST 2025	**Approve**	**Disapprove**	**Spread**	**Two Weeks Prior**
Voter Approval	45.8%	50.9%	-5.1	-5.5
Source: Real Clear Politics Averages				

The Week in US Politics

1. **Much of the news this week has revolved around the President's meeting with President Zelenskyy, the Prime Minister and other European leaders on Monday and the Ukraine peace negotiations. Colleagues in FSDS have reported on this, and the ongoing reaction to the Israeli government's imminent operation in Gaza City, separately to the department.**

REPUBLICAN GOVERNORS TO SEND ADDITIONAL NATIONAL GUARD TO DC

2. **Several GOP governors announced they will deploy additional National Guard troops to DC this week, signalling support and solidarity for President Donald Trump's continued deployment of National Guard and federal law enforcement in the District.** The Governors of Ohio, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, and West Virginia all announced they will be deploying additional troops from each of their state's Guard to reinforce the 800 DC Guard troops already deployed, likely bringing the number of Guard troops in the city up to around 1,100 once the deployments have completed.

3. The President authorised the operation by announcing a "crime emergency" in the District and has repeatedly stated that prior to the deployments violent crime was out of control in the city. The Administration has also indicated they may authorise the Guard to begin carrying weapons as part of the deployment in coming days, with the Guard so far having conducted their patrols unarmed. **During a radio interview on Thursday the President indicated that he may join the Guard during a patrol of the city this evening, although neither he nor the White House have provided further details.** In statements on Monday the President stated that since deployments crime has fallen dramatically in the city, and that as a result restaurant bookings have spiked. Data from the popular restaurant booking site OpenTable has in fact found a drop in restaurant reservations compared to this time last year.

4. **DC Mayor Muriel Bowser has pushed back on the President's characterisation**

of the District as overrun with crime, citing both local and federal data that has shown a drop in violent crime since 2023, with some statistics placing crime in the District at a 30-year low. Bowser has accused the President and the Administration of being dishonest about their reasons for the deployments, stating they are more about immigration enforcement than preventing crime. Since the start of last week, federal agents have arrested 160 undocumented people in the District as part of their ongoing operations.

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TEXAS LEGISLATURE PASSES NEW CONGRESSIONAL MAP THAT WOULD GIVE GOP FIVE EXTRA HOUSE SEATS AS CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE INITIATES PROCESS TO REFORM THAT STATES CONGRESSIONAL MAP IN FAVOUR OF DEMOCRATS

7. **Following the return of enough Democratic members to register a quorum (see previous notes and attached diptel for more detail on this) the Texas State Legislature today passed the proposed new Congressional map for the state, to be implemented ahead of the 2026 mid-term elections**. The new map would redraw Texas' congressional districts in such a way as to all but certainly ensure an additional 5 House seats for the GOP in the next election. More detail on the decision and its implications can be found in the attached diptel from BCG Houston.

8. **In response to the redrawing of the Texas map, California Governor Gavin Newsome (D) has vowed to secure a ballot measure that would allow him to re-draw California's own Congressional map in such a way as to negate the seats gained by the GOP in Texas**. The California Assembly initiated this process today when the chamber voted in favour of placing the ballot measure before Californians. More detail on the measure, and why it is required to re-draw California's map in the attached diptel from BCG San Francisco.

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JCS

JCS Second Secretary (National Politics) | British Embassy Washington | 3100 Massachusetts Avenue NW Washington DC 20008 | Personal
Personal

From: James Lyons Personal
Sent: Tue 26/08/2025 9:03:14 PM (UTC)
To: Peter Mandelson Personal
Cc: JCS Washington Private Office Personal
Subject: Re:

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Thank you. Very much appreciated.

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From: Peter Mandelson
Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2025 12:47:01 PM
To: James Lyons
Cc: JCS ; Washington Private Office
Subject: Re:

Hi James, thanks. I would welcome that. Will you be around on Friday 5th lunchtime onwards ? JCS and I could see you then as I am in No10.
V best.

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From: James Lyons
Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2025 6:14:59 AM
To: Peter Mandelson
Subject:

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Hi,
I'm very much hoping to make it to your Ditchley Lecture but also wondered whether you might have time to meet up while you are over?
I would very much appreciate any advice / insights you could share.
Thanks.
Best,
James
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Date: Tuesday, 26 August 2025 at 12:52:45 British Summer Time
From: Peter Mandelson
To: Morgan McSweeney OFFICIAL

The saga goes on. See Olly email. This is like something out of Thick of it. We are now facing the red box being presented by *** after *** with *** I have gone tonto on this. ***

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From: Sophie Hague Personal
Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2025 4:22:50 AM
To: Oliver Robbins Personal
Cc: PUS Action Personal ; Harriet Thompson Personal JCS Personal ; Peter Mandelson Personal ; James Roscoe Personal Ailsa Terry (No.10) Personal DNSA International Affairs Mailbox Personal ; Anna ClunesP ; David Tinline Personal
Subject: Re: TRUMP RED BOX

Re-sending with Anna's correct email and David T (covering for Ailsa)

On Tue, 26 Aug 2025 at 08:57, Sophie Hague Personal wrote:

> Olly,
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> Many thanks for your email and the *** update. We're going back around this today with No.10.
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> Once we've done that i can give you a steer on intervening.
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> Best wishes
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> Sophie
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> On Tue, 26 Aug 2025 at 07:53, Oliver Robbins Personal wrote:
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> > OFFICIAL
> >
> > Sophie, Anna
> >
> > BE Washington, as I'm sure you know, is clear that one of the gifts that would mean the most to

the President would be a red dispatch box with the gold crest and lettering mimicking a UK Government Ministerial box but with "President of the United States" inscribed upon it.

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I am concerned though that we will end up ***

. I am sure you will have been round this issue at least once already but is there anything I can do to help? ***

I'm not sure whether the balance is right.

Olly

Sir Oliver Robbins KCMG CB

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360 - 27-08-2025 - Emails between Peter Mandelson and James Roscoe (former Deputy Head of Mission at the British Embassy Washington, FCDO)

From: James Rosco Personal]

Sent: Wed 27/08/2025 1:51:59 PM (UTC)

To: Peter Mandelson Personal

Subject: RE: 20250825 - US SV - DRAFT - Joint Statement Language - MOD - OS

Understood. I'll keep pressing with Mark. J

From: Peter Mandelson
Sent: 27 August 2025 09:05
To: James Roscoe
Subject: Re: 20250825 - US SV - DRAFT - Joint Statement Language - MOD - OS

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I am reluctant to intervene on Palantir.
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From: James Roscoe Personal
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2025 9:03:28 AM
To: Peter Mandelson Personal
Subject: FW: 20250825 - US SV - DRAFT - Joint Statement Language - MOD - OS

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TBA – if you're in touch with Healy. J

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From: Newton, Mark SCS (SPO BDSUS-Min Counsellor Defence) Personal
Sent: 27 August 2025 07:56
To: James Roscoe Personal ; Nicholas Alton Personal
Cc: JCS

Subject: RE: 20250825 - US SV - DRAFT - Joint Statement Language - MOD - OS

It all sits with Andy Start, our National Armaments Director, and his team. On the back of the email below SofS office have written asking for urgent advice (within ***) on *** Palantir ***

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From: James Roscoe Personal
Sent: 26 August 2025 17:03
To: Newton, Mark SCS (BDSUS-MinDefence-SPO-USA Dir) Personal Nicholas Alton Personal

Cc: JCS

Subject: RE: 20250825 - US SV - DRAFT - Joint Statement Language - MOD - OS

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Keen to know the answer to the final Palantir question too? J

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From: Newton, Mark SCS (SPO BDSUS-Min Counsellor Defence)
Personal

Sent: 26 August 2025 13:11
To: Nicholas Alton Personal
Cc: JCS James Roscoe
Personal ; JCS

Subject: FW: 20250825 - US SV - DRAFT - Joint Statement Language - MOD - OS

FYI

From: JCS
Sent: 26 August 2025 12:43
To: DES SLG-DG Gateway Outer Office (MULTIUSER) Personal
Exley, Ross SCS Pay Band 1 (SofS-PPS) Personal ; JCS Special Adviser
(SofS-SPAD 5) Personal Harris, Daniel Mr (SofS-SPAD 1)
Personal ; SofS-Private Office (MULTIUSER) Personal
Cc: US Team Personal ; Farhall, Laura SCS (BDSUS-DAT-Min-Cllr)
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Nick Ayling Personal
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Christopher Clarke
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Newton, Mark SCS (BDSUS-MinDefence-SPO-USA Dir)
Personal ; Marshall, Paul V Adm (DES SLG-DG Gateway)
Personal ; Kam Roopra Personal JCS

Subject: Re: 20250825 - US SV - DRAFT - Joint Statement Language - MOD - OS
JCS ,

Many thanks to all who worked on this over the weekend. We've discussed with No10 who were grateful, and confirmed that it is definitely on the right track.
They had some questions on substance:
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Finally, who is the MOD lead on the potential Palantir announcement?
Many thanks
JCS

On Mon, 25 Aug 2025 at 21:20, DES Ships-DG-Office (MULTIUSER) Personal wrote:

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Good evening,
As discussed last week please find the attached updated State Visit proposed draft joint statement, please note the BDSUS team will continue to liaise with the US DOD and refine the language during the week. DG O&C will provide an update once the BDSUS / US DOD discussions conclude.
Best regards
JCS

J Military Assistant to Director General Options and Commissioning
Personal MOD Abbey Wood (South), Bristol, BS34 8JH
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Email: JCS
For all non-personal correspondence and diary enquiries: Personal
DG Options and Commissioning | Paul Marshall CB CBE
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361 - 27-08-2025 - Email to Peter Mandelson from Mark Newton (Minister Defence, Director USA, FCDO)

From: Newton, Mark SCS (BDSUS-MinDefence-SPO-USA Dir) Personal

Sent: Wed 27/08/2025 7:26:11 PM (UTC)

To: Peter Personal

Cc: JCS ames Roscoe Personal Tim Woods BDSUS (MoD) (Sensitive)[Personal JCS ; Nicholas Alton Personal (External) Personal Laura Farhall (BDSUS) (MoD) JCS

Subject: RE: State Visit - Defence Update

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From: Peter Mandelson
Sent: 27 August 2025 15:22
To: Newton, Mark SCS (BDSUS-MinDefence-SPO-USA Dir)
Cc: JCS James Roscoe ; Woods, Tim R Adm (BDSUS-Hd-DA) ; JCS (BDSUS-MinDefence-SPO-USA DirPS) ; Nicholas Alton ; Farhall, Laura SCS (BDSUS-DAT-Min-Cllr) ; JCS (BDSUS-DAT-CapCoh-Cllr) ; JCS (BDSUS-DAT-ImprovedAccess-2ndSec)
Subject: Re: State Visit - Defence Update

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Peter.
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From: Newton, Mark SCS (BDSUS-MinDefence-SPO-USA Dir)
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2025 1:21:49 PM
To: Peter Mandelson
Cc: JCS ; James Roscoe ; Tim Woods BDSUS (MoD) (Sensitive) ; JCS ; Nicholas Alton ; Laura Farhall (BDSUS) (MoD) (External) ; JCS JCS (BDSUS) MoD (External)
Subject: State Visit - Defence Update

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Peter,
A quick update on the Defence pitch for the State Visit. I've limited who I've sent this to, and restricted forwarding as some of it is commercially sensitive.

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Happy to discuss.
Mark

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362 - 27-08-2025 - Email from Peter Mandelson to Michael Ellam (Second Permanent Secretary, European Union and International Economic Affairs, CO) and others

Subject: Re: OS US State Visit - SitRep 5 - Tuesday 26 August 2025
Date: Wednesday, 27 August 2025 at 02:30:41 British Summer Time
From: Peter Mandelson
To: JCS , Personal , Personal , psmatthewcollins - CO (OFF-SEN), Personal , Personal , Katy Budge / (Cabinet Office), James Roscoe, Ailsa Terry, JCS , Varun Chandra, Personal , Oliver Warren (Cabinet Office) (Sensitive), Harriet Thompson, Scott Furssedonn-Wood, Caroline Hurndall, Serena Stone, JCS *
CC: Personal PS Minister Doughty - Action, PUS Action, Eleanor Mackewn, JCS James Hughes, DL US Visit Team, Cabinet Office US Team (Sensitive), Nicholas Alton, JCS , DL Washi State Visit 2025, JCS FCDO SpAds, Pol Director (Shared), Royal Unit, DL Protocol - SLT, JCS , DL Americas USCAD All StaM, JCS Muna Shamsuddin Personal JCS JCS David Tinline

Attachments: image001.png, image004.jpg, image001.png, image004.jpg

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This needs rapid computing into the plans.

Peter

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Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2025 12:29:53 PM
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Personal ; Harriet Thompson
Personal : Scott Furssedonn-Wood
Personal ; Caroline Hurndall
Personal : Serena Stone Personal ; JCS

Cc: SOSFA ACTION Personal ; PS Minister Doughty - Action
Personal PUS Action Personal ; Eleanor
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JCS

Subject: OS US State Visit - SitRep 5 - Tuesday 26 August 2025

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Dear Colleagues,

Please find the latest US State Visit Situation Report (SitRep) below:

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363 - 27-08-2025 - Emails between Peter Mandelson, Sir Oliver Robbins (former Permanent-Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, FCDO) and others

Subject: Re: TRUMP RED BOX

Date: Wednesday, 27 August 2025 at 01:50:54 British Summer Time
From: Peter Mandelson
To: David Tinline, JCS , James Roscoe, Sophie Hague
CC: Oliver Robbins, PUS Action, Harriet Thompson, Ailsa Terry, Nicholas Alton, Anna Clunes
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What is the actual reason for *** position ? Who has created the position ? ***

I am happy to discuss with Clive.

Peter

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From: David Tinline Personal
Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2025 6:01:13 PM
To: JCS Personal ; Sophie Hague James Roscoe Personal
Cc: Oliver Robbins PERSONAL ; PUS Action PERSONAL ; Harriet Thompson Personal ; Ailsa Terry (No.10) Personal ; Nicholas Alton Personal Personal Anna Clunes1 JCS
JCS
Subject: Re: TRUMP RED BOX

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Thank you JCS We're trying to arrange a call with the Palace and will share what we find out.
David

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From: JCS
Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2025 10:57 pm
To: David Tinline Personal ; James Roscoe Personal ; Sophie Hague

Cc: Oliver Robbins Personal PUS Action <PUS.Action@fcdo.gov.uk>; Harriet Thompson Personal ; Peter Mandelson Personal ; Ailsa Terry Personal ; Nicholas Alton Personal ; Anna Clunes PER Personal ; JCS

Subject: Re: TRUMP RED BOX

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All,

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Best,

JCS | **Head of US Political and Bilateral Team | US and Canada Department (USCAD) | Americas and SIDS Directorate**

Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office | King Charles Street | W2.68 | London SW1A 2AH

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To: James Roscoe Personal ; Sophie Hague Personal
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Subject: Re: TRUMP RED BOX

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Hi James,

You're right - it is not completely clear.
The letter gives the situation as of 10 July. We know that the box has since been put int production, with a presidential seal, ***

I'm grateful for Anna's offer to join the meeting with the company - that would be very welcome. I'll try to set up a call to discuss this in the meantime.
Many thanks
David

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From: James Roscoe Personal
Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2025 10:26 pm
To: David Tinline Personal Sophie Hague Personal
Cc: Oliver Robbins Personal ; PUS Action Personal ; Harriet Thompson Personal JCS ; Peter Mandelson Personal ; Ailsa Terry Personal ; Nicholas Alton Personal ; Anna Clunes Personal Pe JCS ;

Subject: RE: TRUMP RED BOX

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Thank you David,

I'm not sure this is completely clear. The letter concludes that:

- the box has been commercially costed;
- the box has been designed, but does not say it has been made (or formally commissioned); and
- it goes on to say the lead in time to manufacture the box is 8-10 weeks.

So has BHG started to make the box or not? It needs to be ready in two weeks to gift for the SV. What is the design, is it one we can accept *** A commercially commissioned or not, ***

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And why have HMT sat on this since February?

Happy to jump on a call tomorrow morning.

James

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From: David Tinline Personal
Sent: 26 August 2025 13:32
To: Sophie Hague Personal Personal ; James Roscoe
Cc: Oliver Robbins Personal Personal ; PUS Action Personal ; Harriet Thompson Personal ; JCS Personal Peter Mandelson Personal Ailsa Terry (No.10) PER Personal ; Nicholas Alton Personal ; Anna Clunes Personal ; JCS

Subject: RE: TRUMP RED BOX

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Many thanks
David

David Tinline
Foreign Affairs Team
10 Downing Street, London SW1A 2AA | No10 Switchboard Personal

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From: Sophie Hague Personal
Sent: 26 August 2025 15:18
To: James Roscoe Personal
Cc: Oliver Robbins Personal ; Harriet Thompson Personal PUS Action Personal JCS Peter Mandelson Personal Ailsa Terry Personal David Tinline Personal ; Nicholas Alton Personal Anna Clunes Personal
Subject: Re: TRUMP RED BOX

Thanks James

It's top of David's list today.

Best wishes
Sophie

On Tue, 26 Aug 2025 at 15:00, James Roscoe Personal wrote:

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> Sophie, David,
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> We have had corroboration of the *** element from someone in touch directly with the Warrant holder manufacturer.
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From: Oliver Robbins Personal
Sent: 26 August 2025 02:54
To: Sophie Hague Personal
Personal
Cc: PUS Action Personal ; Harriet Thompson
Personal ; JCS
Peter Mandelson
Personal James Roscoe Personal Ailsa
Terry (No.10) Personal
Subject: TRUMP RED BOX

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Sophie, Anna

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I am concerned though that we will end up ***

I am sure you will have been round this issue at least once already but is there anything I can do to help? ***

I'm not sure whether the balance is right.

Olly

Sir Oliver Robbins KCMG CB

Permanent Under-Secretary | Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office |
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364 - 28-06-2025 - Email from Peter Mandelson to Morgan McSweeney (former Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister, No.10)

Subject: Re: TRUMP RED BOX
Date: Thursday, 28 August 2025 at 13:16:25 British Summer Time
From: Peter Mandelson
To: Morgan McSweeney

No, no. Not way to deal with it. Leave it.

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From: Morgan McSweeney < Personal **Sent:** Thursday, August 28, 2025 7:55:19 AM
To: Peter Mandelson Personal **Subject:** Fw: TRUMP RED BOX

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Please see below

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From: Henna Shah Personal
Sent: Thursday, August 28, 2025 11:45 am
To: Morgan McSweeney Personal ; JCS Personal
Subject: Re: TRUMP RED BOX

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David T is your man on this. He is trying to source from a different supplier *** and he and Jill are working through a backup.

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Heena Shah| Special Adviser for Foreign Affairs, Defence, and Security| Prime Minister's Office | 10 Downing Street, London, SW1A 2AA | Personal

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From: Morgan McSweeney Personal
Date: Wednesday, 27 August 2025 at 09:46
To: Henna Shah Personal , JCS Personal

Subject: Fw: TRUMP RED BOX

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From: Peter Mandelson Personal
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2025 2:18:55 AM
To: Morgan McSweeney Personal
Subject: Fw: TRUMP RED BOX

What the attachment says is that Whitehall has known about *** since February and it was confirmed in early July and nobody had the wit to say anything. What incompetence.

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Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2025 1:31:43 PM
To: Sophie Hague Personal
Cc: Oliver Robbins Personal ; Harriet Thompson Personal ; James Roscoe Personal ; PUS Action Personal ; JCS Personal ; Peter Mandelson Personal ; Nicholas Alton Personal ; Anna Clunes Personal ; Ailsa Terry (No.10) Personal

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365 - 27-08-2025 - Email from Peter Mandelson to Sir Oliver Robbins (former Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, FCDO)

From: Peter Mandelson[Personal

Sent: Wed 27/08/2025 11:53:18 PM (UTC)
To: Oliver Robbins Personal
Subject: Fw: UK/US Technology Partnership SITREP - #6 - 27 August

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Cc: DL Washi Tech Partnership ; JCS
Subject: Re: UK/US Technology Partnership SITREP - #6 - 27 August

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Dear All,

Please see SITREP #6 for the UK/US Tech Partnership, led by BEW, with input from teams across the US network, and DSIT/Cabinet Office. We will update this as a rolling chain up to the State Visit. Updates are in red.
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Date: 27 August
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Best,
JCS

JCS *(she/hers)*
Policy Advisor | Science & Technology Network
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From: JCS
Sent: 22 August 2025 15:39
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Cc: DL Washi Tech Partnership ; JCS
Subject: Re: UK/US Technology Partnership SITREP - #5 - 22 August

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Dear All,

Please see SITREP #5 for the UK/US Tech Partnership, led by BEW, with input from teams across the US network, and DSIT/Cabinet Office. We will update this as a rolling chain up to the State Visit. Updates are in red.
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Date: 22 August

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Sent: Tuesday, August 19, 2025 17:11
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Cc: DL Washi Tech Partnership ; Personal ; JCS

Subject: Re: UK/US Technology Partnership SITREP - #4 - 19 August

Dear All,

Please see SITREP #4 for the UK/US Tech Partnership, led by BEW, with input from teams across the US network, and DSIT/Cabinet Office. We will update this as a rolling chain up to the State Visit. Updates are in red.
I'm picking up for JCS , so if you would like further additions to the distro list for this, let me know and welcome any feedback on what is most helpful to be included in this.
Personal

Date: 19th August

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From: JCS
Sent: 15 August 2025 15:48
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Subject: UK/US Technology Partnership SITREP - #3 - 15 August

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All,

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Best,

JCS **| Head of US Political and Bilateral Team | US and Canada Department (USCAD) | Americas and SIDS Directorate**

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From: David Tinline Personal
Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2025 10:50 pm
To: James Roscoe Personal ; Sophie Hague Personal
Cc: Oliver Robbins Personal ; PUS Action Personal ; Harriet Thompson Personal JCS ; Peter Mandelson Personal ; Ailsa Terry (No.10) Personal ; Nicholas Alton Personal ; Anna Clunes Personal ; JCS ; JCS
Subject: Re: TRUMP RED BOX

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Hi James,
You're right - it is not completely clear.
The letter gives the situation as of 10 July. We know that the box has since been put int production, with a presidential seal, ***

I'm grateful for Anna's offer to join the meeting with the company - that would be very welcome.
I'll try to set up a call to discuss this in the meantime.
Many thanks
David

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From: James Roscoe Personal
Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2025 10:26 pm
To: David Tinline Personal ; Sophie Hague Personal
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Subject: RE: TRUMP RED BOX

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Thank you David,

I'm not sure this completely clear. The letter concludes that:

- the box has been commercially costed;
- the box has been designed, but does not say it has been made (or formally commissioned); and
- it goes on to say the lead in time to manufacture the box is 8-10 weeks.

So has BHG started to make the box or not? It needs to be ready in two weeks to gift for the SV. What is the design, is it one we can accept *** A commercially commissioned or not, ***

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And why have HMT sat on this since February?

Happy to jump on a call tomorrow morning.

James

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From: David Tinline Personal
Sent: 26 August 2025 13:32
To: Sophie Haque Personal Personal James Roscoe
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Subject: RE: TRUMP RED BOX

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Dear all, many thanks for the messages on this. I think we have a fairly clear picture of the situation now, which is corroborated by the letter attached. Political colleagues here share our concerns and have asked that we look at how we can intervene asap and secure the gift. I think we still have the opportunity to do this, just about. ***

We are seeking a meeting in person with the company rep this week to explore. I would be grateful for any support/ideas on a way through this – including potentially more senior representation at that meeting to help push things forward.
Many thanks
David

David Tinline
Foreign Affairs Team
10 Downing Street, London SW1A 2AA | No10 Switchboard Personal

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From: Sophie Hague Personal
Sent: 26 August 2025 15:18
To: James Roscoe Personal
Cc: Oliver Robbins Personal ; PUS Action Personal ; Harriet Thompson Personal JCS Peter Mandelson Personal Ailsa Terry Personal David Tinline Personal ; Nicholas Alton Personal Anna Clunes Personal
Subject: Re: TRUMP RED BOX

Thanks James

It's top of David's list today.

Best wishes
Sophie

On Tue, 26 Aug 2025 at 15:00, James Roscoe Personal wrote:

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> Sophie, David,
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> We have had corroboration of the *** element from someone in touch directly with the Warrant holder manufacturer.
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> For complete transparency, ***
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> the presidential seal is used.
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> I do think we need to move with some urgency here to ensure that the ***
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> James
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> OFFICIAL
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> From: Oliver Robbins Personal
> **Sent:** 26 August 2025 02:54
> **To:** Sophie Hague Personal anna.clunes Personal
> **Cc:** PUS Action Personal ; Harriet Thompson Personal ; JCS Peter Mandelson Personal ; James Roscoe Personal ; Ailsa Terry (No.10) Personal
> **Subject:** TRUMP RED BOX

Sophie, Anna

BE Washington, as I'm sure you know, is clear that one of the gifts that would mean the most to the President would be a red dispatch box with the gold crest and lettering mimicking a UK Government Ministerial box but with "President of the United States" inscribed upon it.

***

I am concerned though that we will end up ***

I am sure you will have been round this issue at least once already but is there anything I can do to help?

***

I'm not sure whether the balance is right.

Olly

Sir Oliver Robbins KCMG CB

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Subject: Fw: Axios: Scoop: White House believes Europe secretly undoing Ukraine war's end
Date: Saturday, 30 August 2025 at 14:37:32 British Summer Time
From: Peter Mandelson
To: Radakin, Tony Adm (CDS-CDSPersonal), Jonathan Powell

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From: Personal
Sent: Saturday, August 30, 2025 9:35:05 AM
To: DL Washi Russia-Ukraine < Personal ; Personal JCS >; Peter Mandelson
Subject: Axios: Scoop: White House believes Europe secretly undoing Ukraine war's end

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Scoop: White House believes Europe secretly undoing Ukraine war's end

Senior White House officials believe some European leaders are publicly supporting President Trump's effort to end the war in Ukraine, while quietly trying to undo behind-the-scenes progress since the Alaska summit, Axios has learned.

- The White House has asked the Treasury Department to compile a list of sanctions that could plausibly be imposed by Europe against Russia.

Why it matters: Two weeks after the summit between President Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin, there has been little clear progress toward ending the war. Frustrated Trump aides contend the blame should fall on European allies, not on Trump or even Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Behind the scenes: White House officials are losing patience with European leaders, whom they claim are pushing Ukraine to hold out for unrealistic territorial concessions by Russia.

- Axios has learned that the sanctions the U.S. is urging Europe to adopt against Russia include a complete cessation of all oil and gas purchases — plus secondary tariffs from the EU on India and China, similar to those already imposed on India by the U.S.
- "The Europeans don't get to prolong this war and backdoor unreasonable expectations, while also expecting America to bear the cost," a top White House official told Axios. "If Europe wants to escalate this war, that will be up to them. But they will be hopelessly snatching defeat from the jaws of victory."

What they're thinking: The Europeans are said to be pushing Zelensky to hold out for a "better deal" — a maximalist approach that has exacerbated the war, Trump's inner circle argues.

- The U.S. officials believe British and French officials are being more constructive. But they complain that other major European countries want the U.S. to bear the full cost of the war, while putting no skin in the game themselves.
- "Getting to a deal is an art of the possible," the top official said. "But some of the Europeans continue to operate in a fairy-tale land that ignores the fact it takes two to tango."

The big picture: After his summits with Putin and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, Trump repeatedly said the next step must be a Putin-Zelensky summit. So far, the Russians have refused.

- At the same time, the Ukrainians have rejected any discussion on possible territorial concessions unless the Russians come to the table.
- Trump was visibly frustrated about the situation during Tuesday's Cabinet meeting. "Everybody is posturing. It's all bullshit," he said.
- Russia's massive air strikes on Kyiv, plus Ukrainian attacks on Russian oil refineries, further signaled that peace wasn't getting any closer.

What they're saying: "Perhaps both sides of this war are not ready to end it themselves. The president wants it to end, but the leaders of these two countries need it to end and must want it to end as well," White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt said on Thursday.

- A senior White House official told Axios that Trump is seriously considering stepping back from the diplomatic efforts until one or both parties begin to show more flexibility.
- "We are going to sit back and watch. Let them fight it out for a while and see what happens," the official said.
- Some U.S. officials have begun to see European leaders as a major obstacle, despite the fact that Trump held a friendly meeting with them and Zelensky less than two weeks ago.

The other side: A senior European official involved in the talks with the U.S. over the Ukraine-Russia war expressed surprise about the U.S. criticism.

- The official was puzzled by the suggestion that European leaders were playing one game with Trump and another behind his back, saying no such gaps existed in reality.
- The official also said European countries are already working on a new set of sanctions against Russia.

The latest: On Friday, Trump's envoy Steve Witkoff and Zelensky's chief of staff Andriy Yermak met in New York.

- They discussed the potential Zelensky-Putin meeting and Yermak invited Witkoff for a first visit to Kyiv, but no significant progress was made, a source with knowledge of the meeting said

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From: Peter Mandelson[/ Personal

Sent: Sun 10/08/2025 12:10:41 PM (UTC)
To: Oliver Robbins Personal
Cc: Serena Stone Personal
Subject: Re: ***

Thanks. I think on the NSS-FCDO relationship there are clearly serious issues of trust and collaboration. ***

V best

Peter

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From: Oliver Robbins
Sent: Sunday, August 10, 2025 3:34:26 AM
To: Peter Mandelson
Cc: Serena Stone
Subject: Re: ***

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Peter

Thanks for your email. I had not seen the notes you refer to either but have had the office track them down and have skimmed them and the background to them on the

train from Personal …

I'd like to discuss with you properly, which won't be easy before my return to the office on 20/8, but I'll ask the office to set up asap afterwards.

Quick reflections:

- I agree with the spirit of your frustration. I would have preferred to have been copied into these notes myself, and my attempt to insert myself constructively on the weekend before the *** announcement was treated politely but not really acted on. I am especially frustrated honestly with the way in which the department seems to rush to obey every commission from NSS/No 10 private office without consulting fully or sometimes taking the time to assess wider ramifications. Improving this process, and not just on ***, is a major focus for my this autumn (inc with Barbara's arrival in NSS).
- But watching the news occasionally on holiday, I saw a move by the PM with others ***
- Has there in fact been much ***
- ***
- I want you and the Embassy better integrated into the key policy processes and promise I will work on that. But this can't equate to every piece of advice in Whitehall that mentioned the US being cleared with you: we need to have better systems to make sure that you're involved in the main ones that may need ***

Do ring if something urgent is worrying you. Heading for Personal next but will have phones with me.

Olly

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Oliver Robbins
FCDO

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From: Peter Mandelson
Sent: Wednesday, August 6, 2025 11:53:52 PM
To: Oliver Robbins
Subject: ***

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Dear Olly,
I remain concerned that the policy process on *** is disjointed and, as a result, half-formed advice is going to the Foreign Secretary and Prime Minister.
This Embassy was not consulted properly - indeed barely informed - about *** which was a significant policy shift that should have been properly considered at the centre of government and relevant posts should have been involved. Since then, I am aware of two further pieces of advice that have gone to the Foreign Secretary, and ultimately to NSS/No10. The first, which went up yesterday, recommends that the decision on recognition be made prior to the State Visit and further recommends that the PM tell the President of his decision during the State Visit. If consulted, I would have disagreed strongly with this recommendation which in my view would *** I have not seen the advice in question and nor have officials at the Embassy. ***

The fact that this Embassy has not been consulted on these pieces of advice, both of which directly relate to the US, illustrates my point: advice is not being properly formulated on this subject.
I would be grateful if we can discuss how we might address this situation.
Very best
Peter
Lord Mandelson
HM Ambassador, Washington DC

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369 - 01-09-2025 - Email from Peter Mandelson to Peter Wilson (HM Ambassador to People's Republic of China)

From: Peter Mandelson[/ Personal

Sent: Mon 01/09/2025 1:22:02 AM (UTC)
To: Peter Wilson Personal
Subject: Re: Keeping in touch from China

Keep me posted on dates because I am travelling a lot then

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From: Peter Wilson
Sent: Sunday, August 31, 2025 7:45:20 PM
To: Peter Mandelson
Subject: Re: Keeping in touch from China

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Thanks!

I'm not agnostic either… ***

Still planning to come over your way end Oct, if that works. Will double check with JCS nearer the time. Third Party and Third Party are in frequent touch :)

Peter W

Peter Wilson
Personal

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From: Peter Mandelson
Sent: Monday, September 1, 2025 7:38 am
To: Peter Wilson
Cc: Washington Private Office
Subject: Re: Keeping in touch from China

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Great thanks.

We have made some modest tweaks to the lecture so that we are competing ***

Very best

Peter

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From: Peter Wilson
Sent: Sunday, August 31, 2025 7:35:22 PM
To: Peter Mandelson
Subject: Keeping in touch from China

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Peter

Just so you have all my different contact details (below) - it's a bit more involved here.

This email address reaches me wherever I am - on my FCDO phone, or on my office desktop.

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JCS are my very capable PS and PA respectively.

Peter

Peter Wilson
UK Ambassador to China (currently 7 hours ahead of the UK)
Personal (Chinese mobile) ***
office - ***
Residence - ***

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370 - 03-09-2025 - Meeting between Peter Mandelson and the Director General of the National Crime Agency

DG VISIT, WASHINGTON D.C., 3 - 4 SEPTEMBER 2025

DATE	03/09/2025	ACTIVITY	Pre-breakfast meeting with HMA

You attended a brief meeting with HMA, prior to the Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement breakfast. Present were: HMA Lord Mandelson, JCS JCS *** JCS *** JCS (PPS to HMA), Lucy Ferguson (FCDO) and the *** HMA asked who you would be seeing during your trip, and you mentioned that you would be seeing the Heads of all the major federal LEAs. You talked about the changes in resource, with some increases and some decreases, ***

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From: Peter Mandelson[/ Personal

Sent: Mon 01/09/2025 3:25:19 PM (UTC)

To: Neil Crompton * Personal ; Stephen Hickey Personal Steve Hitchen Personal

Cc: Hurndall[Personal JCS Caroline Personal PS Minister Falconer - Personal ; PUS Action[Personal]; Christian Turner Personal Ed Llewellyn Personal ; Jonathan Allen Personal ; Rich Morris (No.10) Personal JCS Jonathan Powell Personal Matthew Collins (Cabinet Office) Personal]; Ailsa Terry (No.10)[Personal]; CDS Private-Office (MoD) (Personal ; Radakin, Tony Adm (CDS-CDSPersonal) Personal Avril.Jolliffe Personal ; Richard Moore Private Office Personal JCS Lucy Ferguson Personal ; Barbara Woodward Personal ; Alice Burt Personal Liane Saunders Personal ; Edward Hobart Personal ; JCS ; Alastair Long Personal ; Neerav Patel Siddiq Personal ; Irfan Personal ; Philip Hall Personal ; JCS Belinda Lewis Personal ; Mark Bryson-Richardson[Personal ; Simon Walters * Personal Helen Winterton Personal ; Martin Longden Personal]; Jill Morris Personal ; Rob Dixon (Cabinet Office) (Sensitive) Personal ; Asim Hafeez (Home Office) (Sensitive) Personal ; Jio - Private Office (Cabinet Office) (Sensitive) Personal ; Patrick Moody Personal JCS ; JCS Jeremy.Attridge Personal Personal ; JCS Roddy Drummond[Personal James Downer Personal ; Simon Martin Personal

Subject: Re: Saudi - Farewell Reflections

This is an excellent analysis, fascinating to track the evolution. The amazing thing is

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Very best and thanks

Peter

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From: Neil Crompton *
Sent: Monday, September 1, 2025 7:56:40 AM
To: Stephen Hickey ; Steve Hitchen
Cc: JCS ; Caroline Hurndall ; PS Minister Falconer - Action ; PUS Action ; Christian Turner ; Ed Llewellyn ; Jonathan Allen ; Rich Morris (No.10) ; JCS ; Jonathan Powell ; Matthew Collins (Cabinet Office) ; Rich Morris (No.10) ; Ailsa Terry (No.10) ; CDS Private-Office (MoD) (Sensitive) ; Radakin, Tony Adm (CDS-CDSPersonal) ; Avril. Personal ; Richard Moore Private Office ; JCS ; Peter Mandelson ; JCS ; Barbara Woodward * ; Alice Burt ; Liane Saunders ; Edward Hobart ; JCS ; Alastair Long ; Neerav Patel ; Irfan Siddiq ; Philip Hall ; JCS Belinda Lewis ; Mark Bryson-Richardson ; Simon Walters * ; Helen Winterton ; Martin Longden * ; Jill Morris ; Rob Dixon (Cabinet Office) (Sensitive) ; Asim Hafeez (Home Office) (Sensitive) ; Jio - Private Office (Cabinet Office) (Sensitive) ; Patrick Moody ; JCS ; JCS Jeremy.Attridge Personal ; JCS ; Asim Hafeez (Home Office) (Sensitive) ; Roddy Drummond ; James Downer * ; JCS
Subject: Saudi - Farewell Reflections

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Stephen, Steve
As trailed, I attach some farewell reflections on my time working on Saudi. I penned these a few weeks ago but thought it best to delay sending until after the summer holiday. Several people asked that I include some thoughts on how to get moving on *** again, which I have done at the end. This is Steve's business now!
Good luck to Steve and thanks to you and colleagues for all your help and support!
Neil Crompton

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372 - 03-09-2025 - Email from Peter Mandelson to Jon Garvie (former Chief of Staff to the Foreign Secretary, FCDO)

From: Peter Mandelson[/ Personal

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Sent: Wed 03/09/2025 11:47:07 AM (UTC)

To: Jon Garvie Personal

Subject: Dictchley lecture on UK US special relationship, what next

Attachment: Ditchley lecture 3 September.docx

This is on Saturday, if you have a moment to read….thanks

Lord Mandelson
HM Ambassador, Washington DC
Personal | Personal

373 - 03-09-2025 - Email from Peter Mandelson to Morgan McSweeney (former Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister, No.10)

Subject: Ditchley lecture on where next for the US-UK relationship
Date: Wednesday, 3 September 2025 at 04:13:44 British Summer Time
From: Peter Mandelson
To: Morgan McSweeney
Attachments: Ditchley lecture 3 September.docx

If you have a moment, grateful if you could take a read thanks

Peter

Lord Mandelson
HM Ambassador, Washington DC
Personal

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2 September 2025

Introduction

Nearly fifty years ago, as a young Oxford undergraduate, I made the short journey here to a Ditchley conference on the position of young people in post-industrial society.

I was the token Labour youth alongside a similarly recruited Conservative student. We entered the library before dinner, described what it was like to be young, were fed well and then driven back to Oxford.

You see, Ditchley has always made sure it is about the lives of real people!

That early encounter with Ditchley began a lifelong association with this magnificent crucible of ideas. It remains absolutely true that no one leaves this extraordinary place without thinking new thoughts and drawing fresh inspiration.

Although, on the occasion of another Ditchley conference in 2003, I nearly left without my kidneys when thrown from a horse, riding out before breakfast with the then director' s wife.

Since the Ditchley Foundation' s inaugural lecture in 1962 on ' The Anatomy of Anglo-American Relations' , this house has earned its reputation as the spiritual home for examining that most mercurial of creatures: the UK-US relationship. As that first lecture wisely counselled:

"We must never take good Anglo-American relations for granted; they need constant effort, care and refreshment."

And of course, we are particularly mindful of this as we anticipate President Trump' s historic second State Visit to Britain later this month.

I like to imagine Churchill road-tested the term ' special relationship' here at Ditchley with America' s wartime envoy Harry Hopkins, when the moon was high, and Chequers was too dangerous for the Prime Minister' s weekend stays.

In fact, the special relationship began to be forged after the *War of Independence* when France' s aid might have gained the mantle for itself. But once Britain had recognised America' s independence, our two nations gradually discovered we had more in common than in dispute – the temporary setback of the *War of 1812* notwithstanding.

At the Treaty of Paris celebrations in 1783 a French guest predicted that the thirteen American states would form the world' s greatest empire. *" Yes" ,* British envoy Caleb Whitefoord replied, *" and they will all speak English, every one of them" .*

And so was born, stutteringly and incrementally, the Anglosphere and the Anglo-American special relationship at its core.

Today, it is my immense privilege to return here as British Ambassador to the United States.

I offer my thoughts on the future of the special relationship, particularly as I steel myself, once again, to perform my familiar role as professional villain – serving as His Majesty' s representative during America's upcoming 250th independence birthday celebrations.

The world today: a new era of great power rivalry

From my vantage point in Washington, distance brings tremendous clarity about where Britain stands today on the world stage, as we face a new era of great power rivalry.

We may not be a contemporary great power, but we are a leading nation, elevated by our UN security council, NATO and G7 status, and more than capable of being talented and nimble enough to thrive in a changing world.

So let me first address the geopolitics that, in my view, make the special relationship more, not less, relevant to the UK's national interest.

We are witnessing an upheaval of the post-Cold War order which has shaken all the comfortable assumptions of a US-led unipolar system.

We now live in an age where the international system is fraying and the UN no longer decisive. We must come to terms with the existence of two global superpowers – America and China – locked in a strategic rivalry.

It is this competition which will shape the next century and in which we cannot avoid being part. Drawn to the US by values and security as well as economics and dealing with a Chinese market we cannot ignore.

I don't wish to reopen old Brexit wounds, but we must honestly assess how the game has changed for us over the past decade. As well as creating a net loss for our economy, leaving the European Union has also altered our geopolitical options.

In the EU, while our relationship was primarily an economic one, we got membership of a "foreign policy multiplier", less independence and autonomy within a bloc and able, through it, to exercise global influence. We were part of the European pack, driving Europe's common and foreign security policy, while hedging our bets through our special relationship with America – and taking constant care to preserve that relationship at all costs.

Leaving the EU was expected by many to give Britain more independence, more autonomy to pursue UK national interests. The truth is: it *has* and it *hasn't*. We find ourselves squeezed between the economic and regulatory powers of the US, EU and China, at a time when these blocs have begun to assert their economic interests via tariffs, protectionism and greater emphasis on secure supply chains and economic security.

But there is a paradox here: some suggested that Britain's departure from the European Union would weaken our value as an American partner. In reality, Brexit has freed us to pursue closer US ties.

Britain has the opportunity to use its regulatory freedom and independence from European law to deepen American investment opportunities. This is crucial as, post-Brexit, we need to leverage every advantage we can to spur UK growth and employment.

At the same time, it is fair to say that Britain has retained a seat at the European top table at key international moments, as we saw in Washington this summer. So, the early claims that, out of the EU, Britain will have less weight and relevance in Washington have turned out to be false.

Looking beyond our European neighbours, the reality is that the global trading system that once served us well has come back to haunt us. For decades, the West has enabled China's

massively state-subsidised economy to flood the global market with products, undermine our manufacturing and hollow out industries.

We have bred over-supply and dependence on Chinese supply chains. Most critically, working people in both our countries have been left behind. Waves of deindustrialisation, widening wealth inequalities, economic dispossession – these shocks have created profound challenges to culture, place and society to which we have paid insufficient attention until now.

So yes, I credit President Trump's political instincts in identifying the anxieties gripping not only millions of Americans, but also far more pervasive Western trends: economic stagnation for many, a sense of irreversible decline, the lost promise of meaningful work.

In short, the overwhelming feeling that 'the system' no longer delivers as it used to. The comforting presumption that your children will be better off than you has evaporated within a generation. These American concerns find their mirror image in British society, where Keir Starmer won an electoral mandate for national renewal which is similar to Donald Trump's.

These are the conditions in which *modern mercantilism* is now taking root, where impatient and fed-up electorates demand their nations prioritise their own national economic interest and self-sufficiency. Globalisation is not dead, but it is being dramatically reconfigured. For an outward-facing trading economy like Britain, earning our living in the world has become significantly harder.

Simultaneously, whilst the economics have got harder, today's security threats are more dangerous and unpredictable than anything we have faced since the Cold War. Our adversaries act ever more in unison, as new technologies transform how economic advantage is pursued and war is fought.

Putin wages war in Ukraine using Chinese technology and armed with Iranian and North Korean weapons. And let me be absolutely clear: what keeps me awake at night is China winning the race for technological dominance in the coming decades – and how that will affect every facet of our lives.

Some may have forgotten just how central scientific competition was in the early stages of the Cold War, but we are now living in a technological revolution unlike any before.

China does not want to be like the West, but it has learned the lessons of the West's advantages gained through scientific investment and invention. As a result, it combines economic dynamism, scientific innovation, the ability to plan for longer than an electoral cycle, with strategic patience in ways that make them the most formidable modern competitor the West has encountered.

China is racing to dominate artificial intelligence, quantum computing and biotechnology. They've embarked on a dramatic expansion of their army, navy and air force and are moving into space. They are lifting secrets through espionage and cyber-attacks while dramatically multiplying their own rate of innovation.

The core US-China technology rivalry is not merely a contest for economic primacy – it's a struggle over values, over what kind of world the next generation will inherit: one that fosters freedom and debate in the decades ahead, or one that imposes centralised command and control.

Only America has the capability, wealth and determination to compete with China technologically. As a science-rich nation ourselves, how we meet this challenge and choose our partners in doing so will shape our economic prosperity and national security for the foreseeable future.

Doing so in tandem with the US is where Britain's future lies. We must be ready to forge a US-UK technology partnership as significant as the Mutual Defence Agreement and subsequent nuclear treaty that Harold Macmillan negotiated with President Kennedy. To this day, these remain the foundation stone of our defence and intelligence relationship nearly seven decades later.

The technology partnership should reflect the unique levels of trust and complementary skills we already share. It is a division of responsibility that, while not equal, works to both nations' advantage.

This brings me to my central premise about the future: while we are independent of America, it is not in our interests to be separate from America.

I draw a clear line between the sentimental and the instrumental approaches to our national interest. Our alliance with America endures not because of shared history or because we get on with the President of the day, but because it consistently delivers mutual advantage.

Do we always have identical views? Of course not, we never have. And we are not looking for special treatment. Our alliance exists because it serves both nations' interests, because the core values of Britons and Americans remain aligned, as the world around us becomes more threatening.

For Britain, the relationship means we have more ability to shape events by co-ordinating our policies with those of America in every region of the world.

We can disagree, but we cannot be fair-weather friends. Not when we want to be close partners in good times and an influential voice in difficult times. This has always relied on strategic depth, not just personal interaction.

So, the choice before us is stark and urgent. The technology revolution will change everything, and US-China competition will define this century. The Atlantic alliance must evolve to meet the greatest challenge of our age: keeping ahead in the global technology race that will determine our fate in the 21st century.

Understanding the Age of Trump

I know that some listening today may doubt our ability to work more closely with the US internationally with President Trump's White House.

They will point to his trade policies that are affecting friends and foe alike, his rejection of the prevailing climate consensus and his dismantlement of decades-old US development programmes. That his *America First* credo is not compatible with deeper co-operation with others, including Britain. That Britain must pivot away from America.

My time working alongside the Trump administration has taught me this is lazy thinking. The President may not follow the usual rulebook or conventional practice, but he is a risk taker in a world where a 'business as usual' approach no longer works.

Indeed, he seems to have an iron-clad stomach for political risk, both at home and abroad. Convening other nations and intervening in conflicts that other presidents would have thought endlessly about before descending into an analysis paralysis and impotent incrementalism.

Yet – and this is not well understood – although the Trumpian national security strategy is called '*America First'*, it does not mean '*America Alone*'.

We see him leverage America's heft to put the right people in the room and hammer out compromises, to grind out concessions.

I am not just thinking of Ukraine where the President has brought fresh energy to efforts to end this intractable war. If the President were so indifferent to the rest of the world we would not have seen him engage with both India and Pakistan in their conflict. Likewise, the war between DRC and Rwanda. He would have let Armenia and Azerbaijan carry on fighting. He would not be spending political capital on an overall deal in Gaza that stops the war, frees the hostages, gets aid in and enables reconstruction in the context of a wider settlement for the Palestinian people.

Furthermore, the international order people claim he has disrupted and the calm he has allegedly shattered was already at breaking point. So, I would argue that Trump is more consequence than cause of the upheaval we are experiencing. He is using the might of the United States globally to do things that other democracies are unable or unwilling to do.

It is not my job to offer a rationale for America's president – I am not his explainer-in-chief – and we might all have a quieter life in Washington if he was, how should I say, less 'dynamic' in changing the discourse of politics.

But it is clear to me, that what we are seeing play out is a change of epoch in the new politics that is emerging in different forms across the Western world.

He will not always get everything right but with his Sharpie pen and freewheeling Oval Office press sprays he has sounded a deafening wake up call to the sleep-walking international old guard.

And the President is right about the status quo failing from America's point of view. The world has rested on the willingness of the US to act as sheriff, to form a posse whenever anything went wrong, a world in which America's allies could fall in behind – not always *that* close behind – and then allow the US to do most of the heavy lifting.

The American people gave a mandate to President Trump to change this and to say to allies: step up and take more of the brunt, especially in their own backyard. And this is the message he is taking to Allies.

He also understands that the US needs Europe, strong and close enough, to counter Chinese power, including its hegemony in Asia.

America is enmeshed in every layer of the world and has to play every ball lobbed at it. But with echoes of Reagan, Trump's own doctrine of 'peace through strength' recognises the need to be battle-ready while avoiding forever wars.

Trump understands the positive coercive power of traditional American deterrence; deterring adversaries through a blend of firepower and strategic unpredictability, as we saw in his decisive action on Iran's nuclear programme. Well beyond their military impact, these strikes gave a swathe of malign foreign regimes pause for thought.

Britain's contract with America

Let me now turn to our own alliance with America. As British Ambassador, I have seen first-hand the sheer magnitude of what lies beneath the bonnet of the UK-US relationship. Across so many fields of British life, be this the film industry, aerospace, AI, media, signals intelligence, submarine production, pharmaceuticals, farming, higher education, the City of London – like it or not – our US partnership has become indispensable to the functioning of our nation.

Beyond President Trump's instinctive warmth towards Britain, we cannot simply take it for granted that the breadth of this and of future US administrations will see the value of the 'special relationship' in the way we do. There can be no complacency. It is vital that we demonstrate to the next tier of US political leadership – and to the next Republican and Democrat generations – exactly how UK partnerships in economics, technology, and security deliver tangible value for Americans and Brits alike.

So, what do we need to do to ensure the special relationship between our countries endures?

First and foremost, for our national security if we want to continue to benefit from America's massive defence and intelligence spend – and believe me, we certainly benefit in countless visible and less visible ways – we need to remain relevant to the US in defence.

It is critical to bolster the UK's will and ability to act alongside America in different parts of the world, not just Europe. America's 'day one, night one ally', as the Prime Minister has said.

We're taking the big decisions – like restoring nuclear strike capabilities to the Royal Air Force, purchasing new F-35A fighters equipped with American nuclear weapons for NATO's deterrence mission.

This represents a new chapter of British-American strategic integration, which complements our continuous at-sea nuclear deterrence and deepens our role as vital security partners – as we have been in every major international conflict since the Second World War, bar Vietnam.

But what sets Britain apart from many of its European neighbours is our *willingness* to engage and fight where necessary. German re-armament, for example, is hugely welcome and important but, in American eyes, will it be accompanied by a willingness to fight alongside America when the chips are down and we face a common threat?

On the ground in Ukraine, because Britain went early and hard, and because we are a trusted partner of the US, we have provided vital operational linkages for armament and intelligence and target sharing with Ukrainian armed forces.

In continuing to do so, Britain has to be conscious of the pockets of risk aversion in parts of the Whitehall machine and creeping legalism – a desire to find any legal pretext to avoid having to act.

Sometimes at moments of acute international danger we must recognise that necessary and urgent action cannot be beholden to a Russian or Chinese veto at the UN Security Council. The UN is a key institution in which we remain heavily invested. But too often UN processes are reduced solely to important signalling.

If we do not want *America First* to mean *America Alone*, we must be prepared for our forces to saddle up and ride out together when it's right to do so – and work to bring our European and Five Eyes allies with us.

As part of its own recalibration, the US administration is asking what greater commitment its allies should take on in the European theatre. This review is long overdue. But the US must avoid the trap of strict geographical division of labour.

Any strategy to compete with China, as well as counter Russia, will need to be collective, based on shared risks and costs. To this end, the US must incentivise as well as pressure natural allies into action. We are greater together.

For Britain, this is about our role in the world and a recognition that while we are chiefly focussed on Europe and are NATO-first, our interests do not stop at the borders of Europe. We must also have relevance and utility to the US in the Indo-Pacific where we have increasingly important strategic partners in Australia, Japan and South Korea.

In this respect, we need to protect and amplify AUKUS as a critical pillar of US national security strategy. The UK and Australia need to demonstrate to the US that they are both investing enough in AUKUS and that it is really adding net capability, not diverting US resources.

It is about ensuring we have interoperable submarines for all three countries for use around the world, able to fight together in the Indo-Pacific, Euro-Atlantic or anywhere else they are needed.

AUKUS already removes barriers to technology sharing between like-minded allies. Collectively we want to build on this and ensure that we maintain the technological edge – well beyond submarines to the future-facing weapons that will protect our people and interests in this century, as it did in the last.

Because this is about how we respond to the China challenge and its single-minded pursuit of *regional* military, and *global* technological, dominance.

A vibrant modern economy

In the end, a nation's position in the world is only as strong as the economy that sustains it.

I am confident that the strong fundamentals of the UK economy, notably its world class universities and science base, will enable Britain to turn itself into a modern, AI-boosted economy.

We may not be a science superpower, but our science base is already per capita bigger than America's and China's. It should be a source of national pride that we are the only other nation to boast a trillion-dollar tech sector.

To grow and apply our science ambitions we need greater access to the know-how, talent flows and investment capital that America provides. The numbers already tell the story of a truly golden economic corridor across the Atlantic: over £1.2 trillion in mutual investment, £322 billion in bilateral trade, and 2.5 million jobs sustained across both our economies. And this is balanced. Too few Americans are aware that the UK is the single largest foreign investor in 21 US states – including giants such as Texas, New York and California.

We have got off to an enviable start as the first country to negotiate a trade deal with President Trump. Do not underestimate the significance of this. It is not just a political prize. The deal reflected long-held ambition for a trade deal on both sides and has materialised into an arrangement covering the bulk of our high value industrial and goods exports to the United States.

Now is the time for the next big step. AI, and quantum, will become the main drivers of economic growth and the transformation of our public services which we need to lift us out of the economic stagnation we have experienced over the last decade and more.

To do this, the UK must dramatically raise levels of investment, above all from the country closest to us, America. We must leave no stone unturned in Britain to create a globally competitive 'total business environment'. This, by the way, must include a reliable and affordable expanding energy supply. This is very much the message I am receiving from potential American investors.

Where we go next: the UK-US Technology Partnership

It is why I have made it my foremost priority as British Ambassador to create a full spectrum US-UK technology partnership. Hard-wired in national security but sparking new life-enhancing breakthroughs across the entire scientific landscape.

We must combine the formidable assets at our joint disposal: our two huge technology sectors, extraordinary pools of talent encompassing all the world's top 15 universities and cutting-edge research facilities. I want US tech companies to look at the UK as their second home.

Layered over this are our shared values, shared language and high comfort levels and history of working together to out-innovate our rivals. From the dawn of the nuclear age through *the Manhattan project* and the creation of radar, the internet, and today's quantum breakthroughs, our nations have repeatedly proven that UK-US collaboration produces world-changing results.

The opportunities now are vast: artificial intelligence, biotechnology, quantum computing, nuclear fusion, space exploration. The list goes on.

Some of this innovation will be undertaken by American companies and some by British ones. But where we want them to combine, we should not see this in zero sum terms. When Google bought *Deepmind* it did not disappear – its growth accelerated, and it is now a top tier UK-based company.

We cannot afford to be passive observers of the AI revolution. We must be its architects. This means backing the innovators to unleash their potential for human progress and allied advantage. These transformative technologies must not be stifled with excessive regulation as we have seen in the EU's GDPR, AI and other laws which they are now trying to reform.

So, where do we go next?

First, we must create resilient supply chains for the most critical technologies and materials, reducing dependence on strategic rivals.

Second, we must solve the energy equation. This is urgent. The AI revolution will need abundant, secure and competitively priced energy across the board. This is why both the US and UK are embarking on a new era of nuclear power deployment in both countries.

Third, we must build the infrastructure that powers tomorrow's digital economy – streamlining regulations that slow down progress and investment.

And finally, we must invest in the next generation through joint talent programmes, shared facilities and seamless career pathways spanning both countries.

The question facing us is simple: will the technologies that reshape human civilisation be developed in Beijing or in Boston, in Shenzhen or King’s Cross?

The Atlantic alliance has prevailed in every great contest of the modern era. Today's technological competition will be no different, but we must act with the urgency and unity this moment demands.

Conclusion

Let me conclude this lecture with where we began: the enduring power of the Atlantic alliance.

The approaching 250th anniversary of American independence marks one of history's most remarkable transformations: from bitter adversaries to steadfast allies that have shaped the modern world together.

From Wall Street to Silicon Valley and everywhere in between, I have witnessed how Britain and America remain bound by a deep kinship and cultural affinity that transcends borders and generations.

Our special relationship lives and thrives on familiarity, trust, and a constant exchange of creativity and ideas which enriches both societies.

Once again, our two nations stand at a pivotal moment. The technological revolution demands that we find the confidence and courage to leverage Britain’s strengths to reap the reciprocal benefits of our closest ally, at the forefront of the race that will determine how our citizens live, work and pursue happiness.

If we are to prosper, the technologies of tomorrow must be developed in a freedom-respecting Western blueprint not an autocratic Chinese one.

A final thought: we do not have to alter our own outlook to maximise the full benefits of our special relationship. We can be respectful without being sycophantic.

President Trump’s State Visit will showcase the best of British traditions and ceremony, but at its core will be new agreements that write the next chapter of transatlantic success; to create jobs, drive innovation and ensure that British and American ingenuity continues to lead the world.

In the end, the special relationship is not about sentiment or nostalgia, it is about mutual benefit which needs to resonate with American interests and American voters as much as our own.

Under this administration we have made a promising start. Now we must build on it. ENDS

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Steph,
Welcome back; I hope a successful break. I look forward to seeing you, the team and hopefully Tim, on Friday to discuss SV media. I'm sure you're going to enjoy working with him.
Ahead of Friday I wanted to pick up media plans and a trail of the Ditchley lecture. (I've shared draft with Morgan and Olly and Jon G at FCDO. Plus JCS has sent you and team a draft.)
I have written the lecture to serve as an intervention that frames the state visit - ten days out - setting out the case for our relationship with the Trump administration, the value that US partnership delivers for Brits, and the case for closer tech-driven future-facing partnerships. It interprets and articulates how and why we work *** to the next decades and how Britain and the US can work to assert our interests in a more contested world order that will be decided by the tech race. Setting this context is an attempt to make the case ***

Doing a few paras into the Sundays this weekend I think is too soon - given several moving parts and Peter's incoming visit to finalize next week. Attached is a suggested trail to go into Friday - UK and US. And Ditchley will share embargoed CAD version of the speech with their media list on Friday.
On the UK side Third Party is attending and has asked for a few words on camera post interview. I plan to do some short embargoed supporting interviews with US outlets to help land admin facing messages here. For US audiences, it's an opportunity to offer an upbeat proactive HMG message, after widespread US coverage of the unfortunate Graham Linehan case.
Peter

376 - 05-09-2025 - Email from Peter Mandelson to Stephanie Driver (former Director of Communications, No.10)

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Date: Friday, 5 September 2025 at 17:57:28 British Summer Time
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British Embassy Washington

From the Ambassador

The Rt Hon Lord Mandelson PC
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Tel: PERSONAL

21 August 2025

The Rt Hon Sir Keir Starmer KCB KC MP
Prime Minister of the United Kingdom

Dear Prime Minister,

The State Visit: Technology Partnership

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Lord Mandelson
British Ambassador to the United States

377 - 04-09-2025 - Email from Peter Mandelson to Pat McFadden (former Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for Intergovermental Relations)

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Ailsa, Caroline,

Please find attached a letter from HMA Washington on the subject of the Middle East and the Two State Solution.

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From the Ambassador

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4 September 2025

Ailsa Terry CMG
Prime Minister's Private Secretary for Foreign Affairs
10 Downing Street

Caroline Hurndall MBE
Principal Private Secretary to the Foreign Secretary
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

By email

Dear Ailsa and Caroline,

MIDDLE EAST: TWO STATE SOLUTION

1. I am writing with further advice on advancing the Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary's priorities in the Middle East over the next few weeks, further to my letter of 6 August and Barbara's letter of 29 August.

2. The US remains opposed to recognition of a Palestinian State and staunchly supportive of Israel. ***

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Peter Mandelson
British Ambassador to the United States

379 - 06-09-2025 - Email to Peter Mandelson and others from Sir Oliver Robbins (former Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, FCDO)

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Subject: Re: Latest Ditchley draft
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JCS

Thank you. Attached with final comments. Key points briefly:

- I don't understand what veto / UNSC reform is being called for on p6. I don't think the speech needs it and don't recognise it from what reforms Ministers have called for so please delete.

- Peter is closer to AUKUS than me. But I didn't understand the point on p7 about the US having a reasonable expectation of understanding how subs will be deployed which, together with the previous para, cld imply UK subs under a degree of US control.

- The ref to the GDPR stifling us with excessive reg on p8 makes me nervous. Have Ministers said this? I'm out of date but just remember the horrendous battle, with UK business pressing us massively, to get the EU to grant us data adequacy 6/7 years ago.

I can explain the other small changes if necessary but hopefully they're self-explanatory.

I need to get a bit of sleep now. Grateful if you'd confirm receipt and that these changes are being worked through.

Olly

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PUS,
Please find attached the latest draft of HMA Washington's Ditchley remarks, sent at his request.

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Britain and America in the Age of Trump – and Beyond 6 September 2025

Introduction

Nearly fifty years ago, as a young Oxford undergraduate, I made the short journey here to a Ditchley conference on the position of young people in post-industrial society.

I was the token Labour youth alongside a similarly recruited Conservative student. We entered the library before dinner, described what it was like to be young, were fed well and then driven back to Oxford.

You see, Ditchley has always made sure it is about the lives of real people!

That early encounter with Ditchley began a lifelong association with this magnificent crucible of ideas. It remains absolutely true that no one leaves this extraordinary place without thinking new thoughts and drawing fresh inspiration.

Although, on the occasion of another Ditchley conference in 2003, I nearly left without my kidneys when thrown from a horse, riding out before breakfast with the then director's wife.

Since the Ditchley Foundation's inaugural lecture in 1962 on 'The Anatomy of Anglo-American Relations', this house has earned its reputation as the spiritual home for examining that most mercurial of creatures: the UK-US relationship. As that first lecture wisely counselled:

"We must never take good Anglo-American relations for granted; they need constant effort, care and refreshment."

And of course, we are particularly mindful of this as we anticipate President Trump's historic second State Visit to Britain later this month.

I like to imagine Churchill road-tested the term 'special relationship' here at Ditchley with America's wartime envoy Harry Hopkins, when the moon was high, and Chequers was too dangerous for the Prime Minister's weekend stays.

In fact, the special relationship began to be forged after the *War of Independence* when France's aid might have gained the mantle for itself. But once Britain had recognised America's independence, our two nations gradually discovered we had more in common than in dispute – the temporary setback of the *War of 1812* notwithstanding.

At the Treaty of Paris celebrations in 1783 a French guest predicted that the thirteen American states would form the world's greatest empire. *" Yes" ,* British envoy Caleb Whitefoord replied, *" and they will all speak English, every one of them" .*

And so was born, stutteringly and incrementally, the Anglosphere and the Anglo-American special relationship at its core.

Today, it is my immense privilege to return here as British Ambassador to the United States.

I offer my thoughts on the future of the special relationship, particularly as I steel myself, once again, to perform my familiar role as professional villain – serving as His Majesty's representative during America's upcoming 250th independence birthday celebrations.

The world today: a new era of great power rivalry

From my vantage point in Washington, distance brings tremendous clarity about where Britain stands today on the world stage, as we face a new era of great power rivalry.

We remain a leading nation, elevated by our UN security council, NATO and G7 status, and more than capable of being talented and nimble enough to thrive in a changing world.

So let me first address the geopolitics that, in my view, make the special relationship more, not less, relevant to the UK's national interest.

We are witnessing an upheaval of the post-Cold War order which has shaken all the comfortable assumptions of a US-led unipolar system.

We now live in an age where the international system is fragmenting with the UN frequently deadlocked as a result. We must come to terms with the existence of two global superpowers – America and China – locked in a strategic rivalry.

It is this competition which will shape this century and in which we cannot avoid being part. Drawn to the US by values and security as well as economics – and dealing with a Chinese market we cannot ignore and from whose growth we can also benefit.

I don't wish to reopen old Brexit wounds, but we must honestly assess how the game has changed for us over the past decade. As well as creating a net loss for our economy, leaving the European Union has also altered our geopolitical options.

In the EU, while our relationship was primarily an economic one, we got membership of a "foreign policy multiplier", less independence and autonomy within a bloc and able, through it, to exercise global influence. We were part of the European pack, driving Europe's common and foreign security policy, while hedging our bets through our special relationship with America – and taking constant care to preserve that relationship at all costs.

Leaving the EU was expected by many to give Britain more independence, more autonomy to pursue UK national interests. The truth is: it *has* and it *hasn't*. We find ourselves squeezed between the economic and regulatory powers of the US, EU and China, at a time when these blocs have begun to assert their economic interests via tariffs, protectionism and greater emphasis on secure supply chains and economic security.

But there is a paradox here: some suggested that Britain's departure from the European Union would weaken our value as an American partner. In reality, Brexit has freed us to pursue closer US ties.

Britain has the opportunity to use its regulatory freedom and independence from European law to deepen American investment opportunities, carefully choosing those areas where that may be to our net benefit. This is crucial as, post-Brexit, we need to leverage every advantage we can to spur UK growth and employment.

At the same time, it is fair to say that under this government, Britain has reforged European links, put the ill will of the past behind us and regained a seat at the European top table at key international moments, as we saw in Washington this summer. So, the early claims that, out of the EU, Britain will have less relevance or less weight in Washington have turned out to be false.

Looking beyond our European neighbours, the reality is that the open global trading system that once served us well has come back to haunt us. For decades, the West has enabled China's massively state-subsidised economy to flood the global market with products and hollow out our manufacturing industries.

Yes, we have gained from lower costs, but we have bred over-supply and dependence on Chinese supply chains. Most critically, working people in both our countries have been left behind. Waves of deindustrialisation, widening wealth inequalities, economic dispossession – these shocks have created profound challenges to culture, place and society to which we have paid insufficient attention until now.

So yes, I credit President Trump's political instincts in identifying the anxieties gripping not only millions of Americans, but also far more pervasive Western trends: economic stagnation for many, a sense of irreversible decline, the lost promise of meaningful work.

In short, the overwhelming feeling that 'the system' no longer delivers as it used to. The comforting presumption that your children will be better off than you has evaporated within a generation. These American concerns find their mirror image in British society, where Keir Starmer won an electoral mandate for national renewal which is similar to Donald Trump's.

These are the conditions in which *modern mercantilism* is now taking root, where impatient and fed-up electorates demand their nations prioritise their own national economic interest and self-sufficiency. Globalisation is not dead, but it is being dramatically reconfigured. For an outward-facing trading economy like Britain, earning our living in the world has become significantly harder.

Simultaneously, whilst the economics have got harder, today's security threats are more dangerous and unpredictable than anything we have faced since the Cold War. Putin wages war in Ukraine using Chinese technology and armed with Iranian and North Korean weapons. Our adversaries act ever more in unison, as new technologies transform how economic advantage is pursued and war is fought.

Some may have forgotten just how central scientific competition was in the early stages of the Cold War, but we are now living in a technological revolution unlike any before.

And let me be absolutely clear: if China wins the race for technological dominance in the coming decades, every facet of our lives will be affected

China does not want to be like the West, but it has learned the lessons of the West's advantages gained through scientific investment and invention. As a result, it combines economic dynamism, scientific innovation, the ability to plan for longer than an electoral cycle, with strategic patience in ways that make them the most formidable modern competitor the West has encountered.

China is racing to dominate artificial intelligence, quantum computing and biotechnology. They've embarked on a dramatic expansion of their army, navy and air force and are moving into space. They are both copying us and dramatically multiplying their own rate of innovation.

The core US-China technology rivalry is not merely a contest for economic primacy – it's a struggle over values, over what kind of world the next generation will inherit: one that fosters freedom and debate in the decades ahead, or one that imposes centralised command and control.

Only America has the capability, wealth and determination to compete with China technologically. As a science-rich nation ourselves, how we also meet this challenge, and choose our partners in doing so, will shape our economic prosperity and national security for the foreseeable future.

This is why we must pursue US-UK technology partnerships as significant as the Mutual Defence Agreement and subsequent nuclear treaty that Harold Macmillan negotiated with President Kennedy. To this day, these remain the foundation stone of our defence and intelligence relationship nearly seven decades later.

These technology partnerships should reflect the unique levels of trust and complementary skills we already share. It is a division of responsibility that, while not equal, works to both nations' advantage.

This brings me to my central premise about the future: while we are independent of America, it is not in our interests to be separate from America.

I draw a clear line between the sentimental and the instrumental approaches to our national interest. Our alliance with America endures not because of shared history or because we get on with the President of the day, but because it consistently delivers mutual advantage.

Do we always have identical views? Of course not, we never have. And we are not looking for special treatment. Our alliance exists because it serves both nations' interests, because the core values of Britons and Americans remain aligned, as the world around us becomes more threatening.

For Britain, the relationship means we have more ability to shape events by co-ordinating our policies with those of America in every region of the world.

We can disagree, but we cannot be fair-weather friends. Not when we want to be close partners in good times and an influential voice in difficult times. This has always relied on strategic depth, not just personal interaction.

So, the choice before us is stark and urgent. The technology revolution will change everything, and US-China competition will define this century. The Atlantic alliance must evolve to meet the greatest challenge of our age: keeping ahead in the global technology race that will determine our fate in the 21st century.

Understanding the Age of Trump

I know that some listening today may doubt our ability to work more closely with President Trump's White House in Washington and around the world.

They will point to his trade policies that affect friends and foe alike, his rejection of the prevailing climate consensus and his dismantlement of decades-old US development programmes. That his *America First* credo is not compatible with deeper co-operation with others, including Britain. That Britain must pivot away from America.

My time working alongside the Trump administration has taught me this is lazy thinking. The President may not follow the traditional rulebook or conventional practice, but he is a risk taker in a world where a 'business as usual' approach no longer works.

Indeed, he seems to have an iron-clad stomach for political risk, both at home and abroad. Convening other nations and intervening in conflicts that other presidents would have

thought endlessly about before descending into an analysis paralysis and gradual incrementalism.

Yet – and this is not well understood – although the Trumpian national security strategy is called '*America First'*, it does not mean '*America Alone*'.

We see him leverage America's heft to put the right people in the room and hammer out compromises, to grind out concessions.

I am not just thinking of Ukraine where the President has brought fresh energy to efforts to end Putin's brutal invasion and bring peace to the region. If the President were so indifferent to the rest of the world, he would not have intervened in multiple spheres of conflict over the last seven months.

Furthermore, the 'international order' people claim he has disrupted and the calm he has allegedly shattered was already at breaking point. So, I would argue that Trump is more consequence than cause of the upheaval we are experiencing. He is using the might of the United States globally to do things that other democracies are unable or unwilling to do.

It is not my job to offer a rationale for America's president. I am not his explainer-in-chief. But it is clear to me, that what we are seeing play out is a change of epoch in the new politics that is emerging in different forms across the Western world.

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Let me now turn to our own alliance with America. As British Ambassador, I have seen first-hand the sheer magnitude of what lies beneath the bonnet of the UK-US relationship. Across so many fields of British life, be this the film industry, aerospace, AI, media, signals intelligence, submarine production, pharmaceuticals, farming, higher education, the City of London – like it or not – our US partnership has become indispensable to the functioning of our nation.

Beyond President Trump's instinctive warmth towards Britain, we cannot simply take it for granted that the breadth of this, and of future US administrations, will see the value of the

‘special relationship’ in the way we do. There can be no complacency. It is vital that we demonstrate to the next tier of US political leadership – and to the next Republican and Democrat generations – exactly how UK partnerships in economics, technology, and security deliver tangible value for Americans and Brits alike.

So, what do we need to do to ensure the special relationship between our countries endures?

First and foremost, for our national security if we want to continue to benefit from America’s massive defence and intelligence spend – and believe me, we certainly benefit in countless visible and less visible ways – we need to remain relevant to the US in defence.

It is critical to sustain the UK’s will and ability to act alongside America in different parts of the world, not just Europe. America’s ‘day one, night one ally’, as the Prime Minister has said.

We're taking the big decisions – like restoring nuclear strike capabilities to the Royal Air Force, purchasing new F-35A fighters equipped with American nuclear weapons for NATO’s deterrence mission.

This represents a new chapter of British-American strategic integration, which complements our continuous at-sea nuclear deterrence and deepens our role as vital security partners – as we have been in every major international conflict since the Second World War, bar Vietnam.

But what sets Britain apart from many of its European neighbours is our *willingness* to engage and fight where necessary. German re-armament, for example, is hugely welcome and important, assuming their willingness to fight alongside America when the chips are down and we face a common threat.

On the ground in Ukraine, because Britain went early and hard, and because we are a trusted partner of the US, we have provided vital operational linkages for armament and intelligence and target sharing with Ukrainian armed forces.

Sometimes at moments of acute international danger, all too often necessary and urgent action comes up against a Russian or Chinese veto at the UN Security Council. The UN is a key institution in which we remain heavily invested. But reform is needed to avoid UN processes being reduced to toothless signalling.

If we do not want *America First* to mean *America Alone*, we must be prepared for our forces to saddle up and ride out together when it’s right to do so – and work to bring our European and Five Eyes allies with us.

As part of its own recalibration, the US administration is asking what greater commitment its allies should take on in the European theatre. This review is long overdue. But the US must avoid the trap of strict geographical division of labour.

Any strategy to compete with China, as well as counter Russia, will need to be collective, based on shared risks and costs. To this end, the US must incentivise as well as pressure natural allies into action. We are greater together.

For Britain, this is about our role in the world and a recognition that while we are chiefly focussed on Europe and are NATO-first, our interests do not stop at the borders of Europe. We must also have relevance and utility to the US in the Indo-Pacific where we have

increasingly important strategic partners in Australia, Japan and South Korea.

In this respect, we need to protect and amplify AUKUS as a critical pillar of US national security strategy. The UK and Australia need to demonstrate to the US that they are both investing enough in AUKUS and that it is really adding net capability, not diverting US resources.

It is about ensuring we have interoperable submarines for all three countries for use around the world, able to fight together in the Indo-Pacific, Euro-Atlantic or anywhere else they are needed.

The Americans, who are building and supplying submarines have a reasonable expectation of how they will be deployed in combat, subject to usual political decision-making.

AUKUS already removes barriers to technology sharing between like-minded allies. Collectively we want to build on this and ensure that we maintain the technological edge – well beyond submarines to the future-facing weapons that will protect our people and interests in this century, as it did in the last.

Because this is about how we respond to the China challenge and its single-minded pursuit of *regional* military, and *global* technological, dominance.

A vibrant modern economy

In the end, a nation's position in the world is only as strong as the economy that sustains it.

I am confident that the strong fundamentals of the UK economy, notably its world-class universities and science base, will enable Britain to turn itself into a modern, AI-boosted economy.

Our science base is already per capita bigger than America's and China's. It should be a source of national pride that we are the only other nation to boast a trillion-dollar tech sector.

To grow and apply our science ambitions we need greater access to the know-how, talent flows and investment capital that America provides. The numbers already tell the story of a truly golden economic corridor across the Atlantic: over £1.2 trillion in mutual investment, £322 billion in bilateral trade, and 2.5 million jobs sustained across both our economies. And this is balanced. Too few Americans are aware that the UK is the largest foreign investor in 21 US states – including giants such as Texas, New York and California.

We have got off to an enviable start as the first country to negotiate a trade deal with President Trump. Do not underestimate the significance of this. It is not just a political prize. The deal reflected a long-held ambition for a trade deal on both sides. It has been forged into an arrangement covering the bulk of our high value industrial and goods exports to the United States.

Now is the time for the next big step. AI, and quantum, will become the main drivers of economic growth and the transformation of our public services which we need to lift us out of the economic stagnation we have experienced over the last decade and more.

To do this, the UK must dramatically raise levels of investment, above all from the country 'closest' to us, America. We must leave no stone unturned in Britain to create a globally competitive 'total business environment'. This, by the way, must include a reliable and

affordable expanding energy supply. This is very much the message I am receiving from potential American investors.

Where we go next: the UK-US Technology Partnership

It is why I have made it my foremost priority as British Ambassador to create a full spectrum US-UK technology partnership. Hard-wired in national security but sparking new life-enhancing breakthroughs across the entire scientific landscape.

We must combine the formidable assets at our joint disposal: our two huge technology sectors, extraordinary pools of talent encompassing all the world's top 15 universities and cutting-edge research facilities. I want US tech companies to look at the UK as their second home.

Layered over this are our shared values, shared language and high comfort levels and history of working together to out-innovate our rivals. From the dawn of the nuclear age through *the Manhattan project* and the creation of radar, the internet, and today's quantum breakthroughs, our nations have repeatedly proven that UK-US collaboration produces world-changing results.

The opportunities now are vast: artificial intelligence, biotechnology, quantum computing, nuclear fusion, space exploration. The list goes on.

Some of this innovation will be undertaken by American companies and some by British ones. But where we want them to combine, we should not see this in zero sum terms. When Google bought *Deepmind* it did not disappear – its growth accelerated, and it is now a top tier UK-based company.

We cannot afford to be passive observers of the AI revolution. We must be its architects. This means backing the innovators to unleash their potential for human progress and allied advantage. These transformative technologies must not be stifled with excessive regulation as we have seen in the EU’s GDPR, AI and other laws which they are now trying to reform.

So, where do we go next?

First, we must create resilient supply chains for the most critical technologies and materials, reducing dependence on strategic rivals.

Second, we must solve the energy equation. This is urgent. The AI revolution will need abundant, secure and competitively priced energy across the board. This is why both the US and UK are embarking on a new era of nuclear power deployment in both countries.

Third, we must build the infrastructure that powers tomorrow's digital economy – streamlining regulations that slow down progress and investment.

And finally, we must invest in the next generation through joint talent programmes, shared facilities and seamless career pathways spanning both countries.

The question facing us is simple: will the technologies that reshape human civilisation be developed in Beijing or in Boston, in Shenzhen or King’s Cross?

The Atlantic alliance has prevailed in every great contest of the modern era. Today's technological competition will be no different, but we must act with the urgency and unity this moment demands.

Conclusion

Let me conclude this lecture with where we began: the enduring power of the Atlantic alliance.

The approaching 250th anniversary of American independence marks one of history's most remarkable transformations: from bitter adversaries to steadfast allies that have shaped the modern world together.

From Wall Street to Silicon Valley and everywhere in between, I have witnessed how Britain and America remain bound by a deep kinship and cultural affinity that transcends borders and generations.

Our special relationship lives and thrives on familiarity, trust, and a constant exchange of creativity and ideas which enriches both societies.

Once again, our two nations stand at a pivotal moment. The technological revolution demands that we find the confidence and courage to leverage Britain’s strengths to reap the reciprocal benefits of our closest ally, at the forefront of the race that will determine how our citizens live, work and pursue happiness.

If we are to prosper, the technologies of tomorrow must be developed in a freedom-respecting Western blueprint not an autocratic Chinese one.

A final thought: we do not have to alter our own outlook to maximise the full benefits of our special relationship. We can be respectful without being sycophantic.

President Trump’s State Visit will showcase the best of British traditions and ceremony, but at its core will be new agreements that write the next chapter of transatlantic success; to create jobs, drive innovation and ensure that British and American ingenuity continues to lead the world.

In the end, the special relationship is not about sentiment or nostalgia, it is about mutual benefit which needs to resonate with American interests and American voters as much as our own.

Under this administration we have made a promising start. Now we must build on it.

ENDS

381 - 07-09-2025 - Email from Peter Mandelson to Peter Kyle (former Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology)

From: Peter Mandelson[/Personal

Sent: Sun 07/09/2025 4:47:30 PM (UTC)
To: Peter Kyle[Personal
Subject: Fw: Business Secretary Visit to Washington DC, 8 Sept

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From: Mungo Woodifield
Sent: Sunday, September 7, 2025 5:46:02 PM
To: Peter Mandelson ; Kalada BRUCE-JAJA2 (DBT) ; JCS
Cc: Kate JOSEPH (DBT) ; Matthew Collins (Cabinet Office) ; Jones, Alexandra (DSIT) ; Oliver Christian ; JCS
Subject: Business Secretary Visit to Washington DC, 8 Sept

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Peter,
You will host the Business Secretary in Washington DC on 7 and 8 September for key meetings ahead of the State Visit. The programme combines the Business Secretary's former portfolio and responsibility for the tech partnership with engagements for his new role. He will meet Administration and private sector tech leaders and likely have first meetings with his US counterparts on trade as well as with senior business figures in DC.

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Best wishes,
Mungo
Mungo Woodifield
Minister Counsellor, Trade & Global Issues
British Embassy Washington
Personal

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382 - 09-09-2025 - Email to Peter Mandelson from Sir Oliver Robbins (former Permanent Under-Secretary of State, FCDO)

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From: Olly Robbins <Personal >
Sent: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 7:11:06 PM
To: Peter Mandelson Personal
Subject: PERSONAL | BLOOMBERG

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Peter

We spoke this afternoon about continued media interest in your links to Jeffrey Epstein. Later this evening we spoke again about the immediate issue of the interview you were due to give to Harry Cole, which I recommended against. You told me in that second call that Bloomberg had put a series of points and questions to you. I've now had a chance to read through the email exchange your office then forwarded me. Stepping back from the immediate media handling, I think the Bloomberg message generates some questions I need to discuss with you for both your sake and the department's:

- Are the Bloomberg quotations and references likely (as far as you know / can recall) to be broadly accurate, or is something in their message seriously inaccurate or a misrepresentation?
- Did you accept hospitality / flights / other material gifts from Mr Epstein while a Member of Parliament, a European Commissioner, and/or a UK Minister? If so, were these registered / disclosed as required?
- There are suggestions in the Bloomberg message (perhaps linked to the story that now leads the Telegraph website) that you were engaged on projects of some sort with Mr Epstein and Jes Staley while a Minister. Were these projects Government business and were these interactions therefore appropriately disclosed to officials and recorded?
- There are several suggestions in the Bloomberg message that you engaged in some sort of work or advocacy on Mr Epstein's behalf to try to alleviate his legal difficulties. Is that right? If so, were you doing so while in public office as a Commissioner or a Minister? Did you use those positions to raise his case directly or indirectly with US political figures?

Beyond these procedural questions, we discussed in detail in our afternoon call that these sorts of exchanges between you and Mr Epstein would raise broader questions of judgement, and lead colleagues and others to fear that your credence in Mr Epstein's story and supportive messaging reveal a lack of concern for Mr Epstein's victims. We should probably return to these issues tomorrow when we have both had a little rest.

Olly

Sir Oliver Robbins KCMG CB

Permanent Under-Secretary | Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office |
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383 - 11-09-2025 - Email to Peter Mandelson from Junior Civil Servant

From: JCS
To: Peter Mandelson
Cc: JCS ; James Roscoe; DL Washi Private Office
Subject: Draft departure email for US network staff
Date: 11 September 2025 13:24:45

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Suggestion below obviously over to you.

JCS

All,

As you will be have seen, my position as Ambassador to the United States has come to an end.

The circumstances surrounding the announcement today are ones which I deeply regret and I would not wish to leave under them. But, I accept the Prime Minister's decision and will leave a position I have been so incredibly honoured to serve.

The relationship between Britain and the United States of America is a unique one. I know that you will continue to serve and deepen that relationship from DC to right across our brilliant network.

I wish to thank you for all of your efforts in serving me as your Ambassador.

Thank you for me, Reinaldo and Jock.

Peter

384 - 11-09-2025 - Email chain between Ian Collard (former Chief Property & Security Officer, FCDO), Ailsa Terry, (Private Secretary for Foreign Affairs, No 10) and Serena Stone, (Deputy Ambassador, FCDO)

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From: Serena Stone Personal **On Behalf Of** Serena Stone Personal

Sent: 11 September 2025 14:40

To: Ian Collard * Personal ; Ailsa Terry Personal **Subject:** RE: Urgent

Ian,

Ailsa has asked whether you could pls provide this afternoon a couple of short paragraphs on the overall vetting process as background. If you could send something that would be very helpful.

Thanks in advance,

Serena

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From: Ian Collard * PERSONAL
Sent: 11 September 2025 09:11
To: Serena Stone < PERSONAL >; Ailsa Terry (No.10) < PERSONAL > **Subject:** Re: Urgent

Morning both,

Further info I believe you are after.

FCDO (as sponsor) set Lord M up for his DV clearance with UK Security Vetting (on 20 Dec 2024). This is normal practice.

He went through the same process that anyone else does, who achieves DV. Same checks, same interviews etc.

In his case, this involved a second interview (on 24 Jan 2025) to confirm a couple of details that UKSV wanted to verify.

UKSV then informed the FCDO of their recommendation in the last week of January.

On 29 Jan 2025, FCDO (as decision maker) granted the DV certificate (for 5 years rather than 7). This shorter tenure was an FCDO decision owing to our expectations of a HoM posting being maximum 4-5 years.

PUSPO also sent a conflict of interest form to Lord M in January 2025.

I have not discussed here the content of his vetting file. Obviously we can do so with the right person(s) but I would note that vetting is an ' in confidence' process and candidates have a right to assume their information will be properly protected.

Owing to him being a high-profile individual, his case file has been placed into special handling. This basically means that anyone with access to the UKSV casework system cannot by default see the file. Special permissions would need to be granted by UKSV themselves.

Hope that is all useful.

Best wishes

Ian

Ian Collard | Chief Property & Security Officer Foreign, Commonwealth & Development

Office King Charles Street | London | SW1A 2AH Mobile/WhatsApp: Personal

From: Ian Collard * < Personal >
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 6:31 pm
To: Serena Stone < Personal >; Ailsa Terry (No.10) Personal
Subject: RE: Urgent

Hello both,

I agree to not commenting on details of individual clearances.

Ian

From: Serena Stone Personal
Sent: 10 September 2025 16:33
To: Ailsa Terry (No.10) Personal
Cc: Ian Collard * Personal
Subject: RE: Urgent

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Yes that's right I believe but copying Ian Collard who was considering a related matter earlier.

Serena

From: Ailsa Terry Personal
Sent: 10 September 2025 16:31
To: Serena Stone Personal
Subject: Urgent

We are being asked by Guardian when Peter got DV – presume our line would be we don't comment on individual clearances?

Ailsa Terry CMG| Private Secretary for Foreign Affairs| Prime Minister's Office | 10 Downing Street, London, SW1A 2AA | T: PERSONAL

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385 - 2025 - Email to Peter Mandelson from Matthew Collins (Deputy National Security Adviser, CO)

From: Matthew Collins < Personal > **To:** Peter Mandelson < Personal > **Subject:** Re: *** Engagement

I think i gave you my number but didnt take yours. Cld you drop me a message

Matt Collins Deputy National Security Adviser Intelligence, Defence and Security *70 Whitehall, London, SW1A 2AS*

PS: JCS (Personal) *APS*: JCS < Personal > (Personal) *Diary*: JCS Personal (Personal)

Peter Mandelson < Personal > wrote:

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Thanks very much. Quite understand. But you will appreciate that here at the embassy we represent the interests and needs of the government as a whole. The relationship with *** and his team are very important to us and to our government and we need to engage with them on the issues they care about. We have had to postpone the planned meeting twice already.

Happy to discuss as always.

very best
Peter

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From: Permanent Secretary Personal
To: Peter Mandelson < Personal >
Cc: Mungo Woodifield < Personal >
Subject: *** Engagement

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Dear Peter

The Home Sec mentioned your exchange earlier today. I gather the team in BEW had planned to engage with *** on the *** issue tomorrow. Unfortunately we don't yet have *** and until we do *** to the proposed approach. We hope/expect this will be resolved in the very near future but until then we cannot discuss any of the potential content with USG. We know you're keen to move forward swiftly, as are we, and we'll let you know as soon as the position changes.

Our teams have also been in touch on this. Happy to speak of course if helpful.

All the best
Antonia

From: Matthew Collins Personal
To: Peter Mandelson Personal
Cc: Permanent Secretary Personal Mungo Woodifield Personal
Subject: Re: *** Engagement

I chased the *** yesterday. I hope it will emerge today.

Matt

Matt Collins
Deputy National Security Adviser Intelligence, Defence and Security
70 Whitehall, London, SW1A 2AS

PS: Personal
APS: Personal

Diary: JCS Personal

Peter Mandelson Personal wrote:

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From: Peter Mandelson Personal
Sent: *** 18:46
To: Chloe Squires; Mungo Woodifield
guCc: PS.PermanentSecretaries; Collins Matthew (cabinetoffice); Jessie Owen; Lucy Ferguson; JCS (fcdo); *** JCS
Subject: Re: ***

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Understood. But the embassy has to proceed with this next week to meet *** deadlines. Get Outlook for iOS

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Sent: *** , 2025 1:36:49 PM
To: Peter Mandelson Personal Mungo Woodifield Personal
Cc: PS.PermanentSecretaries Personal ; Matthew Collins (Cabinet Office) Personal Jessie Owen Personal ; Lucy Ferguson Personal ; JCS JCS ; *** *** Personal ; JCS JCS
Subject: Re: ***

The *** has been cleared - which is great. However, the way that overall position is pitched has obviously slightly changed (helpfully) post the conversation ***. We have tweaked *** accordingly and it's with HS for urgent sign off.

Chloe

Chloe Squires

DG Homeland Security

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From: Peter Mandelson Personal
Sent: *** , 2025 5:07 pm
To: Chloe Squires Personal ; Mungo Woodifield Personal
Cc: PS.PermanentSecretaries (cabinetoffice) Personal Personal Collins Matthew Personal ; Jessie Owen Personal ; Lucy Ferguson (fcdo) JCS *** Personal ; JCS JCS
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I thought that the Prime Minister had now signed off on the *** to which there were no objections. Could you clarify whether this is wrong ? Thanks.

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From: Chloe Squires Personal
Sent: *** , 2025 9:33:01 AM
To: Mungo Woodifield Personal Personal ; Peter Mandelson
Cc: PS.PermanentSecretaries Office) Personal Personal ; Matthew Collins (Cabinet Personal ; Jessie Owen Personal Lucy Ferguson PERSONAL >; JCS JCS ; *** ; JCS JCS

Subject: Re: ***

Mungo

Noting the recommendation below I just wanted to clarify they the HS has not yet signed off *** so we cannot proceed until that has happened.

It is also worth noting *** so need to remain very careful about what is shared and when until that is resolved (hopefully soon).

We completely understand the need to move quickly so copying the team who can pick up with you on next steps.

Thanks

Chloe

Chloe Squires

DG Homeland Security

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From: PS.Home Secretary
Sent: *** 2025 20:52
To: JCS ; PS.Home Secretary; JCS ; JCS ; PS.Dan Jarvis; PS.PermanentSecretaries; PS.Special Advisers; Personal ; *** JCS JCS JCS ; JCS ; JCS ; JCS ; JCS (HomeOffice); JCS ; JCS ; JCS ; JCS ; JCS ; JCS ; Ruth Tomlinson (Legal Director); JCS (HOLA); JCS (HOLA); JCS ; JCS (Home Office); JCS
Subject: RE: *** process timeline submission

Hi all,

Here is a summary readout and actions from the Home Secretary's call with HMA Washington earlier today to discuss *** (and the earlier meeting Chloe had with the Home Sec).

The Home Secretary and HMA agreed the following:

- The overarching objective of tomorrow's *** meeting is to agree the general approach as outlined in the ***, and to then take discussions of the detail outside of *** and manage it on more established *** channels.
- As set out in ***, the general approach we are hoping *** will endorse is that:
    - The Home Secretary *** and
    - The Home Secretary ***
- However, while ***.
- It is important that our conversations ***

The Home Secretary and HMA also discussed wider challenges relating ***. **ACTION:** In the earlier meeting with Chloe, the Home Secretary asked for lines/briefing we can give HMA to help ***. *Comment: I understand *** have already picked this up and actioned with comms, but can I please have an update on what has been worked up to share with BEW, ahead of tomorrow's meeting*?

Best wishes,
JCS

JCS | Private Secretary to the Home Secretary (National Security) | Personal | Personal

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From: Peter Mandelson
Sent: *** 2025 12:37
To: Permanent Secretary
Subject: Re: ***

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Many thanks. I thought the HS was keen for *** not to cause her or the government any embarrassment over *** as we move forward and this would obviously require contact with them. But if she is less concerned about this, I understand.

Very best

Peter

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From: Permanent Secretary
Sent: *** , 2025 12:31:35 PM
To: Peter Mandelson
Subject: ***

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Dear Peter

Thank you for your support and engagement on *** on which we have been working with ***. Your personal involvement has been instrumental in getting us to this point.

You will be aware as we approach your meeting with *** that this is a sensitive time. The Home Secretary has decided that there should be no engagement with *** on this issue until after your meeting with *** has taken place and a position has been agreed. This is due to ***.

The Home Office team here are working on a comprehensive timeline setting out how engagement with *** will recommence and setting out next steps against ongoing *** and noting the backdrop of other related engagement ***. As soon as this work is done it will be shared with your team.

I'm sure this has been fed back to you through usual channels but given the importance of the issue and the strength of HS's view I thought best to flag to you directly.

All the best
Antonia



Dame Antonia Romeo DCB | Permanent Secretary | Home Office

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390 - Email to Peter Mandelson from Madelaine McTernan (Chief of Defence Nuclear, MoD)

From: [Madelaine McTernan]
To: Peter Mandelson Newton, Mark Personal) Williams, David Personal Exley, Ross
) Personal Matthew Collins Stephen Lovegrove

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*** **Importance:**
Normal **Sensitivity:**
None

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Maddy

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391 - 2025 - Emails between Peter Mandelson and Chloe Squires (former Director General for Homeland Security, HO)

From: Peter Mandelson Personal
Sent: *** 23:25
To: Chloe Squires; Mungo Woodifield
Cc: PS.PermanentSecretaries; Collins Matthew (cabinetoffice); Jessie Owen; Lucy Ferguson; JCS (fcdo); *** JCS

Subject: Re: ***

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Thanks. I am glad it is with the HS for urgent sign off especially as next to no change in our position has been made.
The embassy, as I said, now has to make urgent progress *** - officials are coming to Washington for this purpose - and ***. We therefore have to secure this at the beginning of next week and we will need to proceed without delay.
i am sure you understand that no further slippage is possible in order to meet the very exacting timeline agreed by No10 and the Cabinet office.
best Peter

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The *** has been cleared - which is great. However, the way that overall position is pitched has obviously slightly changed (helpfully) post the conversation with *** this

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Mungo

Noting the recommendation below I just wanted to clarify they the HS has not yet signed off *** so we cannot proceed until that has happened.

It is also worth noting *** so need to remain very careful about what is shared and when until that is resolved (hopefully soon).

We completely understand the need to move quickly so copying the team who can pick up with you on next steps.

Thanks

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[30/06/2024, 21:37] Peter Mandelson: I am doing BBC on Thursday night. They are bound to ask me about Lords. What shall I say on actions and timing?

[30/06/2024, 21:45] Baroness (Angela) Smith: My understanding is that it isn't a first steps immediate priority, and hereditaries before consulting on implementing retirement age. I'm just saying our first priorities will be those that have a meaningful impact of people's lives etc, but I would expect to see first stages of Lords Reform in Kings Speech. I don't think we can do nothing in first term. I think they'll also speculate about appointments. Do you want a quick chat before Thursday?

[30/06/2024, 22:43] Yes let’s chat before then. I think the government will need to make a down payment on reform in the first instance.

[30/06/2024, 22:44] Baroness (Angela) Smith: Yes - agree. Tuesday probably best for me

[30/06/2024, 22:44] Peter Mandelson: Ok

[05/07/2024, 18:32] Peter Mandelson: Many congratulations, so happy for you (and us) xx

[09/10/2024, 19:29] Peter Mandelson: Enjoy

https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/how-to-win-an-election/id1712827143

[04/07/2024, 10:34] Peter Mandelson: Good luck today - I feel well represented down there with you and I am keeping fingers crossed. Peter x

[06/07/2024, 09:55] Emma Reynolds: Thanks Peter! It was the best polling day I have ever been involved in. We spoke to over 5,000 people. So chuffed to be back. Don't think it will really sink until next week. Emma x

[06/07/2024, 09:56] Emma Reynolds: Great to see you on TV. Third Party

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[06/07/2024, 09:58] Peter Mandelson: He came on to the BBC with me early in the night. Third Party He thought he had won because his Muslims were staying with him while Labour's deserted you. He was half right.

[06/07/2024, 09:58] Emma Reynolds: I reckon we won't at least half of the Muslim vote if not two thirds.

[06/07/2024, 09:59] Peter Mandelson: That's good.

[06/07/2024, 09:59] Emma Reynolds: We had some very tough times - being shouted at on the street in some areas and cars pulling over to shout at us. But also lots of Muslims who voted for me and did so enthusiastically.

[06/07/2024, 09:59] Emma Reynolds: So a real mixed bag.

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[06/07/2024, 10:00] Peter Mandelson: Build bridges with them and work out how to stem the Reform tide.

[06/07/2024, 10:00] Emma Reynolds: Thankfully we had enough Tory and smaller party switchers to make up for losing around a third of our Muslim vote. Third Party definitely lost his Muslim vote.

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[?, 08:56] Peter Mandelson: you know who would back a progressive candidate in this election, or to any alumni groups you are in, and make sure they sign up! It takes two minutes and you don't need your alumni number.
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[28/10/2024, 06:59] Peter Mandelson: Chancellor vote begins today. Please spread the word to all your Labour network with this link https://www.worldclassoxford.com/

[30/10/2024, 22:53] Peter Mandelson: Very good on World Tonight

[30/10/2024, 22:54] Emma Reynolds: Many thanks Peter. What a day!

[30/10/2024, 22:55] Peter Mandelson: A mother and father of budgets (as you made clear !)

[12/11/2024, 14:58] Peter Mandelson: [*Link: Times Radio (@TimesRadio) on X "If by some chance these…" x.com*]

[19/12/2024, 20:41] Emma Reynolds: Huge congratulations Peter - how very exciting! Would love to meet up but imagine you'll be very busy preparing to go to the states but if you have time before to meet let me know!

[19/12/2024, 21:30] Peter Mandelson: Thanks Emma. Happy to meet.

[13/01/2025, 08:53] Emma Reynolds: Hi Peter

Happy new year. Hope you had a good break. Sorry I have been a bit slow off the mark. Personal Are you still around or are you already in the US. What's the best way to find a date?
Best wishes
Emma

[13/01/2025, 08:55] Peter Mandelson: I go at end of month. JCS is ps. Will send contact.

[13/01/2025, 08:56] Emma Reynolds: Brilliant!

394 - 07-07-2024 - WhatsApps between Peter Mandelson and Baroness (Jacqui) Smith of Malvern (Minister for Skills and Minister for Women and Equalities)

[07/07/2024, 12:16] Peter Mandelson: Jacqui, I am so happy for you and for us that you have gone back into the government. It's tremendous. What will you do with Bridget? Peter x

[08/07/2024, 07:39] Jacqui Smith: Thanks Peter. I'm really delighted Will be good to talk soon. X

[16/11/2024, 08:08] Peter Mandelson: I didn't realise you are described as HE minister. Tertiary education ie including FE?

I am Labour person on UUK commission on future of universities reporting in September. I am overseeing chapter on research and innovation. This is where you, Peter Kyle and UKRI need to converge. It will be a good report I think.

395 - 08-07- 2024 - WhatsApps between Peter Mandelson and Lord Vernon Coaker (Minister of State for Defence)

[08/07/2024, 13:24] Peter Mandelson: Well done Vernon. So happy.

[08/07/2024, 21:06] Vernon Coaker: Thank you

396 - 18-07-2024 - WhatsApps between Peter Mandelson and Lord Spencer Livermore (Financial Secretary to the Treasury)

** Third Party redaction refers to Global Counsel employee*

[18/07/2024, 09:54] Peter Mandelson: Are you around next week?

[18/07/2024, 12:00] Spencer Livermore: Yes - would Wednesday or Thursday work for

you?

[18/07/2024, 12:06] Peter Mandelson: Wednesday before I get train to Manchester at 2 30 for yet more graduations. Why don't you come two stops and we can have a Marylebone bite ?

[19/07/2024, 13:37] Peter Mandelson: Can I suggest we meet away from HMT? Do you want to come over to me around 12 30 ?

[19/07/2024, 17:04] Spencer Livermore: Yes that sounds great - it's in the diary!

[19/07/2024, 18:06] Spencer Livermore: I will try and get Third party to join because he has ideas

[19/07/2024, 21:19] Peter Mandelson: Brilliant

397 - 05-07-2024 - WhatsApps between Peter Mandelson and Ed Miliband (Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero)

[05/07/2024, 11:32 AM] Peter Mandelson: Hi Ed. The Third Party minister of Third Party who I knew when I was trade commissioner has contacted me. He says you and he have met in past. He would like to connect with you. He is exceptionally nice and able. And very pro UK. It would be a good idea to connect, I think, as they could help us a lot with the transition/ investment etc. Hope you are well.

[07/07/2024, 6:31 PM] Peter Mandelson: On the Third Party issue... I briefed senior HMT officials about it this morning. They weren't sighted. Someone needs to alert Ed M and encourage him to intervene with Third Party immediately. I can point you to a knowledgeable expert at Third Party if you want more info. If action isn't taken there will be no manufacturing jobs from Third Party for the UK.

[07/07/2024, 6:36 PM] Peter Mandelson: Ed, above is from a friend of mine who used to work in No10 (in fact neighbour in Personal). Nice guy.

[07/07/2024, 1:22 PM] Ed Miliband: Very helpful thanks

[17/08/2024, 1:44 PM] Peter Mandelson: Have you registered? https:// app.onlinesurveys.jisc.ac.uk/s/ oxford/register-to-vote-public

[17/08/2024, 2:24 PM] Ed Miliband: I am away from this phone. If you have an urgent work matter please email Personal and my office will pick up. For urgent personal issues, please use Personal

[16/11/2024, 7:21 PM] Peter Mandelson: Voting will open on Monday for the final round of the Oxford Chancellor election so please monitor your inbox. Please also see my video below where I set out why we need a Chancellor with strong international [message cut off].

[16/11/2024, 7:21 PM] Peter Mandelson: With William Hague's extensive campaign organisation backed by CCHQ, and substantial support amongst alumni, it is important for us to get out the vote. Please forward this to as many friends and contacts who might be registered to vote, or alumni group chats, so that we get the best Chancellor for Oxford University. https://x.com/WrldClassOxford/ status/1856760536723329302 2 t=jOoEK9naLFoo7tcXqH4W3A& s=196

[16/11/2024, 7:21 PM] Ed Miliband: This number is no longer used regularly. Please email Personal if this is a work related matter or message Perso nal

[21/07/2025, 4:36 PM] Peter Mandelson: I gather you had a reasonable *** call with ***

[22/07/2025, 6:40 AM] Ed Miliband: I was very conscious that I didn't want to upset the fragile apple cart you are steering. At the same time ***

which is also apple cart destablising. I think we found a cordial way to share perspectives and found a common love of the Boston Red Sox!
You have quite the task.
Hope you and R. are well.
All my best Ed

[22/07/2025, 7:09 AM] Peter Mandelson: We are well thanks. Red Box made a big impact!

398 - 20-12-2024 - Text Messages between Peter Mandelson and Ed Miliband (Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero)

[20/12/2024, 5:50 PM] Ed Miliband: Peter---Many congratulations. Look forward to working together. Best Ed M

[20/12/2024, 5:50 PM] Peter Mandelson: Yes we need to hatch a US plan.

[20/12/2024, 5:50 PM] Peter Mandelson: Thanks

[20/12/2024, 5:50 PM] Ed Miliband: Yes. I don't know when you start but happy to meet in new year. Best Ed

[20/12/2024, 5:50 PM] Peter Mandelson: A walk in the park...?

[20/12/2024, 5:50 PM] Ed Miliband: Ha yes

399 - 03-08-2024 - WhatsApps between Peter Mandelson and Torsten Bell (Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Pensions)

[03/08/2024, 19:08] Peter Mandelson: [*Link: 'Register your interest to vote in the Election of the Chancellor' app.onlinesurveys.jisc.ac.uk*] A little light recess activity. William Hague is the front runner but there may be a Labour candidate. To vote in October requires registering

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[04/11/2024, 18:03] Torsten Bell: You. Are. Here.

[04/11/2024, 18:03] Peter Mandelson: And proud to be so !

[04/11/2024, 18:42] Torsten Bell: That's a bit keen.

[04/11/2024, 18:42] Torsten Bell: I'd say you look content rather than proud

[04/11/2024, 18:42] Peter Mandelson: Content for now, proud of what is yet to come....

[11/11/2024, 19:51] Torsten Bell: Very proud of what is yet to come! Hope this comes off

[11/11/2024, 21:54] Peter Mandelson: We'll see

[16/11/2024] Peter Mandelson: [*Link: World Class Oxford (@WrldClassOxford) on X 'Watch Peter's message to those who will be voting in the final round of the election for the University of Oxford's next Chancellor. ' x.com]* A message from Peter Mandelson: Voting will open on Monday for the final round of the Oxford Chancellor election so please monitor your inbox. Please also see my video below where I set out why we need a Chancellor with strong international connections and close links to the new Government to champion the university and higher

[28/03/2025, 10:37] Peter Mandelson: Hi. That was in NY.... There is a trade deal to be had but I am not sure the way we are going about it. I am not included in the team so I am just keeping my fingers crossed.

[28/03/2025, 10:39] Torsten Bell: That... isn't massively reassuring. Will join you in the finger crossing

[18/07/2025, 22:20] Torsten Bell: How are you escaping enough to do the ditchley lecture for them?

[18/07/2025, 22:21] Peter Mandelson: Cos it's ahead of SV.... How are you?

[18/07/2025, 23:40] Torsten Bell: Is this SV going to go well for us?

[18/07/2025, 23:40] Torsten Bell: I'm fine - pensions ministering is a safe politically gig, and an interesting one policy wise. Then just help help Rachel and Keir out when asked on the side.

[18/07/2025, 23:41] Torsten Bell: Obviously the big picture is... messy

[20/07/2025, 13:13] Peter Mandelson: It should do. No problems foreseen at present.

It's messy because the government doesn't do policy, generally speaking, well enough. It all starts with policy.

[20/07/2025, 13:16] Torsten Bell: Which govt?

[20/07/2025, 13:17] Torsten Bell: Will I get to see you on this trip or too much just flying in and out around the SV itself?

[20/07/2025, 13:18] Peter Mandelson: Our government !

[20/07/2025, 13:18] Torsten Bell: Well that is definitely true - everyone seems to think it's someone else's job to get the policy right... which is very odd

[20/07/2025, 13:22] Peter Mandelson: As the saying goes, rubbish in rubbish out…

400 - 03-08-2024 - WhatsApps between Peter Mandelson and Georgia Gould (former Parliamentary Secretary, CO)

[03/08/2024, 21:20] Peter Mandelson: Are you still networked with your Labour chums from Oxford ? X

[03/08/2024, 21:25] Georgia Gould: I am and so is Third party! Third party text me and I am on it. V exciting x

[03/08/2024, 21:26] Peter Mandelson: Hague has well oiled machine apparently and thousands of OUCA members to draw on.

[03/08/2024, 21:42] Georgia Gould: Will mobilise the labour group! And my friend Third party knows everyone

[03/08/2024, 21:42] Georgia Gould: Do you know Third party

[03/08/2024, 21:42] Peter Mandelson: Get Third party on it

[03/08/2024, 21:42] Georgia Gould: No not Third party

[03/08/2024, 21:44] Georgia Gould: Third party Could you have a chat with him if i connect you? Third party

[03/08/2024, 21:45] Peter Mandelson: Of course

[03/08/2024, 21:45] Georgia Gould: Fab

[03/08/2024, 21:45] Peter Mandelson: Third party is big deal

[03/08/2024, 21:46] Georgia Gould: Bet it is full of oxford graduate!!!

[03/08/2024, 21:46] Peter Mandelson: Follow the money

[03/08/2024, 21:46] Peter Mandelson: By way I am a bit worried about the cabinet office

[03/08/2024, 21:47] Georgia Gould: How come?

[03/08/2024, 21:48] Peter Mandelson: Difficult place to organise

[03/08/2024, 21:49] Georgia Gould: I have just got to Personal so maybe we can zoom in next couple of days. I will make a map of all oxford alumni and you can tell me how to organise cabinet office??

[03/08/2024, 21:57] Peter Mandelson: Fair exchange. It is not a department though.

[07/08/2024, 00:20] Peter Mandelson: How are you and Third party doing on the voter registration campaign ?! Deadline August 18.....x

[08/08/2024, 17:04] Georgia Gould: Third Party

[08/08/2024, 17:05] Georgia Gould: I have spoken to a bunch of people I know. It is worth speaking direct to Third party as he is very well connected with a lot of different groups

[08/08/2024, 17:05] Georgia Gould: Third Party

[08/08/2024, 17:08] Georgia Gould: Martin is newly elected mp for inverclyde, don't know if you know him. He was at my wedding with Third Party great guy, very bright and best person on scotland. He got into politics through Third party. He was Third Party when he was there also worth a direct conversation as he has big network

[08/08/2024, 17:10] Georgia Gould: I will only send you people with wide reach, everyone else i can speak to myself. I have spoken to alastair's nephew james (new mp for bassetlaw) and Third party

[08/08/2024, 17:11] Georgia Gould: You have spoken to Third party right?

[08/08/2024, 17:11] Georgia Gould: Also do you know liv bailey mp for reading west? I can speak to her but also worth a direct conversation

[08/08/2024, 17:14] Georgia Gould: Third Party

[08/08/2024, 17:16] Georgia Gould: Third party , went about a decade before me, he still goes to reunion things and he would love a text from you. Can say i passed on number

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[08/08/2024, 19:12] Georgia Gould: He spent quite a while in Personal as part of alastair's work there!!!

[08/08/2024, 19:18] Peter Mandelson: So he is a friend of Eddie Rama....

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[08/08/2024, 19:20] Georgia Gould: Can get tony on the world leader's vote

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[08/08/2024, 19:21] Georgia Gould: And actually Third party was Third Party when he was there

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[08/08/2024, 19:45] Peter Mandelson: Yes Oxford

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[08/08/2024, 19:46] Peter Mandelson: He is probably supporting Hague, his business partner !

[08/08/2024, 19:56] Georgia Gould: Is it only you and william hague?

[08/08/2024, 19:57] Peter Mandelson: Don't know yet but will be others.

[08/08/2024, 21:03] Georgia Gould: David Pinto-Duschinsky mp for hendon was also Third Party apparently - he was spad at some point when gordon was pm, you already in touch or shall i connect?

[08/08/2024, 21:04] Peter Mandelson: I spoke for him at fundraiser. Don't have his number.

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[08/08/2024, 21:31] Georgia Gould: Ah great he should definitely do some hard work! I just googled people I know who seemed like they went to oxford and it was remarkably accurate and he was first one! Texted him too

[08/08/2024, 21:37] Georgia Gould: Just remembered alan strickland new MP for sedgefield was also Third Party when i was there

[08/08/2024, 21:39] Georgia Gould: Will text him and send over his number too

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[09/08/2024, 13:50] Georgia Gould: Yeh he is super smart, and labour, went to a comprehensive Third
. Third party

[09/08/2024, 13:55] Peter Mandelson: There a number of people like this who I hope (you) ministers have the sense to harness in the growth mission.

[10/08/2024, 11:23] Peter Mandelson: Third party nice and smart

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[14/08/2024, 11:28] Georgia Gould: Do call david, martin and Third party if you have a chance - all have a big oxford network so worth direct chat

[14/08/2024, 11:28] Georgia Gould: And Third party is younger so brings in different crowd

[14/08/2024, 11:36] Peter Mandelson: I have been in touch with Helena .

[14/08/2024, 11:37] Talked to Martin. Haven't got David contact.

[14/08/2024, 11:37] Peter Mandelson: THIRD PARTY?
[14/08/2024, 11:53] Georgia Gould: Third Party

[14/08/2024, 11:53] Peter Mandelson: Thanks

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[12/11/2024, 16:55] Peter Mandelson: [*Link: Times Radio (@TimesRadio) on X 'If by some chance these…' x.com*]

[16/11/2024, ?] Peter Mandelson: [Link: *World Class Oxford (@WrldClas…*]

[17/11/2024, 12:12] Peter Mandelson: Georgia, can you forward to Third party and get her to work on her networks please? X

[17/11/2024, 12:18] Georgia Gould: Of course!

[18/11/2024, 10:06] Peter Mandelson: *[Link: World Class Oxford (@WrldClas…'*] Voting opens today for the final round of the Oxford Chancellor election. Please see Peter Mandelson's video below where he sets out why Oxford needs an inclusive Chancellor with strong international connections and close links to the new Government to champion the university and higher education for the next decade.

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[18/11/2024, 10:47] Peter Mandelson: Spread the word to friends and contacts please! Don't forget Third party

[18/11/2024, 20:22] Georgia Gould: [Forwarded] Hi Georgia! I just voted for Peter and shared it with all of my Third Party friends...

[18/11/2024, 20:22] Georgia Gould: Just got that from her, she's on it!

[18/11/2024, 20:45] Peter Mandelson: Thanks !

[03/08/2024, 19:10] Peter Mandelson: [*Attached URL title:* Register your interest to vote in the Election of the Chancellor] A little light recess activity. William Hague is the front runner but there may be a Labour candidate. To vote in October requires registering now….please spread the word amongst sympathetic Oxford graduates.

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[11/08/2024, 08:56] Peter Mandelson: From current labour activists !

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[09/08/2024, 10:41] Peter Mandelson: Hi Ellie hope all well. Do you have moment for a quick chat ? Thanks Peter

[09/08/2024, 17:20] Ellie Reeves: Hi Peter, just tried calling. Am away for a few days so if you call back and I don't answer that's why but speak soon !

[09/08/2024, 18:20] Peter Mandelson: Sorry I was at Personal ! Just let me know when convenient for you.

[11/08/2024, 08:41] Peter Mandelson: Let me know when good to chat. In meantime current Oxford Labour people are organising as follows. Please use link and distribute to any Oxford Labour contemporaries…..

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you were able to make the event. Please RSVP here if you plan on attending: https://forms.gle/yYmuGHuPTUUzLbS87

[14/10/2024, 21:51] Peter Mandelson: [*Forwarded*] [Link: ‘Lord Peter Mandelson on New Labour, his time at Oxford, and why he is ru…’ cherwell.org]

[28/10/2024, 06:57] Peter Mandelson: [*Link: Home ‘Oxford is a world-leading institution proud of its academic excellence, but th…’ worldclassoxford.com*] Chancellor vote begins today. Please spread the word to all your Labour network with this link https://www.worldclassoxford.com/

[31/10/2024, 22:19] Peter Mandelson: [*Image: ‘Panel discussion on Science, Innovation and Research at Oxford’*]

[12/11/2024, 14:52] Peter Mandelson: [*Link: Times Radio (@TimesRadio) on X ‘If by some chance these two…’ x.com*]

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403 - 18-08-2024 - WhatsApps between Peter Mandelson and Kirsty McNeill (Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Scotland)

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[18/08/2024, 09:33] Peter Mandelson: By way, I am making a speech in Edinburgh in

October on which I would like to take your views....

[18/08/2024, 22:17] Kirsty McNeill: Of course - Personal whenever you have a draft. And good luck!

[18/08/2024, 22:17] Peter Mandelson: Thanks !

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8/18/24, 10:21 =AM - James Murray: Thanks Peter - I have just registered now. I will message Labour people I was there with to encourage them to register too
8/18/24, 10:26 =AM - Peter Mandleson: Thanks James. Closes at midnight!
10/12/24, 10:42 =PM - Peter Mandleson: IMG-20241012-WA0011.jpg (file attached)
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11/12/24, 2:52 =PM - Peter Mandleson: https://x.com/TimesRadio/status/1856311066248011862
11/16/24, 7:22 =PM - Peter Mandleson: A message from Peter Mandelson:
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405 - 24-08-2024 - WhatsApps between Peter Mandelson and Rushanara Ali (former Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Homelessness and Democracy)

[23/08/2024, 12:55] Rushanara Ali: Later on Monday yes when I get back from Personal

[24/08/2024, 11:01] Peter Mandelson: Great will call then. Have a lovely break. Would 5pm be okay?

[24/08/2024, 12:55] Rushanara Ali: Yes good

406 - 31-08-2024 - Text Messages between Peter Mandelson and Baroness Angela Smith (Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House of Lords)

[31/08/2024, 16:00] Baroness (Angela) Smith: Generally pretty good - and in some areas going really well - though not without the usual challenges. We've a fatal vote on the Winter Fuel Payments, and grumpiness on our side from more on our side than I'd like on getting rid of the VAT exemption in private schools and the retirement age (from 80!). So nothing too unusual! And Lords Reform is always 'interesting'. But so great to be back in Govt. X

[31/08/2024] Peter Mandelson: When is the fuel vote? I am afraid I think the VAT policy was probably unwise. What is timetable for Lords reform stuff ?

[31/08/2024] Baroness (Angela) Smith: Pretty sure it's Wednesday- 11th. Commons doing it on 10th but will double check. Lords Reform re hereditary peers should start in Commons in September and I expect 2nd Reading with us before Christmas. Strathclyde and True very very exercised about it. Plus a few of their more hard line right wing and the older hereditaries like Caithness.

[31/08/2024] Peter Mandelson: That's inevitable but we have to do something and nobody can defend it.

[31/08/2024] Baroness (Angela) Smith: Absolutely. And the longer they speak the worse it is for them. I've been talking with the younger Tory women who are not in the same place. So it will be long and at times a bit difficult but will be ok. The problem is more how some Tories are using it to be difficult on other bills. I've also had to calm down some who wanted to do more on the retirement age and other stuff at the same time - and it's best that they are separate so as not to create unholy alliances.

[31/08/2024] Baroness (Angela) Smith: WFP vote definitely on Wednesday 11th September x

[31/08/2024] Peter Mandelson: What time do you think ?

[31/08/2024] Baroness (Angela) Smith: Not sure Roy has finalised yet. Suspect he'll want it before 8pm. But going through business on Monday so will have better idea then x

[31/08/2024] Peter Mandelson: Ok. I know I am speaking at a dinner in London that evening so good to know.

[31/08/2024] Baroness (Angela) Smith: Ok - will talk to Roy. I think others may want greater clarity too if possible as don't often have September votes

[20/12/2024, 09:16] Baroness (Angela) Smith: Great news. Many congratulations xx

[20/12/2024] Peter Mandelson: Thanks Angela !

[06/01/2025, 14:28] Baroness (Angela) Smith: Peter - just spoke to Third Party who had a call from your assistant asking about Leave of Absence during your time as Ambassador. I think that's the best option - it's what Third Party has done and I think works best for you too. Xx

[06/01/2025, 18:14] Peter Mandelson: I hope you will guarantee to have me back afterwards ! X

[06/01/2025, 18:14] Baroness (Angela) Smith: 100%!! Xx

[19/12/2024, 21:23] Chris Elmore: I hope the reporting is true. Excellent decision

if so!

[19/12/2024, 21:34] Peter Mandelson: Thanks Chris !

[19/12/2024, 23:15] Mary Creagh: Peter I do so hope the rumours are true- and if so, massive congratulations on your new exciting job! Looking forward to coming to see you in 2025! Warmest wishes Mary

[20/12/2024, 09:15] Peter Mandelson: Thanks Mary !

409 - 29-11-2024 - Whatsapp from Peter Mandelson to Heidi Alexander (Secretary of State for Transport)

[29/11/2024, 17:55] Peter Mandelson: Heidi, many congratulations on reaching the Cabinet! You will be a great success - and your railway town can be very proud of you Peter x

410 - 29-11-2024 - WhatsApps between Peter Mandelson and Louise Haigh (former Secretary of State for Transport)

[29/11/2024, 06:59] Peter Mandelson: Lou, I am very sorry about this. You have been brave and loyal in your decision but it seems harsh given you were appointed in full knowledge. But you have acted in a way that enables you to come back later and everything you say and do now should be done with that in mind. Strong and honourable.

[29/11/2024, 15:45] Louise Haigh: Thank you Peter, that was a really kind message

411 - 02-12-2024 - WhatsApps between Peter Mandelson and Sir Chris Wormald (former Cabinet Secretary)

[02/12/2024, 13:41] Peter Mandelson: Chris, I am very happy for you but even more so for the government. Well done. Peter M

[02/12/2024, 13:49] Chris Wormald: Thanks Peter - that is very much appreciated. Catch [*sic*]

412 - 19-12-2024 - WhatsApps Between Peter Mandelson and Seema Malhotra (former Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Migration and Citizenship)

[19/12/2024, 19:22] Seema: Hi Peter
Congratulations! Really pleased to hear the news today!

[19/12/2024, 22:07] Peter Mandelson: Thanks Seema !

413 - 19-12-2024 - WhatsApps between Peter Mandelson and Josh Williams (Special Adviser to the Secretary of State for the Home Office)

[19/12/2024, 21:22] Josh Williams: Truly excellent news. Congratulations!

[19/12/2024, 22:03] Peter Mandelson: Thanks Josh!

414 - 16-11-2024 - WhatsApps between Peter Mandelson and Angela Eagle (former Minister of State for Border Security and Asylum)

[16/11/2024, 19:17] Peter Mandelson: [Attached URL title: World Class Oxford (@WrldClassOxford) on X. Watch Peter's message to those who will be voting in the final round of the election for the University of Oxford's next Chancellor. x.com

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[20/12/2025, 17:31] Angela Eagle: Congrats Peter I can’t think of anyone better qualified for the job at this time

[20/12/2025, 17:39] Peter Mandelson: Thank you Angela !

[10/12/2024, 15:00:58] Peter Mandelson: Messages and calls are end-to-end encrypted. Only people in this chat can read, listen to, or share them.

[10/12/2024, 15:00:58] Michael: Hello Peter, Michael Ellam here. Very nice to bump into you earlier, and auspiciously timed. As mentioned, if successful in being appointed to the CO role, I would very much welcome meeting up at an early stage for your advice and guidance. Best wishes, Michael

[11/12/2024, 12:26:23] Peter Mandelson: Hi Mike, very nice to see you and I had good breakfast with NTS this morning. Let's meet in the new year ? Very best Peter

[11/12/2024, 12:29:06] Michael: Yes let's do that. Will be in touch.

[12/01/2025, 16:16:49] Michael: Hello Peter. Belated congratulations on your appointment and happy new year. My new role will be announced tomorrow. Hope we can find some time to get together before you head off. Michael

[12/01/2025, 17:03:05] Peter Mandelson: We certainly will ! My ps will arrange.

[13/01/2025, 17:32:28] Peter Mandelson: You've got your work cut out there!

[13/01/2025, 17:44:39] Michael: Indeed…

[13/01/2025, 18:03:32] Michael: I'm getting quite a lot of 'so glad you're here, can you sort this out please…'

[13/01/2025, 18:16:13] Michael: I need a few days to get on top of where things stand but perhaps we can reconnect later in the week.

[13/01/2025, 18:41:12] Peter Mandelson: Yup

[16/01/2025, 20:56:50] Michael: Agree better that lunch tomorrow is in the office. Was thinking of ordering in some sushi if you're okay with that.

[16/01/2025, 21:03:56] Peter Mandelson: Great

[17/01/2025, 17:52:22] Michael: Good to see you earlier. We didn't talk about China but maybe we can pick that up next time.

[17/01/2025, 18:12:21] Peter Mandelson: Excellent discussion and sushi thanks.
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[31/01/2025, 15:46:35] Michael: Congratulations and hopefully see you in Washington shortly.

[31/01/2025, 17:47:27] Peter Mandelson: Look forward to!

How's it going ?

[31/01/2025, 17:56:19] Michael: Made some good progress this week. Step by step. Possible I might join JP to DC next week if we can get the right meetings.

[31/01/2025, 18:13:52] Peter Mandelson: We should talk about the FCDO view of this.

[31/01/2025, 18:15:15] Michael: ***

[31/01/2025, 18:16:30] Peter Mandelson: ***

[31/01/2025, 18:24:39] Michael: ***

I think the PM gets all this.

[31/01/2025, 18:28:55] Peter Mandelson: I get that ***

[31/01/2025, 18:29:15] Peter Mandelson: Who do you deal with at FCDO ?

[31/01/2025, 18:35:31] Michael: I understand their position and frustration ***

[31/01/2025, 18:36:33] Michael: Olly and Deb Bronnert. I've seen Lammy three times already. I didn't know him before but relationship developing.

[31/01/2025, 18:39:55] Peter Mandelson: ***

[31/01/2025, 18:41:07] Peter Mandelson: You ought also to talk to Jon Garvie Lammy chief of staff. Grown up. Ex FCDO and Cabinet Office (and Global Counsel)

[31/01/2025, 18:42:14] Michael: Yes I've met him in meetings with Lammy, but will reach out directly. Thanks for the suggestion.

[31/01/2025, 18:46:12] Michael: ***

[31/01/2025, 18:54:36] Peter Mandelson: There's a surprise

[31/01/2025, 18:58:09] Michael: Quite… Govt dealing with a lot of simultaneous issues - spending review, growth agenda, EU reset, approach to US etc. Very challenging to keep aligned as multiple conflicting objectives. Not easy…

[31/01/2025, 18:59:06] Peter Mandelson: Who supplies the governing mind of all that in No10 ?

[31/01/2025, 18:59:24] Peter Mandelson: I mean the non growth stuff

[31/01/2025, 19:01:48] Michael: That's one for a nightcap in Washington…

[31/01/2025, 19:02:04] Peter Mandelson: Ha

[31/01/2025, 19:02:43] Michael: Liz Lloyd is making a big difference on the domestic agenda, but she's only 4 weeks in.

[31/01/2025, 19:03:00] Peter Mandelson: That's a relief.

[31/01/2025, 19:03:14] Michael: As is Chris Wormald to be fair.

[31/01/2025, 19:21:18] Peter Mandelson: That's interesting

[31/01/2025, 19:40:04] Michael: That's a general view across Whitehall I think. Mobilising Perm Secs behind the policy agenda.

[31/01/2025, 22:14:31] Michael: One person you should get to know quickly in Washington is Third Party if you have not already met Third Party
Not quite sure what Third relationship is with the Embassy these days. ***

[31/01/2025, 22:55:37] Peter Mandelson: I will thanks

[01/02/2025, 09:16:07] Peter Mandelson: I assume you will be in Brussels but goodbye drinks on Monday at 6pm in my room at the FCDO. Hope you can join.

[01/02/2025, 09:50:05] Michael: Thanks but yes I will be in Bxls unfortunately.

[10/02/2025, 18:53:33] Michael: Thanks for copying me in on your letter to FS. Very much agree. Is this still the best number for you or have you now switched to a US mobile?

[10/02/2025, 18:54:10] Peter Mandelson: Best for now. Other one coming on stream.

[18/02/2025, 18:58:59] Michael: The US-India text is worth looking at. ***

[18/02/2025, 18:59:48] Peter Mandelson: So sd be easier for us given different starting points

[18/02/2025, 19:03:18] Michael: One would hope so. ***

[18/02/2025, 19:07:53] Peter Mandelson: Yes agree but they will also not want our meeting to be a “failure”

[18/02/2025, 19:08:28] Michael: Of course.

[18/02/2025, 20:41:39] Peter Mandelson: I want Mungo Woodifield, minister counsellor here, to be involved in all your London discussions. He is a good official with finger on political pulse here. Is that doable ?

[18/02/2025, 20:45:00] Michael: Sure. Will speak to Jonathan Black who is driving this at London end. I thought the call earlier was very helpful and exactly the right cast for the senior oversight.

[18/02/2025, 20:48:22] Michael: HMT also obviously critical and should have been on our call but I gather they had a meeting with Rachel on all this at the same time. Will let you know as/when I get feedback, unless you have heard direct.

[18/02/2025, 20:48:52] Michael: “Shakedown” exactly the same word I had in mind…

[18/02/2025, 20:50:10] Peter Mandelson: I was going to raise DST but meeting ended. ***

[18/02/2025, 20:50:30] Michael: Indeed.

[18/02/2025, 20:50:58] Michael: HMT got that message loud and clear but clearly difficult and more binary.

[18/02/2025, 20:53:32] Michael: From HMT: ***

[18/02/2025, 20:54:17] Peter Mandelson: JB ?

[18/02/2025, 20:54:35] Michael: Jonathan Black

[18/02/2025, 20:55:02] Peter Mandelson: More open than I would have imagined

[18/02/2025, 20:58:21] Michael: ***

[18/02/2025, 20:58:53] Peter Mandelson: Ok

[18/02/2025, 21:01:49] Michael: The latest OBR forecast is very bad *** that make it worse as you can imagine. But I think Rachel is realistic, however I'm not sure her engaging direct with our friend is a good idea.

[18/02/2025, 21:42:56] Michael: Spoke to Jonathan Black. Mungo will be fully involved going forward. If you hear otherwise let me know.

[18/02/2025, 21:43:09] Peter Mandelson: Thanks

[18/02/2025, 21:45:34] Michael: Do you have anybody from HMT in the Embassy?

[18/02/2025, 22:34:54] Peter Mandelson: Yes. JCS

[19/02/2025, 15:54:27] Michael: I don't know if you have had a readout direct, but the feedback from today's meetings seems to be ***

[19/02/2025, 15:56:29] Peter Mandelson: I have had no feedback. Who were in meetings ? ***

[19/02/2025, 15:57:00] Peter Mandelson: ***

[19/02/2025, 15:59:12] Michael: ***

[19/02/2025, 16:01:21] Peter Mandelson: ***

[19/02/2025, 16:07:50] Michael: Sounds like we need to ***

[19/02/2025, 16:09:55] Peter Mandelson: London operates through so many meetings and revolving casts where sliver of different communication sheds large confusion.

[19/02/2025, 16:10:40] Peter Mandelson: We should have daily calls of core group

[19/02/2025, 16:10:56] Michael: Yes I agree.

[19/02/2025, 16:12:02] Michael: Obsession with secrecy makes it difficult to work efficiently.

[19/02/2025, 16:12:44] Peter Mandelson: ***

[19/02/2025, 16:28:51] Peter Mandelson: ***

[19/02/2025, 16:46:52] Michael: No

[19/02/2025, 17:22:23] Michael: You deleted this message.

[19/02/2025, 18:18:24] Peter Mandelson: We need call with Morgan now

[19/02/2025, 18:18:56] Peter Mandelson: This message was deleted.

[19/02/2025, 18:22:51] Michael: The call is being fixed for imminently. Switch arranging.

[19/02/2025, 18:33:48] Peter Mandelson: I just talked to Morgan cos he called directly

[19/02/2025, 18:34:10] Peter Mandelson: But happy to do in next 15 mins

[19/02/2025, 18:36:00] Michael: Great thanks. Being set up for 1840. Switch will dial you in.

[20/02/2025, 07:17:40] Peter Mandelson: Very insightful assessment https://x.com/burggrabenh/status/1892457816012587348?s=48&t=4BGcGDy2MekqYL4NjpX5Ew

[20/02/2025, 07:41:39] Michael: Agree

[20/02/2025, 19:51:37] Peter Mandelson: Missed voice call, Tap to call back

[20/02/2025, 19:52:07] Peter Mandelson: Call me when good

[20/02/2025, 21:28:04] Michael: Voice call, 2 min

[25/02/2025, 18:48:47] Michael: ***

[25/02/2025, 18:49:06] Michael: Can speak if easier.

[25/02/2025, 18:51:04] Peter Mandelson: ***

Is there interest in London ?

[25/02/2025, 18:54:20] Michael: Yes there is interest ***

I agree with you ***

[25/02/2025, 18:55:51] Peter Mandelson: ***

Can I call ?

[25/02/2025, 18:56:14] Michael: Yes of course

[25/02/2025, 18:56:33] Peter Mandelson: Voice call, 6 min

[25/02/2025, 19:22:00] Michael: Spoke to No10. ***

[25/02/2025, 22:35:31] Peter Mandelson: I don't understand this system any more

[25/02/2025, 22:36:47] Michael: For discussion…

[27/02/2025, 23:24:54] Michael: Phew…

[27/02/2025, 23:25:25] Peter Mandelson: Indeed

[27/02/2025, 23:26:31] Michael: I thought the PM was brilliant. ***

[28/02/2025, 00:23:49] Peter Mandelson: Yes. We have not yet begun to touch the surface of what's needed….

[28/02/2025, 00:26:48] Michael: First question: who is our negotiator?

[28/02/2025, 00:28:02] Peter Mandelson: Indeed. Jonny R has told his officials he will be.

[28/02/2025, 00:28:21] Peter Mandelson: What should we do ? You volunteering ?

[28/02/2025, 00:32:15] Michael: No definitely not me. I see my role in this as driving the Whitehall process and being the link to No10. I am sufficiently self-aware (I hope) to understand that my HMT mandarin style is clearly not the right cultural fit for this bunch (better for me to front up in Bxls/Europe).

[28/02/2025, 00:32:39] Peter Mandelson: Then who ?

[28/02/2025, 00:35:39] Michael: That's the question. Varun or you stylistically, but where does that leave JR? Some combination of JR fronting but with you and Varun man marking behind the scenes, with me coordinating Whitehall/No10 process is where we will finish up i am assuming.

[28/02/2025, 00:41:24] Peter Mandelson: Yes, ***

[28/02/2025, 00:41:37] Michael: ***

[28/02/2025, 00:42:24] Peter Mandelson: ***

[28/02/2025, 00:42:39] Michael:

[28/02/2025, 00:43:20] Peter Mandelson: ***

[28/02/2025, 00:43:42] Michael: Oh dear.

[28/02/2025, 00:48:07] Michael: ***

[28/02/2025, 00:49:25] Peter Mandelson: I have ***

[28/02/2025, 00:50:43] Michael: ***

[28/02/2025, 00:51:17] Peter Mandelson: Yes. ***

[28/02/2025, 00:53:03] Michael: Makes sense.

[28/02/2025, 13:02:54] Michael: We should speak before this x-WH meeting. On trade. I have some thoughts on next steps etc but need your view.

[28/02/2025, 13:05:19] Michael: Have discussed with JP and Varun.

[28/02/2025, 13:05:56] Peter Mandelson: What's your collective view ?

[28/02/2025, 14:08:35] Michael: Along the lines of:

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[28/02/2025, 15:33:15] Peter Mandelson: Got it

[28/02/2025, 17:44:32] Michael: Hi Peter, do you have time for a call today? Michael

[28/02/2025, 18:14:32] Peter Mandelson: Voice call, 11 min

[28/02/2025, 19:21:15] Michael: Catastrophe.
https://x.com/komadovsky/status/1895526183858798972

[02/03/2025, 14:57:10] Michael: Do you have any further thoughts on the matter we discussed on Friday?

[11/09/2025, 19:56:27] Peter Mandelson: LETTER TO BRITISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON STAFF FROM LORD MANDELSON 11 September 2025

Dear All,

As you will be have seen, my position as Ambassador to the United States has come to an end.

Being Ambassador here has been the privilege of my life, and Reinaldo's. I could not have wished for a better welcome by you all, a better introduction to the job or better support while here. Your professionalism has been superb, more so than I have experienced in any public role. For this I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

The circumstances surrounding the announcement today are ones which I deeply regret. I continue to feel utterly awful about my association with Epstein twenty years ago and the plight of his victims. I have no alternative to accepting the Prime Minister's decision and will leave a position in which I have been so incredibly honoured to serve.

The relationship between Britain and the United States of America is a unique one. I know that you will continue to serve and deepen that relationship from DC right across our brilliant network.

I wish to thank you for all of your efforts in serving me as your Ambassador. In a short time we have achieved so much. We leave the relationship with the US in a really good condition, with a magnificent State Visit and the new US-UK Technology Partnership - my personal pride and joy that will help write the next chapter of the special relationship - set for next week.

Thank you from me, Reinaldo and Jock. I will treasure the experience and memory of having worked with you all.

Very best

Peter

Lord Mandelson

[11/09/2025, 23:58:32] Michael: Dear Peter,

I am very sorry to see you leave, especially in such circumstances. I very much enjoyed working with over the last 9 months, as well as when we worked together previously. I always felt I learned something new from you and appreciated your insights and support. I wish you well for the future and hope that we can stay in touch.

Best regards,

Michael

[12/09/2025, 03:03:23] Peter Mandelson: Thanks

416 - 02-03-2025 - WhatsApps between Peter Mandelson and Michael Ellam (Second Permanent Secretary, European Union and International Economic Affairs, CO)

[02/03/2025, 16:38:45] Peter Mandelson: Switching to official phone. Will call you later. Just with Ukraine ambassador.
[02/03/2025, 19:56:02] Peter Mandelson: I gather that PM has decided to accept *** for Varun to negotiate deal so I am happy to go with swim.
[02/03/2025, 20:08:57] Michael: I'm not sure/aware a decision has been made but that' s certainly the way the wind is blowing.
[02/03/2025, 20:13:41] Peter Mandelson: That's what Morgan said. With Douglas rather than Jonny as front minister
[02/03/2025, 20:14:16] Peter Mandelson: I am relaxed
[02/03/2025, 20:24:26] Peter Mandelson: Happy to discuss
[02/03/2025, 20:34:56] Michael: I'm in a similar place, though Ailsa insisting PM hasn't taken a view. Am due to discuss with Morgan tomorrow. Horses for courses. Varun will need a lot of support, but happy to mobilise Whitehall behind that.
[02/03/2025, 20:36:33] Michael: ***

[02/03/2025, 20:48:53] Peter Mandelson: I am not sure about the system. But I don't want Jonny thinking he has been usurped.
[02/03/2025, 21:27:02] Michael: Yes not easy. Would be better if a way could be found for him to make the decision himself.
[02/03/2025, 21:27:30] Peter Mandelson: Yup
[04/03/2025, 18:05:29] Michael: Interesting chat with *** earlier. Will email.
[04/03/2025, 19:06:24] Peter Mandelson: ***
[04/03/2025, 19:12:18] Peter Mandelson: Because he was always complaining about European position ***
[07/03/2025, 21:06:58] Michael: Hi let me know if you are able to speak?
[07/03/2025, 21:17:14] Peter Mandelson: Yes on train but call
[07/03/2025, 21:17:29] Michael: ⌜ Voice call, ⌜ 6 min
[07/03/2025, 21:23:38] Peter Mandelson: ⌜ Voice call, ⌜ 3 min
[07/03/2025, 21:56:39] Michael: Just sent you draft. If you were able to check it that would be helpful.
[07/03/2025, 22:13:03] Peter Mandelson: Mungo coming back to you
[09/03/2025, 18:53:27] Michael: What' s your view on whether the PM should call T on steel ***

[09/03/2025, 19:26:20] Peter Mandelson: It has to be ***

[09/03/2025, 19:29:49] Peter Mandelson: View of embassy is ***

[09/03/2025, 19:32:44] Michael: Thanks. It would be helpful I suppose if *** until later in the week I gather.
[09/03/2025, 19:33:37] Peter Mandelson: Not sure that helps. ***

[09/03/2025, 19:35:26] Michael: Guess so. Sounds like on balance ***

[10/03/2025, 02:29:40] Peter Mandelson: I am coming down on the side of advice that ***

It is a narrow call.

[13/03/2025, 19:57:31] Michael: Saw your email. ***

[13/03/2025, 20:01:04] Michael: ***

[13/03/2025, 20:30:16] Peter Mandelson: Who did I send that email to ?! Anyway seems I am vindicated.

By way, I and my team were sorry not to get heads of terms paper in advance of call this morning. Any particular reason for that ?
[13/03/2025, 20:32:33] Michael: Quite a lot of people on that chain.
Apologies re paper, I had assumed Mungo had it. Only when you mentioned, it became apparent he had not.
[13/03/2025, 20:36:54] Peter Mandelson: When I press reply I don't look at who is on chain.

Please include Mungo and JCS They are good.

Sorry I won't be with you next week. It will be quite an experience…

[13/03/2025, 20:40:33] Michael: Yes will do. They both seem very good.
[27/03/2025, 14:36:43] Peter Mandelson: Can you talk ?
[27/03/2025, 15:12:30] Michael: Voice call, 4 min
[31/03/2025, 19:55:14] Peter Mandelson: Missed voice call, Tap to call back
[31/03/2025, 21:43:41] Michael: Sorry just seen your missed call. Was at dinner.
[31/03/2025, 21:55:09] Peter Mandelson: Not to worry. I saw your email and I wanted to push back against Whitehall fatalism ! ***

[31/03/2025, 21:57:37] Michael: Yes I agree but I felt duty-bound to pass on a very direct message!
[31/03/2025, 22:10:06] Peter Mandelson: He reflects ***

[03/04/2025, 20:49:03] Michael: Agree with your email.
[05/04/2025, 12:15:32] Peter Mandelson: Able to talk ?
[05/04/2025, 12:38:41] Michael: Yes
[05/04/2025, 13:32:21] Peter Mandelson: Voice call, 19 min
[07/04/2025, 22:43:31] Michael: One thing I have learnt about our govt is that it is very important to be in the right WhatsApp group. Glad we now have that for US trade stuff.
[07/04/2025, 22:44:53] Peter Mandelson: And in the right room at the right time. Unfortunately I am not even in the right country and therefore totally dispensed with !!
[07/04/2025, 22:46:30] Michael: At least you are now in the right virtual room. Physical room more challenging.
[07/04/2025, 22:54:06] Peter Mandelson: I hope that some at least will notice that I have been right in what I have said about this negotiation at every stage….
[07/04/2025, 22:54:38] Peter Mandelson: But you will see from other message that ***

[07/04/2025, 22:55:42] Michael: Yes. Good news as hopefully it injects some rationality into the process.
[07/04/2025, 22:56:16] Michael: Who do you think should lead from our side?
[07/04/2025, 22:59:13] Peter Mandelson: In effect I think Varun still. Is that right ?
[07/04/2025, 23:05:59] Michael: Possibly. There will be Rachel sensitivity that will need handling.
[07/04/2025, 23:07:20] Peter Mandelson: Is she not so keen on Varun ?
[07/04/2025, 23:10:54] Michael: No she likes Varun but Bessent is obviously her opposite number. She's been fine to leave to Jonny to date as political lead but is very keen to be more active and involved in the international response. She's the most senior person on economic policy in government and *** She will need to be consulted and comfortable with whatever approach we take.
[07/04/2025, 23:14:53] Michael: ***

[07/04/2025, 23:27:47] Peter Mandelson: Video call, 4 sec
[12/05/2025, 23:01:36] Peter Mandelson: *** *** Can we talk tomorrow ?
[13/05/2025, 07:47:44] Michael: Of course.
[19/06/2025, 20:00:43] Michael: FYI I had a long chat over a drink with ***

. Mostly social chit chat. He said he hates taking meetings but happy to meet informally over a drink any time.
[19/06/2025, 21:00:05] Peter Mandelson: Great. Why did G7 have to go on for so long ?!
[19/06/2025, 21:14:28] Michael: Good question. Second day was for “outreach” - ***

417 - 13-05-2025 - WhatsApps between Peter Mandelson and Michael Ellam (Second Permanent Secretary, European Union and International Economic Affairs, CO)

[13/05/2025, 17:46:58] Peter Mandelson: ‎ Messages and calls are end-to-end encrypted. Only people in this chat can read, listen to, or share them.

[13/05/2025, 17:46:58] Peter Mandelson: ‎ Voice call, ‎ 11 min

[13/05/2025, 20:16:54] Michael Ellam: Nice
https://x.com/GBNEWS/status/1922359941303546270

[13/05/2025, 20:24:29] Peter Mandelson: ***

[13/05/2025, 20:45:20] Michael Ellam: There is one potential issue to be aware of that relates to the US.
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Hypothetical of course as *** but will make sure your team has lines.

[13/05/2025, 20:53:21] Peter Mandelson: Thanks. ***

[13/05/2025, 20:54:45] Michael Ellam: Yes that's the plan, but tricky. Trying to find a solution.

[19/05/2025, 20:27:02] Peter Mandelson: Has it gone ok today ?

[19/05/2025, 20:28:54] Michael Ellam: Yes I think so. PM very happy. *** but overwhelming business support.

‎ [19/05/2025, 20:29:01] Michael Ellam: ‎ image omitted

[19/05/2025, 20:34:27] Peter Mandelson: ***

[19/05/2025, 20:42:28] Michael Ellam: Indeed

[24/06/2025, 11:11:49] Peter Mandelson: Sorry about that. Forgot I had to tell someone something

418 - 30-06-2024 - WhatsApps between Peter Mandelson and Douglas Alexander (former Minister of State, DBT)

** Third Party redactions on 22/07/2024, 31/07/2024 and 02/08/2024 refer to a Global Counsel employee*

[30/06/2024, 08:57] Douglas Alexander: What an extraordinarily inept Tory campaign! Not long to go now. What's your feeling as to what the final result will be across the country?

[30/06/2024, 09:07] Peter Mandelson: Cannot tell result. 100+? Depends on Scotland..... How's it looking there ?

[30/06/2024, 09:11] Douglas Alexander: We have about a dozen hyper marginals that depend on direct SNP to Labour transfers. My sense is the SNP vote has stabilised with a base much higher than the Tories in England – around 30-33% - so we could be in the range of c20-32 seats depending on field ops and how they break. There's v little enthusiasm for Labour but a quiet determination to secure change which is our greatest ally.

[30/06/2024, 09:13] Peter Mandelson: That's what I found in north east and north west this week. Strong desire for change but unsure what vote for Labour would bring.

[07/07/2024, 13:25] Douglas Alexander: Peter – thank you. (As usual) your judgement was vindicated. You probably don't realise quite how influential you've been in this whole improbable journey. From your initial encouragement two years ago this month

"Douglas....you're going to have to become all Laboury again!" to your quiet and effective support when Gordon came out for Third Party in the selection....i won't forget any of it. And yes, of course I would value your counsel on Trade. Hope we can speak soon. In gratitude and appreciation, Douglas

[07/07/2024, 13:26] Peter Mandelson: Any time.

[22/07/2024, 08:14] Douglas Alexander: Thanks for the time yesterday. Send me THIRD PARTY contact details when you can and I'll reach out to him.

[22/07/2024, 08:17] Peter Mandelson: Emailed you both

[22/07/2024, 08:37] Douglas Alexander: Thanks

[31/07/2024, 08:24] Douglas Alexander: Seeing THIRD PARTY this afternoon for a proper teach in session. Thanks for the introduction. Enjoyed your piece in the Times on Universities which – of course – I'm sure is wholly unrelated to speculation about your imminent candidacy for the Oxford Chancellorship. Good luck!

[31/07/2024, 09:02] Peter Mandelson: It was actually entirely coincidental!

[31/07/2024, 09:52] Douglas Alexander:

[02/08/2024, 10:25] Peter Mandelson: Did you talk to THIRD PARTY ok?

[02/08/2024, 10:46] Douglas Alexander: Yes, thank you. On Wednesday afternoon. It was the single most enlightening conversation I've had in the last month on Trade so I see why you hold him in such high regard. Many thanks again for the introduction.

[02/08/2024, 10:47] Peter Mandelson: Good. Happy to help further.

[02/08/2024, 10:48] Douglas Alexander:

[03/08/2024, 13:35] Peter Mandelson: V good in FT

[03/08/2024, 13:48] Douglas Alexander: Thanks Peter. Coming from you that's quite the compliment and I appreciate it. Hope you get a decent break over August.

[10/10/2024, 09:27] Douglas Alexander: Just bumped into a friend who said he was going to hear you at a Reform Scotland event this evening. If it's an "in conversation" and I can be of any help on the Scottish angle then just shout. Hope all's well.

[10/10/2024, 09:28] Peter Mandelson: That's kind. It's a lecture with few q+a. What's your best email ?

[10/10/2024, 09:29] Douglas Alexander: Personal

[20/11/2024, 12:52] Peter Mandelson: Nice to see you and sorry to rush at end. I think a conversation with Rachel about trade would be useful. A fellow peer Third Party has longstanding experience and connections in Japan and has asked me to put in a word for him re UK trade envoy there.

[20/11/2024, 16:16] Douglas Alexander: Good to see you briefly this morning. Third Party has now reached out to my office in the Department already. Gareth Thomas is actually leading on this (given its Exports) so will ensure it's flagged to him. Speak soon.

[20/11/2024, 16:17] Peter Mandelson: Thanks he is very keen.....

[20/11/2024, 16:17] Douglas Alexander: I got that impression!

[27/11/2024, 13:35] Douglas Alexander: Peter-I just woke up in Vancouver where I'm attending the CPTPP Conference to see news of the Oxford result. I know - perhaps better than most – the disappointment of electoral defeat so simply wanted to be in touch to send a message of solidarity and urge you to hold your head high. Fortune favours the brave....and I sense you have more chapters yet to write!

[20/12/2024, 08:12] Douglas Alexander: Actually you've evidently less Teddy Roosevelt than Bill Clinton...the Comeback Kid! Warm congratulations on your appointment. Good news for you, for the Government and for the country.

[20/12/2024, 08:24] Peter Mandelson: Thanks Douglas. See you in DC....

[01/02/2025, 18:22] Douglas Alexander: Good to see you on Thursday. I thought you might find this interesting – If you want a sense of what's next in terms of populist nationalism, its trajectory and its internal tensions it's well worth a listen.
https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/matter-of-opinion/id1438024613?i=1000687448131

[01/02/2025, 18:37] Peter Mandelson: I will cherish. Keep sending.

[12/02/2025, 13:17] Peter Mandelson: You were good in the Commons on tariffs. Let me know if we need to adjust in anyway here, say/do differently.

[12/02/2025, 13:41] Douglas Alexander: Thanks Peter – obviously didn't have much to say but we sounded happily aligned. Let's see what tonight brings in terms of reciprocal tariffs & then of course the PM visit. Hope you're settling in well....the struggle for socialism takes many forms! Keep in touch, Douglas

[12/02/2025, 19:54] Peter Mandelson: My new work number is PERSONAL

419 - 03-07-2024 - WhatsApps between Peter Mandelson and Morgan McSweeney (former Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister, No.10)

The following group messages were provided to the Cabinet Office by Morgan McSweeney

Group 1
[03/07/2024] Peter Mandelson: Slightly more influential than the useless Times…

Group 2
[05/07/2024] PM: An electoral meteor just hit Britain
We fight on
This is the next instalment of trouble

[07/07/2024] PM: I have been in Provence speaking in Aix where I met centre right people having to vote for Melenchon in order to defeat RN. To many it will seem perverse and undemocratic. Inherently unstable.

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[08/07/2024] PM: For those interested in my remarks over the weekend.

The question is, have NR been defeated or out manoeuvred? There is a difference.

[08/10/2024] PM: Videos starting to publish, whole thing will be on YouTube later
https://x.com/timesradio/status/1843622377776971931?s=48

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iMessage

[27/09/2024] PM: I am wondering whether playing back is a solution. Why does he suddenly have the money available? Does it look clunky, weak? Do Angela and Rachel have to follow suit?

and on tickets etc - the rules are pretty tight and transparent - this story is all based on material already in the public domain.

420 - 09-10-2024 - Messages between Peter Mandelson and Lord Roy Kennedy (Captain of the Honourable Corps of Gentleman at Arms (Lords Chief Whip))

[2024] Lord Roy Kennedy: Let’s keep it under review over the next couple of days. I am only worried about the fatal motion.

[2024] Peter Mandelson: Ok keep me posted

[2024] Lord Roy Kennedy: Will do.

[09/10/2024, 19:07] Peter Mandelson: Hi Roy. Will you be letting us know how long you want us to stay ?

[09/10/2024, 19:07] Lord Roy Kennedy: Yes just sent the message. Whip off. Roy

[09/10/2024, 19:07] Peter Mandelson: Thanks

[21/12/2024, 15:03] Lord Roy Kennedy: Many congratulations on your appoint as our Ambassador to the United States.

Well deserved .

With best wishes Roy & Alicia.

21/12/2024, 15:03] Peter Mandelson: Thank you both ! Best wishes for Christmas. And thanks for being a brilliant chief whip !

421 - 28-10-2024 - WhatsApps from Peter Mandelson to Keir Mather (former Assistant Whip, House of Commons)

[28/10/2024, 08:19] Peter Mandelson: Chancellor vote begins today. Please spread the word to all your friends and network with this link https://www.worldclassoxford.com/1

[16/11/2024, 19:11] Peter Mandelson: A message from Peter Mandelson: Voting will open on Monday for the final round of the Oxford Chancellor election so please monitor your inbox. Please also see my video below where I set out why we need a Chancellor with strong international connections and close links to the new Government to champion the university and higher education as a whole for the next decade. With William Hague's extensive campaign organisation backed by CCHQ, and substantial support amongst alumni, it is important for us to get out the vote. Please forward this to as many friends and contacts who might be registered to vote, or alumni group chats, so that we get the best Chancellor for Oxford University.
https://x.com/WrldClassOxford/status/1856760536723329302?t=jOoEK9naLFoo7tcXgH4W3A&s=19

422 - WhatsApps between Peter Mandelson and Steve Reed (former Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs)

[19/12/2024, 22:25] Steve Reed: Congratulations Peter – wonderful news if you're to be US ambassador. Excellent appointment – quite a job on your ***

[19/12/2024, 22:26] Peter Mandelson: Thanks Steve!

423 - 20-12-2024 - WhatsApps between Peter Mandelson and Ian Murray (former Secretary of State for Scotland)

[20/12/2024, 10:51] Ian Murray: Congratulations your excellency. What a wonderful appointment. I'll look forward to seeing you state side in our Brand Scotland travels. Have a lovely Xmas. Ian

[20/12/2024, 11:11] Peter Mandelson: Thanks Ian!

[17/03/2025, 10:14] Ian Murray: Hi Peter, hope you are settling in across the pond. What a job you are doing already.
My team and I are being kindly hosted by the embassy for tartan week on 1 April with a reception and strategic partnership signing with the royal Edinburgh military tattoo.
The reason we are in Washington with the tattoo was for them to perform on the White House Lawn for the first time since JFK.
The US election popped in the way and despite approvals from the WH historic society and the current First Lady it still need sign off.
I don't want to add a rather inconsequential request to your inbox, and your officials are helping, but any mechanisms you have that can push for sign off? It's all done but will be in a burgeoning pile of things somewhere in the WH.
Thank you,
Ian Murray

[17/03/2025, 10:15] Peter Mandelson: Hi Ian. Let me look into it. Hope you are well.

[17/03/2025, 10:16] Ian Murray: Thank you so much

424 - 20-12-2024 - WhatsApps between Peter Mandelson and Ben Nunn (former Director of Communications to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, HMT)

[20/12/2024, 11:50] Ben Nunn: Morning. RR mentioned you coming in in January. Who's best for private office to liaise with about your diary?

[20/12/2024, 12:01] Peter Mandelson: Good question. I think I will be assigned a private secretary today. Will let you know.

[20/12/2024, 12:05] Ben Nunn: Thank you.

[17/01/2025, 12:56] Ben Nunn: https://www.foxnews.com/opinion/uk-representative-want-make-allicance-us-great-again

[20/01/2025, 07:20] Ben Nunn: This was good. Good luck over next few days / weeks. Keep in touch.

[20/01/2025, 18:37] Peter Mandelson: Thanks Ben

[03/02/2025, 11:25] Ben Nunn: Morning - Hope you're good. I think officials are liaising with the Embassy, but so it's on your radar RR keen to push ahead with US visit / Bessent meeting next month. Anything we can do to help let me know. Best, B.

[03/02/2025, 11:38] Peter Mandelson: When abouts in March ?

[03/02/2025, 11:38] Peter Mandelson: And all good here. Preparing for Keir visit

[03/02/2025, 11:39] Ben Nunn: I'll triple check when at B. my desk but I think we are looking at 6-7 March

[26/04/2025, 07:39] Ben Nunn: Good to see you this week and thanks for all your help / advice. Much appreciated. Speak soon. B.

[26/04/2025, 12:56] Peter Mandelson: It was great to have you all here. I am so glad it went so well. Rachel's remarks at the reception on Thursday still being spoken of admiringly!

[26/04/2025, 13:14] Peter Mandelson: Ben, what's Katie mobile number ? It's gone out of my system

[26/04/2025, 13:18] Ben Nunn: Personal

[11/09/2025, 19:49] Peter Mandelson: LETTER TO BRITISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON STAFF FROM LORD MANDELSON

11 September 2025

Dear All,

As you will be have seen, my position as Ambassador to the United States has come to an end.

Being Ambassador here has been the privilege of my life, and Reinaldo's. I could not have wished for a better welcome by you all, a better introduction to the job or better support while here. Your professionalism has been superb, more so than I have experienced in any public role. For this I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

The circumstances surrounding the announcement today are ones which I deeply regret. I continue to feel utterly awful about my association with Epstein twenty years ago and the plight of his victims. I have no alternative to accepting the Prime Minister's decision and will leave a position in which I have been so incredibly honoured to serve.

The relationship between Britain and the United States of America is a unique one. I know that you will continue to serve and deepen that relationship from DC right across our brilliant network.

I wish to thank you for all of your efforts in serving me as your Ambassador. In a short time we have achieved so much. We leave the relationship with the US in a really good condition, with a magnificent State Visit and the new US- UK Technology Partnership - my personal pride and joy that will help write the next chapter of the special relationship - set for next week.

Thank you from me, Reinaldo and Jock. I will treasure the experience and memory of having worked with you all.

Very best

Peter

Lord Mandelson

[20/12/2024, 19:30] Liz Kendall: Missed voice call

[20/12/2024, 19:34] Liz Kendall: Hello! Hope you're well? Thrilled to be stepping into Pete's shoes at DSIT. Would really appreciate catching up, not least about State visit. Give me a call when you can? Liz

[20/12/2024, 19:41] Peter Mandelson: Missed voice call

[20/12/2024, 19:42] Peter Mandelson: Can I call in 45 minutes ?

[20/12/2024, 20:03] Liz Kendall: Yes! Of course

[11/09/2025, 18:24] Peter Mandelson: LETTER TO BRITISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON STAFF FROM LORD MANDELSON

11 September 2025

Dear All,

As you will be have seen, my position as Ambassador to the United States has come to an end.

Being Ambassador here has been the privilege of my life, and Reinaldo's. I could not have wished for a better welcome by you all, a better
introduction to the job or better support while here. Your professionalism has been superb, more so than I have experienced in any public role. For this I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

The circumstances surrounding the announcement today are ones which I deeply regret. I continue to feel utterly awful about my association with Epstein twenty years ago and the plight of his victims. I have no alternative to accepting the Prime Minister's decision and will leave a position in which I have been so incredibly honoured to serve.

The relationship between Britain and the United States of America is a unique one. I know that you will continue to serve and deepen that relationship from DC right across our brilliant network.

I wish to thank you for all of your efforts in serving me as your Ambassador. In a short time we have achieved so much. We leave the relationship with the US in a really good condition, with a magnificent State Visit and the new US-UK Technology Partnership - my personal pride and joy that will help write the next chapter of the special relationship set for next week.

Thank you from me, Reinaldo and Jock. I will treasure the experience and memory of having worked with you all.

Very best

Peter

Lord Mandelson

426 - 20-12-2024 - WhatsApps between Peter Mandelson and Vidhya Alakeson (former Deputy Chief of Staff, No.10)

[20/12/24, 12:24] Peter Mandelson: I hope so !!
[01/07/25, 11:59] Peter Mandelson: Hi hope you are well and are coping with everything. I am flying back to Washington later today but if you have a moment to talk on phone that would be good. Let me Know.
[01/07/25, 15:43] Vidhya Alakeson: Voice call 21 secs
[01/07/2025, 15:44] Peter Mandelson: Can I call you in 10 ?
[01/07/2025,15:44] Vidhya Alakeson: Yes
[01/07/2025, 15:45] Peter Mandelson: Just going through security
[01/07/2025, 15:57] Peter Mandelson: Voice call 5 mins

[02/07/25, 16:10] Peter Mandelson: I do have an idea for economic adviser. Older, sage, nice, discreet. Third Party when younger. He was director of university's think tank. Now a fellow at Third Party
He is friend and I will have a chat to get his take on things without saying why. Ok ?
[02/07/25, 20:18] Vidhya Alakeson: Sure thank you. Minouche Shafik was suggested earlier. Thoughts?
[02/07/25, 20:23] Peter Mandelson: Third Party

[02/07/25, 20:2(?] Vidhya Alakeson: Wise thanks.
[02/07/25, 20:25] Peter Mandelson: You also want to avoid this being a public thing. Needs to be quieter. Otherwise becomes an expression of lack of confidence in the Treasury.
[02/07/25, 20:2(?] Vidhya Alakeson: Third Party ? Then I will stop
[02/07/25, 20:26] Peter Mandelson: I can't place him. Where is he ?
[02/07/25, 20:2(?] Vidhya Alakeson: Third Party
[02/07/25, 20:2(?] Vidhya Alakeson: Third Party … Experience: Third Party … (- linkedin.com
Personal
[02/07/25, 20:30] Peter Mandelson: Good god no. This is the sort of person Rachel has at the Treasury now. Keir needs someone with greater authority and detachment with real lived experience.
[02/07/25, 20:33] Peter Mandelson: You want someone with the weight and authority to be respected but not the profile to excite jealousy or resentment.
[02/07/25, 20:34] Vidhya Alakeson: Yes that is right. Those ppl are proving hard to find in this space [02/07/25, 20:36] Peter Mandelson: I strongly suggest Keir meets Third Party. He is sage and experienced as well as having an academic discipline.
[02/07/25, 20:44] Vidhya Alakeson: Would we couple him with a more junior Spad to do some of the more political stuff?
[02/07/25, 20:46] Peter Mandelson: Yes a pointman/woman good idea. Someone would be a good 'hinge' with the official system.

[04/07/25, 11:19] Peter Mandelson: I don't know Third Party but a major hedge fund

sympathiser tell me he used to be UBS main U.K. economist and now at Third Party which is independent research boutique just focussed on U.K.

I am told he is not a political animal but would give great advice and be robust. He also has best model of U.K. economy and would be ideal (quietly) second guessing OBR. He is person my friend relies on for U.K. analysis. Whoever advises needs to be credible with capital markets.
Another name touted is Third Party but I would not commend.
[04/07/25], 11:21] Vidhya Alakeson: We arguably might need more than I and some who can steady the nerves of the capital markets and interpret its movements credibly for Keir would be incredibly helpful.
[04/07/25, 11:21] Vidhya Alakeson: Everyone keeps recommending Third Party to me but I am not convinced, if I am honest. Too much of a front person as well I think. We need behind the scenes ppl
[04/07/25, 11:25] Peter Mandelson: Third Party

I don't think you want show, you want quiet depth and judgement, not a networker. Someone who Kier can talk to and trust and not someone who will 'campaign' inside the government.
[04/07/25, 11:29] Peter Mandelson: Yes I think you can use more than one . But careful. You don't want to appear to be creating shadow Treasury. Everyone will immediately assume tension and this will worry markets.
There is another guy, very clever, who went from hedge fund to Bank of England. Let me remind myself of his name.
[04/07/25, 11:29] Vidhya Alakeson: True. We can't undermine Rachel and don't want to
[04/07/25, 11:36] Peter Mandelson: I think you need two types - an experienced policy macro economist (sage) and someone else closer to markets (younger). You don't want either becoming a media focus/personality.
The Third Party is nice and good. He is Third Party . Good thinker who gave up ton of money to go to Bank.
[04/07/25, 11:39] Vidhya Alakeson: Don't we need one sage wise head and a younger more political one or 3 - the two you mention and a younger more political person who will locks heads with HMT and DBT spads etc.
[04/07/25, 13:34] Peter Mandelson: Can you talk ?
[04/07/25, 13:38] Vidhya Alakeson: Not right now. Later I can..5.30pm or so any good?
[04/07/25, 14:02] Peter Mandelson: 5 45 good for me.
[04/07/25, 18:13] Vidhya Alakeson: Voice call No answer
[04/07/25, 18:32] Vidhya Alakeson: Voice call 21 mins

29/07/25, 12:05] Peter Mandelson: Are you around tomorrow morning or out of office ?
[29/07/25, 12:05] Vidhya Alakeson: I am on leave this week. Back on Monday
[29/07/25, 12:14] Peter Mandelson: I will be back in DC !
[29/07/25, 13:12] Peter Mandelson: How are you ? I can imagine.
[29/07/25, 14:09] Vidhya Alakeson: All good. Thank you. Spending August once I am back trying to get the team sorted.
[29/07/25, 14:25] Peter Mandelson: Let me know if I can help

427 - 20-12-2024 - WhatsApps between Peter Mandelson and Feryal Clark (former Minister for Artificial Intelligence)

[20/12/2024, 16:36] Feryal Clark: Huge congratulations Peter, great news to wake up to today! We are going to need you big time I work in Peter Kyle's team now as his minister for AI. Have a great Christmas & new year. Feryal Clark

[20/12/2024, 16:38] Peter Mandelson: UK flag emoji] + [US flag emoji] = AI

[20/12/2024, 17:00] Feryal Clark:

[20/12/2024, 17:17] Peter Mandelson: My chief AI buddy in US is Sam Altman

428 - 20-12-2024 - WhatsApps between Peter Mandelson and Gareth Thomas (former Minister for Services, Small Businesses and Exports)

[20/12/2024, 14:19] Gareth Thomas: Congratulations on your US role!

[20/12/2024, 14:28] Peter Mandelson: Thanks Gareth !

[20/12/2024, 11:33:03] Matthew Doyle: [FORWARDING] Hey Matthew, sorry to bother you. It's just me on today. We are doing a story on Peter Mandelson and the fact he has a big EU pension and signed an oath of loyalty to the EU. Will this be a conflict of interest when he needs to negotiate with the US? Will he not take the payments while he is in post?

[20/12/2024, 11:33:18] Matthew Doyle: ^^ From the Sun.

[20/12/2024, 11:34:34] Peter Mandelson: Good question ! Not sure what they would call big but my oath of loyalty is to the King not the EU.

[03/01/2025, 22:53:07] Matthew Doyle: [FORWARDING] Hey - warmest wishes for 25. What a start. If you ever want to chat about things let me know. On Elon - you might know that he has been James's very close friend for 25 years and they're business partners. (James is no 2 on the board of Tesla and the earliest investor in Space X.). I'm happy to try to help in the background. This is becoming totally surreal. Best

[03/01/2025, 22:53:58] Matthew Doyle: ^^ Not for action now but from Third Party re James Murdoch.

[04/01/2025, 08:04:52] Peter Mandelson: I had forgotten or not realised about james.

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[04/01/2025, 08:51:01] Matthew Doyle: ***

[04/01/2025, 09:08:42] Peter Mandelson: I assume you are falling over yourself for me to do a farewell podcast on Tuesday ?

[04/01/2025, 09:50:02] Matthew Doyle: Do you want me to ban you so you don't have to do it?

[04/01/2025, 09:54:42] Peter Mandelson: I am divided. Part of me wants to do a nice signing od and farewell and partly I am nervous of making a mistake. I guess I would be totally careful if I did it and I can tell them what is od limits.

[04/01/2025, 10:11:12] Matthew Doyle: How do you avoid loads on Musk and Trump?

[04/01/2025, 10:15:20] Peter Mandelson: I say that I won't say more on Musk and I keep Trump to generalities. It is not a gotcha risk. It is how far I go eg in explaining/retracting 2019 comments if I choose to.

[04/01/2025, 10:25:20] Peter Mandelson: Where did the Times get their Trump call read out from today ?!

[04/01/2025, 10:25:55] Matthew Doyle: Good question. ***

[04/01/2025, 10:26:48] Peter Mandelson: ***

[04/01/2025, 10:27:48] Matthew Doyle: Oh yeah. ***

[04/01/2025, 10:29:22] Peter Mandelson: I cannot believe that. ***

[04/01/2025, 10:31:05] Matthew Doyle: I don't know exactly. ***

[04/01/2025, 10:32:30] Peter Mandelson: Third party
[04/01/2025, 10:33:32] Peter Mandelson: ***

[04/01/2025, 10:33:56] Matthew Doyle: Third party

[04/01/2025, 10:35:27] Matthew Doyle: Yes, ***

[04/01/2025, 10:39:26] Peter Mandelson: Wrong advice (and not what *** Third Party said to me

[04/01/2025, 10:41:01] Matthew Doyle: Yeah, and it didn't help that Keir told the journos with him on a trip that JPo and Morgan had been for meetings in the States.

[18/01/2025, 18:19:49] Matthew Doyle: https://x.com/johnrentoul/status/1880671351293530559?s=48&t=xpdItx6zrqChRd8BD lAD9g [INDEPENDENT STORY SAYING TRUMP MIGHT REJECT MANDELSON AS AMBASSADOR]

[18/01/2025, 18:20:44] Peter Mandelson: Who is David Maddox ?

[18/01/2025, 18:21:01] Matthew Doyle: Pol Ed of the Independent.

[18/01/2025, 18:21:25] Peter Mandelson: Where has he written this ?

[18/01/2025, 18:21:39] Matthew Doyle: He's in D.C. at the moment.

[18/01/2025, 18:21:53] Peter Mandelson: Has he written in paper ?

[18/01/2025, 18:22:05] Matthew Doyle: Yes, link in tweet.

[18/01/2025, 18:26:25] Peter Mandelson: ***
[18/01/2025, 18:27:09] Peter Mandelson: ***

[18/01/2025, 18:32:47] Matthew Doyle: Maybe. There are also going to be a lot of lose lips at assorted receptions over the next few days, with Johnson, Farage etc making mischief.

[18/01/2025, 18:33:51] Peter Mandelson: Yup.

[18/01/2025, 19:27:20] Matthew Doyle: Sunday Times are following, as in folding into their intro on the inauguration.

[18/01/2025, 19:39:49] Peter Mandelson: [PHOTO OF TWEET POSTED BELO W]

[18/01/2025, 19:40:33] Matthew Doyle: Whose account is that?

[18/01/2025, 19:40:55] Peter Mandelson: Don’t know

[18/01/2025, 19:41:53] Matthew Doyle: https://x.com/inevitablewest/status/1880669440330846396?s=48&t=xpdItx6zrqChRd8 BDlAD9g [A CLAIM THAT TRUMP WILL REJECT MANDELSON BECAUSE OF TIES TO EU]
[18/01/2025, 19:42:43] Peter Mandelson: ***
[18/01/2025, 19:42:53] Matthew Doyle: ***

[18/01/2025, 19:42:53] Peter Mandelson: Who is this person ?

[18/01/2025, 19:50:04] Peter Mandelson: ***

[18/01/2025, 20:21:32] Matthew Doyle: https://x.com/kateferguson4/status/1880699817862762613 [FARAGE HELD TALKS WITH STARMER TEAM ON HELPING WITH TRUMP]

[18/01/2025, 20:21:32] Matthew Doyle: Can I assume you don’t recognise this?
[18/01/2025, 20:31:29] Peter Mandelson: He may mean me because we have exchanged messages eg last week he went on TV and tried to make a thing about me not coming to the inaugural and I explained that I had to go through all formalities before setting foot on US soil etc. I am trying to keep him nice without complete success. I would advise against anything which sounds disobliging.
[18/01/2025, 20:33:07] Peter Mandelson: How does he define “held talks” ?
[18/01/2025, 20:33:58] Peter Mandelson:

https://x.com/conorburnsuk/status/1880712061338182142?s=46 [BURNS TWEETING IN SUPPORT OF MANDELSON]

[18/01/2025, 20:35:25] Matthew Doyle: Quite, I'll say not something we recognise in No10 but gently.

[18/01/2025, 20:35:46] Peter Mandelson: Yup

[18/01/2025, 20:36:07] Peter Mandelson: I am getting very worried about Chagos
[18/01/2025, 20:37:40] Matthew Doyle: ***

[18/01/2025, 20:38:21] Peter Mandelson: ***

[18/01/2025, 20:39:21] Matthew Doyle: ***
[18/01/2025, 20:40:23] Peter Mandelson: ***

[18/01/2025, 20:42:27] Matthew Doyle: ***

[18/01/2025, 20:42:58] Peter Mandelson: And was getting his credentials lined up
[18/01/2025, 21:38:27] Matthew Doyle: [PHOTO IS MoS SPLASH ON TEAM TRUMP REVENGE FOR STARMER MEDDLING IN ELECTION]

[18/01/2025, 22:00:39] Peter Mandelson: I think this is being turned into something big. Why isn't Karen calling Susie Wiles and insisting it stops?

[18/01/2025, 22:08:13] Peter Mandelson: It can only be turned off by Wiles on behalf of Trump. Karen should be calling her.

[18/01/2025, 22:12:04] Matthew Doyle: I agree. Roscoe says he's seeing Team Trump tomorrow.

[18/01/2025, 22:13:02] Peter Mandelson: Too late

[18/01/2025, 22:13:46] Peter Mandelson: And not enough. Third party

[18/01/2025, 22:17:50] Peter Mandelson: Does the UK ambassador even follow what's happening ?

[18/01/2025, 23:03:41] Matthew Doyle: Third Party

[18/01/2025, 23:12:13] Peter Mandelson: Let's hope the BBC doesn't take it up
[19/01/2025, 10:40:57] Peter Mandelson: Did anything come back from Karen ?
[19/01/2025, 12:19:30] Peter Mandelson: I have emailed you

[19/01/2025, 12:38:51] Matthew Doyle: Not that I’ve seen.

[20/01/2025, 17:32:48] Matthew Doyle: https://x.com/keir_starmer/status/1881387404570788277?s=48&t=xpdItx6zrqChRd8B DlAD9g [VIDEO MESSAGE FROM KEIR STARMER ON THE INAUGURATION]

[20/01/2025, 18:28:06] Peter Mandelson: Very good !

[20/01/2025, 21:37:10] Peter Mandelson: Third party

[20/01/2025, 21:42:08] Peter Mandelson: https://x.com/samcoatessky/status/1881432436971905462?s=42 [COATES ANALYSIS PIECE ON MANDELSON APPOINTMENT]

[11/03/2025, 20:35:55] Matthew Doyle: [PHOTO SHOWING MAIL GRAPHIC OF POLL SAYING KEIR STARMER MOST POPULAR WORLD LEADER WITH REPUBLICANS]

[11/03/2025, 20:47:54] Peter Mandelson: That’s quite funny !

430 - 31-12-2024 - WhatsApps between Peter Mandelson and Tamara Finkelstein (former Permanent Secretary, DEFRA)

[31/12/2024, 09:18] Peter Mandelson: Congratulations on your deserved honour.
I know you will be disappointed about Cab Sec but you have a big future in Whitehall so don’t let up !

[31/12/2024, 09:28] Tamara Finkelstein: Thank you! And many congrats on going to Washington, that will be amazing.

431 - 14-01-2025 - Messages between Peter Mandelson and John Cryer (former Lord in Waiting, Government Whip)

[14/01/2025, 12:10] John Cryer: Peter, it's John Cryer here. Would you be able to be here for the vote at 3 pm today? It is to commit the GBE Bill to the grand committee, in response to the Tories trying to wreck it last night. All the best, John

[14/01/2025, 16:40] Peter: Sorry John just seen this but I think we were good?

[14/01/2025, 16:40] John Cryer: Thanks. It all went very well. After some whining, the opposition chief whip gave up and didn't oppose.

432 - 30-01-2025 - WhatsApps between Peter Mandelson and Tom Lillywhite (former Special Adviser to the Prime Minister)

[30/01/2025, 21:26] Tom Lillywhite: Did they approve you having your own social channel?

[30/01/2025, 21:26] Peter Mandelson: I am going to discuss when I get there....

[30/01/2025, 21:28] Tom Lillywhite: When do you go out?

[30/01/2025, 21:29] Peter Mandelson: Next week

[30/01/2025, 21:29] Peter Mandelson: Goodbye drinks on Monday at 6pm in my room at the FCDO. Hope you can join.

[03/02/2025, 19:10] Tom Lillywhite: I'm in an overrunning meeting with Pat/Morgan so not sure I'm going to be able to get there in time I'm afraid. Thank you for the invite though

[03/02/2025, 19:46] Peter Mandelson: Don't worry, just keep in touch

433 - 05-02-2025 - WhatsApps between Peter Mandelson and Ian Parker (Senior Special Adviser to the Leader of the House of Lords and the Government Chief Whip)

[05/02/2025, 10:47] Ian Parker: Peter - noticed you've just come off the Labour Peers WhatsApp. Best wishes for your new role & your time in DC. (Heading there with family for a few days over Easter, and will look out for you!) IanP

[05/02/2025, 10:58] Peter Mandelson: Thanks. I am now a civil servant on leave of absence.....!

[13/02/2025, 16:45:06] Jon Garvie: Can give you a run down on *** and *** in couple hours if helpful?

[13/02/2025, 16:45:16] Jon Garvie: Or quickly now if free

[13/02/2025, 17:14:55] HMA Washington: Free now?

[13/02/2025, 18:00:28] Jon Garvie: Can do from 615 my time - any time after that

[13/02/2025, 18:21:40] HMA Washington: Missed voice call, Click to call back

[17/02/2025, 16:38:31] HMA Washington: Missed voice call, Click to call back

[25/02/2025, 13:55:06] HMA Washington: Voice call, Answered on other device

[25/02/2025, 14:50:06] Jon Garvie: We are trying to engineer a *** invite which we couldn't possibly refuse via his *** etc

[25/02/2025, 16:52:26] HMA Washington: We have tried but seems he's not in

town? [26/02/2025, 01:04:59] Jon Garvie: Ah

[26/02/2025, 01:35:42] HMA Washington: But seeing ***

[26/02/2025, 02:30:26] Jon Garvie: Sounds like happening on Thurs ***

[26/02/2025, 02:32:52] HMA Washington: On my way back to residence

[01/03/2025, 20:10:06] HMA Washington: https://therecord.media/hegseth-orders-cyber-command-stand-down-russia-planning

[02/03/2025, 14:50:34] HMA Washington: <attached: 00000016-AUDIO-2025-03-02-14-50-34.m4a>

[02/03/2025, 22:03:56] HMA Washington: Missed voice call, Click to call back

[02/03/2025, 22:26:48] Jon Garvie: https://news.sky.com/story/us-speaker-says-zelenskyy-might-need-to-resign-as-mandelson-suggests-ukraine-commits-to-ceasefire-first-13320236

[02/03/2025, 22:29:13] HMA Washington: I don't see the problem with this. ***

[02/03/2025, 22:29:16] HMA Washington: Missed voice call, Click to call back

[04/03/2025, 12:38:32] HMA Washington: Talk?

[04/03/2025, 12:41:29] Jon Garvie: Will ring you in 5?

[04/03/2025, 12:44:43] HMA Washington: Yes

[04/03/2025, 20:44:07] Jon Garvie: You weren't on *** call because they had to switch to *** forgot

[04/03/2025, 20:44:21] Jon Garvie: What are you expecting from this speech tonight?

[04/03/2025, 20:45:29] Jon Garvie: Hague said shifting US posture most consequential event this century. More so than financial crash and 9/11 in sense of need for complete renewal of state, spending and posture

[04/03/2025, 21:57:48] HMA Washington: I am on signal

[04/03/2025, 22:02:58] HMA Washington: ***

[10/03/2025, 17:57:46] HMA Washington: Missed voice call, Click to call back

[10/03/2025, 18:45:45] Jon Garvie: Are you free in 5 mins?

[10/03/2025, 21:20:09] HMA Washington: Sorry missed this….

[10/03/2025, 21:26:32] HMA Washington: Can we talk ?

[10/03/2025, 21:41:32] Jon Garvie: Could we do about an hour's time? I can ring you c 1045/11 my time?

[10/03/2025, 21:41:54] HMA Washington: 10 45 better for me

[10/03/2025, 22:41:37] Jon Garvie: Sorry I am stuck on calls re cabinet tomorrow (fiscal showdown). Could we do whatever first thing tomorrow your time is?

[10/03/2025, 22:41:49] Jon Garvie: I'm free from 12

[10/03/2025, 22:50:04] HMA Washington: Ok yes

[11/03/2025, 10:59:51] HMA Washington: Let me know when good to talk

[11/03/2025, 11:14:23] Jon Garvie: In a couple of mins or at 12?

[11/03/2025, 11:14:48] HMA Washington: Couple of mins good. Sent you email

[11/03/2025, 11:15:57] Jon Garvie: Just getting coffee then will ring!

[11/03/2025, 11:16:17] HMA Washington: Hope coffee nice

[11/03/2025, 14:38:47] HMA Washington: I meant to ask also, what is David doing in DC on Friday ?

[11/03/2025, 14:56:13] Jon Garvie: ***

[11/03/2025, 16:40:02] HMA Washington: Ok. He's just flying in for day ?

[11/03/2025, 16:44:30] Jon Garvie: All still tbc but think would be in Fri lunch and then prob back to uk overnight

[11/03/2025, 20:56:43] HMA Washington: Missed voice call, Click to call back

[14/03/2025, 13:28:45] HMA Washington: Missed voice call, Click to call back

[14/03/2025, 13:32:19] HMA Washington: Voice call, Answered on other device

[14/03/2025, 14:30:03] HMA Washington: Please note PUS is writing a note for the PM today. He's frustrated with what is being said to whom and with chains of communication PUS should reflect FS views?

[14/03/2025, 14:57:25] Jon Garvie: Yes

[14/03/2025, 14:59:08] HMA Washington: My office emailing you my email of yesterday to Olly and Ailsa re SV.

[14/03/2025, 15:00:20] HMA Washington: Olly. Thank you for your cool handling of the last 48hrs on SV. I agree it's important to respond in good order. ***

[14/03/2025, 15:00:20] HMA Washington ***

I'll give you a ring tomorrow I promise.

[14/03/2025, 15:00:20] HMA Washington: I can appreciate ***

[14/03/2025, 15:02:44] HMA Washington: Above yesterday. ***

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[14/03/2025, 15:25:48] HMA Washington: ***

[14/03/2025, 16:00:45] HMA Washington: I have spoken to Olly in clearest terms.
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[14/03/2025, 20:53:36] Jon Garvie: I agree with you and have transmitted to david (via Caroline). Olly is apparently writing some kind of memo on the way forward. Let's see. ***

[19/03/2025, 20:52:33] HMA Washington: David, greetings from the west coast. Can I check whether you have been fully briefed on the issues ***

[19/03/2025, 20:52:33] HMA Washington: Hi Peter, I have. Olly R briefed me today. My understanding is that it is with No10 and the Palace.

[19/03/2025, 20:52:33] HMA Washington: ***

[19/03/2025, 20:52:33] HMA Washington: ***

[19/03/2025, 20:52:33] HMA Washington: ***

[19/03/2025, 20:52:44] HMA Washington: Can you talk ?

[19/03/2025, 21:31:04] HMA Washington: ***

[19/03/2025, 21:42:38] HMA Washington: FSec is texting me about this too. Have you been lobbying him?

[19/03/2025, 21:42:39] HMA Washington: PM hasn't reacted to the note yet. But I am checking with No 10 where they're at post-Audience today ***

[19/03/2025, 21:42:39] HMA Washington: I have been asking him if he is "fully briefed" and he says he is.

[19/03/2025, 21:42:39] HMA Washington: I hope so.

[19/03/2025, 21:42:52] HMA Washington: Above from Olly

[19/03/2025, 21:54:11] HMA Washington: I sense I am being told to butt out

[05/04/2025, 07:21:06] Jon Garvie: A world reordered March 2025.pdf • 18 pages <attached: 00000077-A world reordered March 2025.pdf>

[05/04/2025, 12:21:19] HMA Washington: Talk ?

[05/04/2025, 12:29:05] Jon Garvie: Give me 5 and I'll ring

[12/04/2025, 08:31:37] Jon Garvie: Thanks for the letter. Caroline not on copy list - is it going to David another way? ***

[12/04/2025, 13:20:23] HMA Washington: I sent it to Caroline and meant to put you on original copy list.I ***

[15/04/2025, 14:37:13] Jon Garvie: ***

[15/04/2025, 15:21:00] HMA Washington: ***

[15/04/2025, 15:21:15] HMA Washington: ***

[15/04/2025, 15:51:57] Jon Garvie: ***

[15/04/2025, 17:21:08] HMA Washington: ***

[15/04/2025, 17:28:43] Jon Garvie: ***

[15/04/2025, 17:32:55] HMA Washington: I know but there will be a moment….

[15/04/2025, 17:43:25] Jon Garvie: We're saying it should at least be ***

[15/04/2025, 19:04:56] HMA Washington: ***

[15/04/2025, 19:10:40] Jon Garvie: Looking like both

[15/04/2025, 19:10:43] Jon Garvie: Messy

[15/04/2025, 19:12:59] HMA Washington: ***

[15/04/2025, 19:13:42] Jon Garvie: If one were paranoid, one might worry that was the implicit logic!

[15/04/2025, 19:14:09] HMA Washington: On the other hand ***

[15/04/2025, 19:15:01] Jon Garvie:

[15/04/2025, 19:15:16] HMA Washington: Quite

[22/04/2025, 17:07:59] Jon Garvie: *** pulling out of tomorrow??

[22/04/2025, 17:09:26] Jon Garvie: On basis that *** also not?

[22/04/2025, 17:11:33] HMA Washington: ***

and

Personal worth liaising with London on Comms handling.

[22/04/2025, 17:12:07] HMA Washington: ***

[22/04/2025, 17:12:28] Jon Garvie: Who's that forwarded from?

[22/04/2025, 17:12:44] Jon Garvie: ***

[22/04/2025, 17:12:46] HMA Washington: JCS in BEW

[22/04/2025, 17:16:16] Jon Garvie: ***

[22/04/2025, 17:16:33] Jon Garvie: ***

[22/04/2025, 17:16:46] Jon Garvie: ***

[22/04/2025, 17:18:00] Jon Garvie: ***

[22/04/2025, 17:18:41] HMA Washington: ***

[22/04/2025, 17:19:47] Jon Garvie: ***

[22/04/2025, 18:21:34] HMA Washington: ***

[22/04/2025, 18:29:04] Jon Garvie: ***

[22/04/2025, 18:30:18] HMA Washington: ***

[22/04/2025, 18:31:59] Jon Garvie: ***

[22/04/2025, 18:35:03] HMA Washington: *** !

[22/04/2025, 18:43:53] Jon Garvie: ***

[22/04/2025, 20:01:46] HMA Washington: Yup.

[22/04/2025, 21:15:57] HMA Washington: How's it going ?

[30/04/2025, 21:19:04] Jon Garvie: Hello. Do you have 5 mins? I have a question on your favourite overseas territory

[30/04/2025, 21:19:15] HMA Washington: Missed voice call, Click to call back

[01/05/2025, 04:25:42] HMA Washington: Sorry don't have JCS number

[11/05/2025, 21:38:38] HMA Washington: https://www.cbsnews.com/video/british-ambassador-says-he-has-absolute-confidence-in-the-u-s-u-k-trade-deal/

[14/05/2012:31:35] HMA Washington: Missed voice call, Click to call back

[14/05/2025, 16:56:24] HMA Washington: Can you call me please

[14/05/2025, 17:05:34] HMA Washington: Missed voice call, Click to call back

[14/05/2025, 17:06:01] HMA Washington: Pl call again

[14/05/2025, 17:11:34] Jon Garvie: 5 mins and will

[14/05/2025, 20:35:28] Jon Garvie: Forgot to say - can you pls meet the defence committee when they come out? They're asking David

[14/05/2025, 21:19:59] HMA Washington: I think I am having coffee with them. Is that ok ?

[19/05/2025, 16:18:21] Jon Garvie: Good moment. <attached: 00000132-PHOTO-2025-05-19-16-18-21.jpg>

[19/05/2025, 16:40:15] HMA Washington: Turning point. Very proud.

[22/05/2025, 17:15:33] HMA Washington: Talk ?

[23/05/2025, 19:41:14] Jon Garvie: Is there a draft of your speech next Tues? We're being asked to sign off attendant media apparently

[23/05/2025, 21:02:23] HMA Washington: What media ?

[23/05/2025, 21:02:44] HMA Washington: It's not what I would call a speech but I am looking at it soon

[23/05/2025, 21:08:01] Jon Garvie: There was apparently a request to 'do media' round 'a speech'

[23/05/2025, 21:08:34] HMA Washington: I think No10 now keen for me to do more

[23/05/2025, 21:08:49] HMA Washington: James Lyons notwithstanding

[23/05/2025, 21:08:54] Jon Garvie: Good

[23/05/2025, 21:09:06] Jon Garvie: I reckon he won't last

[23/05/2025, 21:09:19] HMA Washington: Terrible loss

[23/05/2025, 21:29:34] HMA Washington: Asked for speech - now more substantive - to be emailed to you now

[26/05/2025, 12:13:32] HMA Washington: Any improvements to Atlantic remarks ?

[26/05/2025, 22:08:11] Jon Garvie: Hi, sorry - I'll get back to you overnight but thought first draft looked good

[27/05/2025, 16:14:54] HMA Washington: Thanks !

[27/05/2025, 22:08:20] HMA Washington: I do find it amazing that your colleague JCS should choose to accept an Iranian foreign minister tweet describing my speech inaccurately over what I actually said. ***

[27/05/2025, 22:18:21] Jon Garvie: What's the issue?

[27/05/2025, 22:18:51] Jon Garvie: / negative reaction to speech?

[27/05/2025, 22:22:58] HMA Washington: ***

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[27/05/2025, 22:24:02] HMA Washington: Have emailed

[27/05/2025, 22:26:24] Jon Garvie: Ugh. That all sounds very unnecessary. I'll look tomorrow. JCS has tendency to be over-reactive

[27/05/2025, 22:28:01] HMA Washington: It won't wait. ***

[27/05/2025, 22:31:17] Jon Garvie: Ok - give me 5 mins to read and I'll call

[27/05/2025, 22:43:58] HMA Washington: Voice call, Answered on other device

[27/05/2025, 22:48:03] HMA Washington: Missed voice call, Click to call back

[28/05/2025, 17:15:11] HMA Washington: I am having lunch with ***

[28/05/2025, 19:23:44] Jon Garvie: Sorry missed this. Did he raise it?

[28/05/2025, 20:38:10] HMA Washington: ***

[16/06/2025, 12:17:31] Jon Garvie: Moment to chat later? Not urgent

[16/06/2025, 13:26:04] HMA Washington: Yes I am just in Barrow

[16/06/2025, 13:43:54] Jon Garvie: Submarine spotting I assume

[16/06/2025, 14:42:01] HMA Washington: Climbing and submerging

[17/06/2025, 09:45:58] HMA Washington: Missed voice call, Click to call back

[17/06/2025, 09:46:30] HMA Washington: I am in FCDO seeing Christian

[18/06/2025, 18:26:49] HMA Washington: Missed voice call, Click to call back

[29/06/2025, 18:54:02] HMA Washington: Missed voice call, Click to call back

[16/07/2025, 19:24:56] HMA Washington: Missed voice call, Click to call back

[07/08/2025, 21:25:14] Jon Garvie: ***

[07/08/2025, 23:15:47] HMA Washington: We come from similar class backgrounds….

[09/08/2025, 19:17:06] Jon Garvie: ***

[09/08/2025, 19:17:55] Jon Garvie: By the way, as of 1 sep I am officially responsible for US policy. Third party

[09/08/2025, 19:26:24] HMA Washington: Third party

[09/08/2025, 19:26:44] HMA Washington: I will send you draft in due course of Ditchley lecture

[09/08/2025, 19:26:58] HMA Washington: You can spend more time here !

[09/08/2025, 19:30:06] Jon Garvie: I plan to

[09/08/2025, 19:30:21] Jon Garvie: When is dirchley lecture?

[09/08/2025, 19:31:16] HMA Washington: Sept 6

[09/08/2025, 19:35:38] Jon Garvie: In ditchley?

[09/08/2025, 19:36:32] HMA Washington: Yup. And I have to go there, grrr

[09/08/2025, 19:43:14] Jon Garvie: It's very inconvenient. They need to develop their London platform

[09/08/2025, 19:43:49] Jon Garvie: Haven't talked to Third party for ages but imagine he would have useful thoughts on the tech partnership

[09/08/2025, 19:48:04] HMA Washington: I don't want to come to the UK at all !

[09/08/2025, 19:48:37] HMA Washington: Sort of. Not as on the ball as I thought

[09/08/2025, 19:48:58] HMA Washington: Bit slow

[09/08/2025, 20:01:03] Jon Garvie: Hmm ok

[19/08/2025, 16:37:11] HMA Washington: <attached: 00000188-VIDEO-2025-08-19-16-37-11.mp4>

[01/09/2025, 19:25:08] HMA Washington: How are you ?

[01/09/2025, 19:51:05] Jon Garvie: In parliament listening to interminable Gaza debate. Otherwise ok. Chat later?

[01/09/2025, 19:52:20] HMA Washington: Ah, the one where the SNP threatened to put us to flight over recognition ! I am around

[03/09/2025, 21:42:44] HMA Washington: Talk ?

[03/09/2025, 21:43:39] Jon Garvie: Just tried to ring

[03/09/2025, 21:43:45] HMA Washington: Missed voice call, Click to call back

[03/09/2025, 23:57:31] HMA Washington: https://x.com/barakravid/status/1963311558479757818?s=48

[04/09/2025, 18:58:21] Jon Garvie: Saw TB today with David. ***

[04/09/2025, 19:54:48] HMA Washington: ***

[05/09/2025, 16:24:38] Jon Garvie: Funny old business

[05/09/2025, 16:24:50] Jon Garvie: I will need some advice

[05/09/2025, 16:24:56] HMA Washington: Missed voice call, Click to call back

[05/09/2025, 16:25:23] HMA Washington: Called you

[05/09/2025, 16:26:40] Jon Garvie: Give me 10 and will call back

[05/09/2025, 19:25:49] Jon Garvie: With him in MoJ. Hoping to get out soon. How long did you say you're staying at the reform?

[05/09/2025, 19:25:55] Jon Garvie: Very keen to speak

[05/09/2025, 19:27:07] HMA Washington: TIL around 8 30. Perhaps I was a bit harsh but you are a foreign policy not prisons person….

[05/09/2025, 19:44:43] Jon Garvie: You weren't! Heading up now

[15/02/25, 13:20:19] Ed Llewellyn: You deleted this message.

[25/02/25, 18:33:58] Peter Mandelson - US: Voice call. 12 min

[25/02/25, 18:49:43] Ed Llewellyn: <attached: 00000004-

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[25/02/25, 18:50:26] Ed Llewellyn: her statement on

to G7 call yesterday on Ukraine

[25/02/25, 19:21:29] Ed Llewellyn: On *the* G7 call...

[25/02/25, 19:24:04] Ed Llewellyn:

[25/02/25, 19:24:04] Ed Llewellyn: <attached: 00000008-

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[25/02/25, 19:24:05] Ed Llewellyn:
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[25/02/25, 19:24:05] Ed Llewellyn: <attached: 00000018-
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[25/02/25, 19:25:04] Ed Llewellyn: Here is a profile fwiw - I cannot vouch for its accuracy, so treat with care. But it gives you a bit more colour than I just gave you

[25/02/25, 19:27:20] Ed Llewellyn: Meanwhile Potus has picked *** as Ambassador - awaiting confirmation

[25/02/25, 19:35:30] Ed Llewellyn:

[25/02/25, 19:35:30] Ed Llewellyn: <attached: 00000022-
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[25/02/25, 19:35:31] Ed Llewellyn: <attached: 00000023-
PHOTO-2025-02-25-19-35-31.jpg>

[25/02/25, 19:35:31] Ed Llewellyn: <attached: 00000024-PHOTO-2025-02-25-19-35-31.jpg>

[25/02/25, 19:35:31] Ed Llewellyn: <attached: 00000025-PHOTO-2025-02-25-19-35-31.jpg>

[25/02/25, 19:35:31] Ed Llewellyn: <attached: 00000026-PHOTO-2025-02-25-19-35-31.jpg>

[25/02/25, 19:35:31] Ed Llewellyn: <attached: 00000027-PHOTO-2025-02-25-19-35-31.jpg>

[25/02/25, 19:35:31] Ed Llewellyn: <attached: 00000028-PHOTO-2025-02-25-19-35-31.jpg>

[25/02/25, 19:36:33] Ed Llewellyn: and another profile of Zampolli and piece of analysis

[25/02/25, 19:37:59] Ed Llewellyn: Let me know what you glean on timing for Meloni in DC! Here they say in next few weeks...

[26/02/25, 13:37:49] Ed Llewellyn: No agreed date yet for Meloni to Washington, ***

[26/02/25, 13:38:51] Peter Mandelson - US: ***

[26/02/25, 16:10:39] Ed Llewellyn: Indeed!

[28/02/25, 08:59:44] Ed Llewellyn: Wow - that went brilliantly! Congrats to you and the team. What a start

[28/02/25, 13:32:57] Peter Mandelson - US: What a nerve wracking experience. I think I am too old for this tightrope walking.

[28/02/25, 13:34:11] Ed Llewellyn: Ha ha!

[28/02/25, 13:35:43] Ed Llewellyn: Do you use your FCDO email? Want to send you my scene setter for the PM. Or can send to your PS?

[28/02/25, 15:26:03] Peter Mandelson - US: Personal

[14/03/25, 00:12:19] Ed Llewellyn: Just landed back in Rome. Good to see you today on the screen - was fascinating

[14/03/25, 00:18:06] Peter Mandelson - US: It was a really interesting exchange

[01/04/25, 23:55:13] Ed Llewellyn: Fyi - ***

[01/04/25, 23:56:42] Ed Llewellyn: you may have heard this already direct - but in case not! Now reported also in the Italian press this pm

[01/04/25, 23:58:58] Peter Mandelson - US: ***

Very engaging.

[05/04/25, 12:15:12] Peter Mandelson - US: ***

[05/04/25, 12:16:24] Ed Llewellyn: The latter, without question

[05/04/25, 12:17:19] Peter Mandelson - US: ***

[05/04/25, 12:18:19] Ed Llewellyn: ***

[05/04/25, 12:19:15] Ed Llewellyn: ***

[05/04/25, 12:20:42] Peter Mandelson - US: ***

[05/04/25, 12:20:48] Peter Mandelson - US: Majeure

[05/04/25, 12:22:46] Ed Llewellyn: ***

[05/04/25, 12:23:13] Ed Llewellyn: ***

[05/04/25, 12:23:58] Peter Mandelson - US: Read outs very slow or non existent in my experience

[05/04/25, 12:25:36] Ed Llewellyn: ***

[05/04/25, 12:26:06] Ed Llewellyn: Yep - I will chase as we need to know what was said!

[05/04/25, 12:26:36] Peter Mandelson - US: I want to talk to *** here

[05/04/25, 12:27:01] Peter Mandelson - US: ***

[05/04/25, 12:28:00] Ed Llewellyn: ***

[05/04/25, 12:29:23] Ed Llewellyn: Meloni under rising pressure to back EU ‘bazooka’ against Trump tariffs https://on.ft.com/3FWFpKC

[05/04/25, 12:29:34] Ed Llewellyn: you have prob seen this

[05/04/25, 12:29:47] Ed Llewellyn: <attached: 00000061-PHOTO-2025-04-05-12-29-47.jpg>

[05/04/25, 12:29:59] Ed Llewellyn: And this , fwiw

[08/04/25, 07:55:05] Ed Llewellyn: ***

[12/04/25, 14:45:29] Peter Mandelson - US: SV seemed to go well ?

[12/04/25, 14:46:34] Ed Llewellyn: It went totally brilliantly, though I say it myself!

[12/04/25, 14:46:52] Ed Llewellyn: ***

[12/04/25, 14:47:11] Ed Llewellyn: ***

[12/04/25, 14:47:13] Peter Mandelson - US: ***

[12/04/25, 14:47:31] Ed Llewellyn: Hope so!

[12/04/25, 14:47:44] Peter Mandelson - US: ***

[12/04/25, 14:47:56] Peter Mandelson - US: ***

[12/04/25, 14:48:06] Ed Llewellyn: It has put a huge amount of fuel in our tank here

[12/04/25, 14:48:47] Ed Llewellyn: Well he had a pretty busy programme ***

[12/04/25, 14:50:16] Peter Mandelson - US: ***

[12/04/25, 14:50:22] Ed Llewellyn: ***

[12/04/25, 14:50:43] Ed Llewellyn: ***

[12/04/25, 14:52:04] Ed Llewellyn: <attached: 00000077-VIDEO-2025-04-12-14-52-04.mp4>

[12/04/25, 14:52:53] Ed Llewellyn: We will put this out - need to correct a couple of errors first, though! I will send you his speech to the Italian Parliament too

[12/04/25, 15:11:16] Ed Llewellyn: https://www.royal.uk/news-and-activity/2025-04-09/the-king-delivers-an-address-to-the-italian-parliament

[14/04/25, 00:42:57] Peter Mandelson - US: The speech has everything. Who held the pen ?

[14/04/25, 00:43:24] Peter Mandelson - US: Was there any defence element of the visit ?

[14/04/25, 09:44:10] Ed Llewellyn: I drafted them both, ***

[14/04/25, 09:53:42] Ed Llewellyn: Yes - sprinkled through the visit: the ceremony at the Altare della Patria with Guido Crosetto plus UK and Italian military personnel present; Welsh Guards Band at the Colosseum; Joint Flypast by Red Arrows and the Frecce Tricolori; commemoration of 80th anniversary of the liberation of Ravenna by forces alongside President Mattarella, with serving personnel present (plus Commonwealth DAs - I also made sure DA was there...). And *** referred to often inc in speech in Parliament

[14/04/25, 09:55:00] Ed Llewellyn: https://www.royal.uk/news-and-activity/2025-04-09/the-kings-speech-at-the-state-banquet-at-the-quirinale-palace-italy

[14/04/25, 09:55:16] Ed Llewellyn: State Banquet speech

[14/04/25, 09:56:15] Ed Llewellyn: The King’s homage to the fallen heroes at Ravenna is well judged

https://www.thetimes.com/article/e04d72ce-4e58-41f7-a272-d63bd4668df5?shareToken=1c2db9b7eb8a9becb6d6c0ca04019213

[14/04/25, 12:13:44] Peter Mandelson - US: Excellent

[17/04/25, 14:42:44] Ed Llewellyn: ***

[17/04/25, 14:42:44] Ed Llewellyn: ***
fwiw

[17/04/25, 14:42:44] Ed Llewellyn: ***

[17/04/25, 14:42:44] Ed Llewellyn: ***

[17/04/25, 14:42:44] Ed Llewellyn: You deleted this message.

[17/04/25, 14:43:28] Ed Llewellyn: Sent to JP just now! Fyi...

[17/04/25, 14:50:17] Peter Mandelson - US: ***

[17/04/25, 14:50:35] Peter Mandelson - US: Holiday ? Meetings ? Where.....

[17/04/25, 16:05:36] Ed Llewellyn: Here in Rome. Arrives tomorrow. Seeing ***

[17/04/25, 17:18:52] Ed Llewellyn: ***

[17/04/25, 21:43:10] Ed Llewellyn: ***

[17/04/25, 21:43:39] Ed Llewellyn: ***

[18/04/25, 15:26:18] Ed Llewellyn: <attached: 00000100-PHOTO-2025-04-18-15-26-18.jpg>

[18/04/25, 15:26:18] Ed Llewellyn: <attached: 00000101-PHOTO-2025-04-18-15-26-18.jpg>

[18/04/25, 15:26:18] Ed Llewellyn: ***
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[18/04/25, 16:22:23] Peter Mandelson - US: ***

[18/04/25, 16:39:29] Ed Llewellyn: ***

[19/04/25, 15:52:40] Ed Llewellyn: https://www.governo.it/sites/governo.it/files/United_States_Italy_Joint_Leaders_Statement_20250417.pdf

[19/04/25, 15:53:13] Ed Llewellyn: in case not seen...

[19/04/25, 15:55:56] Peter Mandelson - US: Interesting. Who negotiated ? Over what time ?

[19/04/25, 15:59:23] Ed Llewellyn ***

[19/04/25, 15:59:43] Ed Llewellyn: ***

[19/04/25, 16:01:00] Peter Mandelson - US: ***

[19/04/25, 16:02:04] Ed Llewellyn: Yep

[22/04/25, 17:56:02] Ed Llewellyn: ***

[22/04/25, 18:18:15] Peter Mandelson - US: ***

[22/04/25, 18:21:30] Ed Llewellyn: Quite so!

[08/05/25, 15:59:25] Ed Llewellyn: Congratulations! That is a huge achievement

[08/05/25, 18:18:15] Peter Mandelson - US: It is a relief...

[09/05/25, 15:36:04] Ed Llewellyn: Morning! ***

[09/05/25, 15:40:28] Ed Llewellyn: ***

[09/05/25, 15:50:48] Peter Mandelson - US: ***

[09/05/25, 15:54:10] Ed Llewellyn: ***

[09/05/25, 15:54:26] Ed Llewellyn: ***

[13/06/25, 12:15:21] Ed Llewellyn: Morning! ***

[13/06/25, 12:16:09] Ed Llewellyn: ***

[13/06/25, 12:17:43] Ed Llewellyn: ***

[13/06/25, 12:18:50] Ed Llewellyn: ***

[13/06/25, 12:20:18] Peter Mandelson - US: ***

[13/06/25, 12:23:38] Ed Llewellyn: ***

[31/07/25, 16:47:04] Peter Mandelson - US: Hope your appointment is as good for you as it is for the rest of us....happisimi

[31/07/25, 16:52:30] Ed Llewellyn: Grazie mille! What you said had a big influence on me

[31/07/25, 16:53:58] Peter Mandelson - US: I want to talk to you once a week. ***

[31/07/25, 16:59:44] Ed Llewellyn: We must!

[03/08/25, 11:39:22] Ed Llewellyn: Personal

[03/08/25, 11:39:22] Ed Llewellyn: <attached: 00000133-PHOTO-2025-08-03-11-39-22.jpg>

[03/08/25, 11:39:23] Ed Llewellyn: <attached: 00000134-PHOTO-2025-08-03-11-39-23.jpg>

[03/08/25, 11:39:23] Ed Llewellyn: <attached: 00000135-PHOTO-2025-08-03-11-39-23.jpg>

[03/08/25, 11:39:24] Ed Llewellyn: <attached: 00000136-PHOTO-2025-08-03-11-39-24.jpg>

[03/08/25, 11:41:52] Peter Mandelson - US: Personal

[03/08/25, 11:42:41] Peter Mandelson - US: I am going to bcc you a short personal email I wrote to Olly for him to think about on holiday

[03/08/25, 11:42:53] Peter Mandelson - US: Send Personal

[03/08/25, 11:43:25] Peter Mandelson - US: Personal

[03/08/25, 11:43:29] Peter Mandelson - US: Pers
onal

[03/08/25, 11:43:49] Peter Mandelson - US: Personal

[03/08/25, 11:47:38] Ed Llewellyn: Personal

[03/08/25, 11:47:53] Ed Llewellyn: Ok ta

[03/08/25, 11:48:08] Ed Llewellyn: Will do

[03/08/25, 11:54:14] Ed Llewellyn: Personal

[03/08/25, 12:14:27] Peter Mandelson - US: Personal

[03/08/25, 12:43:32] Ed Llewellyn: Personal

[03/08/25, 12:58:30] Peter Mandelson - US: Personal

[07/08/25, 20:10:21] Ed Llewellyn: Just read your letter; absolutely fascinating and lots of points there we need to take very seriously indeed. Taken together with your other email, we

will definitely need to speak at least weekly when once I start the job <This message was edited>

[19/08/25, 08:19:11] Ed Llewellyn: That looks like it went pretty well - well coordinated. ***

[19/08/25, 11:35:45] Peter Mandelson - US: ***

[19/08/25, 12:10:35] Ed Llewellyn: Yep

[19/08/25, 16:57:06] Ed Llewellyn: Masterly, Mr Ambassador!

[19/08/25, 16:58:45] Ed Llewellyn: ***

[19/08/25, 18:27:58] Ed Llewellyn: *** obv

[19/08/25, 19:45:52] Peter Mandelson - US: ***

[19/08/25, 19:49:40] Ed Llewellyn: Send him my best

436 - 16-02-2025 - Messages between Peter Mandelson and Sir Christian Turner (former Political Director, FCDO)

16 February 2025:

09:07 CT: As promised:'

17:35 PM: Thank you for your respect and trust in sharing this with me. It crystalises everything for me. ***

Could you keep me further abreast of your thinking.

Thanks again.

17 February 2025

02:33 CT: I agree on the historical friendship. The Attlee parallel is a useful one.

18 February 2025

02:21 CT: Thanks for the tipper on ARC. I enjoyed this:

<link to substack article on JD Vance: https://roddreher.substack.com/p/vance-speech-a-rhetorical-d-day-landing?r=25htf&utm_medium=ios&triedRe-direct=true

08:05 PM: I shall do my best to be a Gentleman rather than a Man without a Chest

08:07 PM: And of course not be wokey cokey

08:08 CT: Your theme tune, clearly

08:09 PM: Any port in a storm

Or any phrase when up against it

21 February 2025

02:40 CT: Headlines from *** Third party

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Detailed records to follow.

22 February 2025

04:03 CT: The New York paly is extraordinary. I've just talked through with FS. Happy to speak later if helpful.

07:40 PM: I am very impressed by the two officials Fergus and James. ***

08:08 CT: Yes. Fergus is superb. ***

08:48 PM: ***

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08:51 CT: I very much agree. ***

09:30 PM: ***

25 February 2025

14:23 PM: From the PM briefing today I'm a bit worried the lines are too "usual". Ailsa's doing a great job of bossing them into shape.

At FS request I've done him a another personal note. My shorter voice note version as follows:

Pls protect. If you need any more tomorrow let me know. And good luck!

15:34 PM: Got it all. Thanks. Hope you are also feeding directly to No10.

15:45 CT: Yes

But I think you & fs will need to lead the charge at the main pre brief

27 February 2025

20:14 CT: Looks like a job well done

I've spoken to Lucy but any headline steers for me at G7 PDs?

22:24 PM: ***

22:28 CT: [thumbs up] very helpful insight. Thank you and chapeau on a good day's work.

22:30 PM: The hero was the PM. He showed great skill.

2 March 2025

14:13 CT: Hot readout from a good afternoon for British diplomacy at Lancaster House:

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Chair’s statement encapsulating more diplomatic version of above to follow. In sum I think we still have a plan not work at.

FS should follow up on phones tomorrow *** on Tuesday afternoon after PDs event. Big opportunity for UK *** as we go forward – we should capitalise as best we can.

Happy to discuss any questions.

15:12 CT: Pls keep detail to yourself

16:05 PM: ***

16:32 PM: ***

16:34 CT: ***

14 March 2025

16:23 CT: ***

TBC.

17:56 PM: That's great. ***

15 March 2025

07:13 CT: [monkey covering eyes emoji]

30 March 2025

06:51 PM: How is the world looking to you ?

12:21 PM: Pretty choppy. ***

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FS is in a reasonably good place was looking for his consequential plays. His relationships *** are important to us.

If you have the appetite I think a few magisterial overview pieces / letters distilling what you are assessing would be well received by a small senior audience back here?

Keep distribution tight *** , but given that everyone is navigating through the relationship that you have the best feel for it will be devoured.

12:26 If helpful to have a chat / catch up call happy to fix something this week before we head to NATO FMs?

PM 18:11: When are you heading to FMs ?

I wrote FS a letter from America last week which I will send to you. I emailed it because I am so wary of leakage from a wider Office distribution even though I was incredibly careful what I wrote. I will try to do more and send you.

I spoke to all the EU HoMs last Wednesday. ***

Seems Andrew Mitchell good in Berlin.

31 March 2025

02:28 CT: *** (agree on Andrew). Thanks for sharing the email. We go Wednesday eve.

2 April 2025

13:59 CT: Heading to NATO with FS. Did your lot do a record of your meeting with *** – would be helpful to see?

16:26 PM: Yes on ***

16:27 CT: [thumbs up emoji]

5 April 2025

09:57 PM: Are you heading our way, do I hear ?

13:01 CT: Next week (yes if we can get a worthwhile programme, FS was keen for me to come).

Or are you referring to later in the year, when we could do a double act stateside??

13:01 PM: PUS also here

That's the end of the year right?

13:02 [reply to PUS comment] Yes I'd leave as he arrives John the Baptist style

[reply to end of year question] Timings tbd but not yet announced

13:03 PM [reply to john the Baptist comment] Ha

7 April 2025

12:21 CT: I'm still planning to travel out unless you don't think I should. Would be great for the two of us to have that catch you also.

12:27 PM: what is your arrival day?

12:30 CT: Arrive with you Tuesday, back overnight Wednesday – so a flying visit & I can pass baton to olly.

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12:31 PM: Youi can join the NFL reception tomorrow evening !

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12:32 *** ***

12:43 CT: Yes. ***

17:18 PM: ***

8 April 2025

02:15 CT: Don't we all! I thought Third party had a while to go…

See you tonight.

07:13 PM: I heard Third party

Look forward.

9 April 2025

19:35 CT: Interesting day. I'll cc you my note to FS. Good to see you and thanks for the hospitality. Enjoy olly & good luck with coming days. I'll be back soon…

20:11 PM: Would like to see your note please. We loved having you here.

24 April 2025

12:31 CT: ***

We agreed to compare notes on both files after the weekend.

13:20 PM: Thanks very helpful

1 May 2025

07:16 CT: I'm hearing rumours *** might be going to Moscow on 9 May. You had any indications?

07:43 PM: Not ***

07:48 [thumbs up emoji] *** think could be ***

08:08 PM: ***

08:09 PM: ***

08:45 CT: [reply to ***] Discussion later with FS and *** next week.
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10:05 PM: I ***

15 June 2025

11:33 PM: I am flying to London *** tonight. I will call. Thanks a lot.

Did you see my Trump scenesetter for the PM.

11:33 CT: [reply to scenesetter] No

1134 PM: Sorry now emailed

02:02 CT: Free now?

02:03 Incoming voice call

5 September 2025

02:34 CT: Thanks for the recognition letter. Our teams have struggled to find a time for us to speak this week – happy to talk over the weekend if helpful.

06:06 PM: I am delivering Ditchley annual lecture tomorrow and then returning to DC later on Sunday.

16:27 CT: Good first meeting with new FS. You' re probably getting it from Olly & know the individual dynamics well enough but happy to share tomorrow if helpful.

16:32 PM: Thanks. I know her well and happy to share thoughts.

7 September 2025

06:05 PM: Talk ?

06:07 outgoing voice call

06:15 incoming voice call

09:34 PM: I thought Yvette was good. Asked right questions.

09:51 CT: Good.

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10:46 PM: ***

12:44 CT: Spot on!

Safe trip back – I' ll try to keep you looped in on all the manoeuvring

11 September 2025

PM shared text of his all staff message on his withdrawal as HMA Washington.

Other PM signal number

20 June 2025

10:57 PM: I am keen to know what happened, when you can let me know…..Peter

14:55 CT: Tough 7 hours of talks in Geneva, ***

Press statement by E4 attached; with hint of further meeting end of next week but no solid agreement on format or timing.

Happy to elaborate.

[shared Gov UK statement: https://www.gov.uk/government/news/e3-eu-foreign-ministers-statement-20-june-2025

4 August 2025

17:04 CT: Good FS-Rubio call *** :

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Any further illumination we can get from *** in next 48 hours would be helpful.

17:34 PM: Many thanks.

28 August 2025

10:10 CT: I've asked my team to fix a catch up call for us next week, but if you need anything before then on snapback let me know.

10:19 PM: Thanks. Look forward. Pretty much across it all for now.

437 - 02-07-2024 - WhatsApps between Peter Mandelson and Wes Streeting (former Secretary of State for Health and Social Care)

[02/07/2024, 08:19] Peter Mandelson: Message from Rebekah that lachlan really enjoyed the dinner and that they all thought everyone in great form and it felt like a genuine team spirit. Teasing (?) me especially enjoyable.

[02/07/2024, 08:31] Wes Streeting: The highlight of the evening was you pulling out the Times app and ribbing Tony!!

[02/07/2024, 08:32] Peter Mandelson: These people have to be kept on their toes

[02/07/2024, 08:47] Wes Streeting: It was masterfully done

[02/07/2024, 08:48] Wes Streeting: We'll need strong outriders in the coming days, weeks and months. It won' t be long until everyone guns for us. I'll give it til 6am Friday.

[02/07/2024, 09:03] Peter Mandelson: Yup

[04/07/2024, 10:43] Peter Mandelson: When you have a spare minute call me. I want to highlight health as central to incoming mandate in media I am doing. 3 stages. Early steps. Re-wiring of system. Re-thinking of future healthcare.

[07/08/2024, 10:28] Peter Mandelson: Hi. Do you have mobile for Keir Mather ? I have been trying to message him without success and wondering if I have wrong number. Thanks

[07/08/2024, 10:28] Wes Streeting: Personal

[07/08/2024, 10:30] Peter Mandelson: That' s one I have. I have messaged and called to no avail....

[31/08/2024, 12:19] Peter Mandelson: https://www.thetimes.com/uk/education/article/peter mandelson-interview-oxford-chancellor-state-schools-sbd0h6323

[31/08/2024, 12:19] Peter Mandelson: Different headline

[31/08/2024, 12:20] Wes Streeting: Better reflection of what you said

[31/08/2024, 12:21] Peter Mandelson: Yup

[31/08/2024, 12:54] Peter Mandelson: https://www.thetimes.com/uk/education/article/peter

mandelson-interview-oxford-chancellor-state-schools-sbd0h6323

[01/09/2024, 21:33] Peter Mandelson: Would you consider speaking at the Oxford Union again in their no confidence in the government debate on October 17 (for Labour supporting President) ?

[01/09/2024, 21:34:24] Wes Streeting: Same day as my CLP AGM I'm afraid

[01/09/2024, 21:34:55] Peter M: That is the priority…..

[01/09/2024, 21:35:03] Wes Streeting: Yep!

[24/09/2024, 08:07] Peter Mandelson: Lord Mandelson: Judge Labour by results, not row on donations
https://www.thetimes.com/article/902ff7e7-14bd-4d3c-8df8-d2b70e08c7ea?shareToken=f9442bf9044bcf0be0ecc9a6ff53257f

[08/10/2024, 14:53:58] Peter M: Videos starting to publish, whole thing will be on YoutTube later
https://x/com.times radio/status/1843622377777769719 31?s=48

[02/12/2024, 13:39] Peter Mandelson: Hi. Can you share Chris W contact as I want to congratulate him

[02/12/2024, 13:39] Wes Streeting: Personal

[02/12/2024, 13:39] Peter Mandelson: Ta

[20/12/2024, 18:29:47] Wes Streeting: Congratulations Ambassador!

[20/12/2024, 19:03:01] Peter M:

[27/12/2024, 15:37:27] Peter M: There is no touch of John Moore about you

[27/12/2024, 15:54:47] Wes Streeting: I had to google him!

[27/12/2024, 16:01:55] Wes Streeting: Not too bothered by it. It only confirms what I already know: delivery is the only thing that really matters and how I will now be judged.

[27/12/2024, 16:02:47] Peter M: Before Patrick's time too

[27/12/2024, 16:12:01] Wes Streeting: Indeed. Trying to work out which

veteran has the wooden spoon out…

[27/12/2024, 16:23:40] Peter M: Could be anyone including the doorman

[30/12/2024, 17:51] Wes Streeting: A Note on MAGA Insights.pdf • 2 pages
<attached: -A Note on MAGA Insights.pdf>

[30/12/2024, 17:51] Wes Streeting: Interesting readout on the US via Jim Murphy if you haven’ t already seen it.

[27/02/2025, 07:52] Wes Streeting: [Link: Harry Cole (@MrHarryCole) on X]
Magnificent

[27/02/2025, 11:27] Peter Mandelson: He was indeed on form....

[27/02/2025, 11:31] Wes Streeting: Good luck to you all today. We're on tenterhooks over here....

[?, 21:47] Peter Mandelson: He was pretty darn good throughout. IQ and EQ.

[?, 21:47] Wes Streeting: PLP WhatsApps are stratospheric in praise

[28/2/2025, 16:56] Wes Streeting: [Screenshot of Royal Mail Facebook post from 28 February 2025 depicting the Prime Minister in a Royal Mail uniform, with the caption ‘Did somebody say Royal Mail?] [Peter Mandelson reacted with “♥”]

[28/2/2025, 16:56] Wes Streeting: Love this

[28/03/2025, 10:52] Wes Streeting: You should get Doyle to do your comms in DC!

[28/03/2025, 11:32] Peter Mandelson: All my comms have been shut down by No10. Why was he pushed out ?

[28/03/2025, 11:32] Wes Streeting: God knows

[28/03/2025, 11:33] Peter Mandelson: The government problems do not stem from comms

[28/03/2025, 11:33] Wes Streeting: Quite.

[28/03/2025, 11:36] Wes Streeting: I fear we’re in big trouble here - and I am toast at the next election. We just lost our safest ward in Redbridge (51% Muslim, Ilford S) to a Gaza independent. At this rate I don’ t think we’ll hold either of the two Ilford seats.

[28/03/2025, 11:39] Wes Streeting: There isn’ t a clear answer to the question: why Labour?

[28/03/2025, 11:48] Peter Mandelson: The government doesn’t have an economic philosophy which is then followed through in a programme of policies.

[28/03/2025, 11:49] Wes Streeting: No growth strategy at all

[16/06/2025, 10:55] Wes Streeting: Morning! Are you free for a call anytime between 1400-1600 U.K. time as I’ ve got a call with Secretary Kennedy today and I thought it worth a chat beforehand. This has just been sprung on me by my PO with a poor quality departmental briefing.

[16/06/2025, 11:27] Peter Mandelson: I am in Barrow on nuclear subs visit and I am not sure if I will have phones. Let me work out.

[16/06/2025, 13:24] Peter Mandelson: James Roscoe will contact you

[29/06/2025, 19:58] Peter Mandelson: Are you planning visit to US this year ?

[29/06/2025, 20:01] Wes Streeting: Hope so! X

[29/06/2025, 20:02] Peter Mandelson: Need to plan. Lots of tech companies and people to talk to.

[24/07/2025, 23:00] Wes Streeting: Am sure this will come up in coming days, so wanted to check in with you on recognition of Palestine and the domestic politics of it.

Keir’ s statement today was excellent, but Macron’ s statement tonight ups the ante.

Morally and politically, I think we need to join France.

Morally, because Israel is committing war crimes before our eyes. Their government talks the language of ethnic cleansing and I have met with our own medics out there who describe the most chilling and distressing scenes of calculated brutality against women and children.

Politically, a Commons vote will be engineered in September on recognition and we will lose it if we’re not ahead of it. There are no circumstances in which people like me or Shabana could abstain or vote against, for example. Conference will be a sea of Palestinian flags and the moderates will be waving them.

We need to be leading the charge on this. The alternative is being dragged there with enormous damage to Keir, the govt and the party.

I’ve never been a shrinking violent on Israel. I’ ve supported LFI for over 20 years. Our sister

party, Haaretz, and progressives are clear about what' s being done in their name and they oppose it.

I appreciate these things are always more complicated than they appear to those of us who aren' t up close as you are and I also appreciate how much Keir and David are giving to this personally.

But it is what it is. We need to lead, not follow.

[24/07/2025, 23:11] Peter Mandelson: I can see all this but I am worried that such a gesture now could blow a 2 SS out of the water if Israel decided that unilateral recognition justified further WB annexation which the US would be powerless to stop or reverse. That would be the end of it. So I think we need to employ practical means to get a 2SS, not quickly I grant but realistically. The PA with reform and new leadership can advance this with Arab/US/European support. The alternative is a further deadlocked death spiral on an even greater scale than now.

[24/07/2025, 23:12] Wes Streeting: Israel is doing it anyway

[24/07/2025, 23:12] Wes Streeting: This is rogue state behaviour. Let them pay the price as pariahs with sanctions applied to the state, not just a few ministers.

[24/07/2025, 23:24] Peter Mandelson: Well, I don't make government policy I only help implement it so my views are between us.

[24/07/2025, 23:39] Wes Streeting: Absolutely. Not shooting the messenger. It's v helpful in trying to understand what Keir is weighing up as he balances all the risks and considerations that aren't necessarily obvious to the rest of us - so thank you!

[26/07/2025, 13:06] Peter Mandelson: How are you feeling now ?

[26/07/2025, 13:32] Wes Streeting: Extremely concerned. Keir's statement has been received as boxing himself in. We are headed straight into:

- summer of angst
- SO24 debate and engineered vote on recognition in September
- if whipped, resignations at every level
- conference dominated by this

The discontent isn' t just from the left of the PLP. It is from moderates. Will be on a bigger

scale than welfare and could prove fatal. <This message was edited>

[26/07/2025, 13:55] Peter Mandelson: If those events unfolded it would certainly convince the public that we are unfit for government.

What does the PLP think would follow from announcing recognition?

[26/07/2025, 13:56] Wes Streeting: Nothing in practice, but the symbolism matters against the backdrop of what we're seeeing.

[26/07/2025, 14:16] Peter Mandelson: Got it

[03/09/2025, 22:52] Wes Streeting: I'd really like to meet Pete Buttigieg when he's in London for Global Progress. Do you think you could put us in touch?

[03/09/2025, 22:56] Peter Mandelson: I am sure. I will get office to reach him.

[11/09/2025, 18:26] Peter Mandelson: LETTER TO BRITISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON STAFF FROM LORD MANDELSON

11 September 2025

Dear All,

As you will be have seen, my position as Ambassador to the United States has come to an end.

Being Ambassador here has been the privilege of my life, and Reinaldo's. I could not have wished for a better welcome by you all, a better introduction to the job or better support while here. Your professionalism has been superb, more so than I have experienced in any public role. For this I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

The circumstances surrounding the announcement today are ones which I deeply regret. I continue to feel utterly awful about my association with Epstein twenty years ago and the plight of his victims. I have no alternative to accepting the Prime Minister's decision and will leave a position in which I have been so incredibly honoured to serve.

The relationship between Britain and the United States of America is a unique one. I know that you will continue to serve and deepen that relationship from DC right across our brilliant network.

I wish to thank you for all of your efforts in serving me as your Ambassador. In a short time we have achieved so much. We leave the relationship with the US in a really good condition, with a magnificent State Visit and the new US-UK Technology Partnership - my personal pride and joy that will help write the next chapter of the special relationship - set for next week.

Thank you from me, Reinaldo and Jock. I will treasure the experience and memory of having worked with you all.

Very best

Peter

[?, 21:22] Wes Streeting: [Screenshots of assorted Whatsapp messages]

[?, 22:32] Wes Streeting: Sent the above to Keir. A representative sample of PLP groups tonight, which are alight with stratospheric praise and enthusiasm

Text messages

[23/02/2025, 21:15] Wes Streeting: I spoke to Roger who suggested you are very much enjoying your new DC life! [US flag emoji]

Peter Mandleson: I am! It suits me....

By way we have a big problem coming down rack re pharma tariffs. Trump thinks US pharma not being treated well, wants to out tariffs on EU and UK and force manufacturing to US.

Wes Streeting: Urgh.

Wes Streeting: Yet RFK hates pharma.

Group Chat Messages - *the following messages were provided to the Cabinet Office by Wes Streeting*

[18/02/2025, 15:16] Wes Streeting: Having enjoyed (if that's the word) the references to 'Roger Liddle's dining table' in the Pogrund/ Maguire book, we should do a reunion at some point. What a journey it has been...

[18/02/2025, 16:06] Peter M: Roger's cooking now famous !

[18/02/2025, 16:13] Third Party : How about a jaunt to DC?

[18/02/2025, 16:17] Peter M: Surely the table is now so famous the US Embassy should try and take it on loan?

[18/02/2025, 16:18] Peter M: Ready for Netflix documentary

[18/02/2025, 16:18] Wes Streeting: Please tell me we're getting Mandy the Movie 2?

[27/02/2025, 22:54] Unknown: Jimmy Sergi (@jimmysergi_) on X Morgan McSweeney in the Oval Office. Can @UKLabour use this image to advertise organiser jobs? 'Where the trainee organiser scheme can take you...!' x.com

[27/02/2025, 22:55] Wes Streeting: Loved this @M McSweeney

438 - 28-02-2025 - WhatsApps between Peter Mandelson and Stephen Doughty (Minister of State of the United Kingdom for Europe and North America)

[28/02/2025, 10:13] Stephen Doughty Official: Hi Peter. This is me on official number. What's your take on what's just happened...? Have the Ukrainians left DC completely now or do you think they might try and get back together after some time out? S

[28/02/2025, 10:13] LPM: *** I have spoken to Ukraine ambo and sent message to *** ***

[28/02/2025, 10:13] Stephen Doughty Official: We've just seen Third P t in London before FS speaks to SOS. I will probably see Third Party tomorrow too.

[28/02/2025, 10:13] LPM: Yes and David just spoken (very well) to Rubio. ***

[28/02/2025, 10:13] LPM: Sorry not to be seeing you next week.

[28/02/2025, 10:13] Stephen Doughty Official: Likewise... it's a real frustration and conscious team have put in a huge efforts - but as you know a number of big things now happening next week and FS wants me in town to support. It's been intense. Hoping to see if we can reschedule or combine with my trip couple weeks later.

[28/02/2025, 10:13] Stephen Doughty Official: Had some good engagement with the CoDels over last few weeks. And just spoke to the NATO PA colleagues before they head over to Dayton.

[28/02/2025, 10:13] Stephen Doughty Official: Thanks for all amazing work you and team doing in intense times.

[28/02/2025, 10:13] LPM: Certainly intense....

[03/08/2024, 19:09] Peter Mandelson: Register your interest to vote in the Election of the Chancellor. A little light recess activity. William Hague is the front runner but there may be a

Labour candidate. To vote in October requires registering now....please spread the word amongst sympathetic Oxford graduates. [*Link: https://app.onlinesurveys.jisc.ac.uk/s/oxford/register-to-vote-public*]

[03/08/2024, 21:45] Stephen Doughty: Done

[03/08/2024, 21:46] Peter Mandelson:

[03/08/2024, 21:46] Peter Mandelson: How is the foreign office ?

[03/08/2024, 21:49] Stephen Doughty: Very interesting, been full on but very worthwhile and a huge honour. Lots of work to do and some big messes left by Tories on top of the challenging external context. I've got Europe, US, Canada, Overseas Territories and all the security stuff. Come and have a cuppa soon? Would hugely welcome your insight as ever!

[03/08/2024, 21:50] Peter Mandelson: That's a very wide brief !!

[03/08/2024, 21:54] Stephen Doughty: Indeed. Strategic focus will be key. But have clear ideas / agenda already working into place.

[03/08/2024, 21:55] Peter Mandelson: Great . Look forward to discussing.

[03/08/2024, 21:56] Stephen Doughty: [4x images] Some v special moments already tho including starting the Europe reset alongside Nick and welcoming Zelenskyy to the EPC.

[03/08/2024, 21:57] Stephen Doughty: Everyone from US to Europe seems v happy.

[03/08/2024, 21:57] Peter Mandelson: They are mighty relieved !

[11/08/2024, 08:56] Peter Mandelson: [URL: Register your interest to vote in the Election of the Chancellor] Hi, There will be an election of the next Chancellor of Oxford University in October. All graduates can vote online but they need to register for a vote using the link below before Sunday 18th August. Would you be able to register using the form and let us know? The Chancellor has almost always been a Conservative party politician. Now that voting is online we have our first real shot for a Labour figure to win. Forward this message to at least five graduates you know who would back a progressive candidate in this election, or to any alumni groups you are in, and make sure they sign up! It takes two minutes and you don't need your alumni number. [*Link: https://grabify.link/registerforoxford.php?id=OPKKPP*]

[11/08/2024, 08:56] Peter Mandelson: From current Oxford Labour activists.

[17/08/24, 21:39] Peter Mandelson: [URL: Register your interest to vote in the Election of the Chancellor] Thank you for registering to vote in the Oxford Chancellor election. Oxford Labour students really want this election to go Labour's way for the first time in the university's history. The deadline for registrations is midnight on Sunday. We need as many

Labour leaning people as possible to register. Could you please have one last think about anyone in your networks who might be eligible and might not yet be registered, and forward them this link? [*Link: https://grabify.link/ registerforoxford.php?id=OPKKPP*]

Please let me know how you get on so that Labour students can build their campaign.

[12/10/2024, 22:44] Peter Mandelson: [Forwarded Message] I have arranged a panel in Oxford on the theme of Higher Education funding, this Friday (18th October) from 6pm to 7pm. It will be held in Merton's T.S. Eliot Theatre. I will be joined by Sir Michael Barber, Vivienne Stern (Universities UK), Kate Ogden (IFS) and Rose Stephenson (HEPI). It would be amazing if you were able to make the event. Please RSVP here if you plan on attending: [*Link: https://forms.gle/ yYmuGHuPTUUzLbS87*]

[14/10/2024, 21:52] Peter Mandelson: [Forwarded] [*Link: Lord Peter Mandelson on New Labour, his time at Oxford, and w… cherwell.org*]

[28/10/24, 06:55] Peter Mandelson: [*Link: Oxford is a world-leading institution proud of its academic excellence, but the Univer… worldclassoxford.com*]

Chancellor vote begins today. Please spread the word to all your Labour network with this link https://www.worldclassoxford.com/

[31/10/2024, 22:19] Peter Mandelson: [Image providing details of an event, titled 'Panel discussion on Science, Innovation and Research at Oxford' with Peter Mandelson Former Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills; Professor Dame Molly Stevens John Black Professor of Bionanoscience; Professor Jim Naismith Head of Oxford's MPLS Division; Professor Sir Nigel Shadbolt Principal of Jesus College. Friday 8th November, 1:30pm-3:00pm Jesus College Ship Street Lecture Theatre]

[31/10/2024, 22:20] 22:20 Stephen Doughty: Voted for you #1 - when do you get results from first round?

[12/11/2024, 22:27] Peter Mandelson: Next week....

[12/11/2024, 15:00] Stephen Doughty: [*Link: Times Radio (@TimesRadio) on X "If by some chance these... x.com*]

[15/11/2024, 21:00] Peter Mandelson: [Link: News Agents Daily News Podcast. 652 Episodes Updated daily podcasts.apple.com

[16/11/2024, 19:17] Peter Mandelson: World Class Oxford (@WrldClassOxford) on X Watch Peter's message to... [Link: x.com]

A message from Peter Mandelson: Voting will open on Monday for the final round of the Oxford Chancellor election so please monitor your inbox. Please also see my video below where I set out why we need a Chancellor with strong international connections and close links to the new Government to champion the university and higher education as a whole for the next decade. With William Hague's extensive campaign organisation backed by CCHQ, and substantial support amongst alumni, it is important for us to get out the vote. Please

forward this to as many friends and contacts who might be registered to vote, or alumni group chats, so that we get the best Chancellor for Oxford University. [Link: https://x.com/WrldClassOxford/ status/1856760536723329302?t=jOoEK9naLFoo7tcXgH4W3A&s=1 9]

[28/02/2025], 20:21] Stephen Doughty: Hi Peter. What's your new official number in USA?

What a week... I'm just back from

[28/02/2025, 20:23] Peter Mandelson: Personal

[28/02/2025, 20:37] Stephen Doughty: Have messaged you on there

[11/09/2025, 19:57] Peter Mandelson: LETTER TO BRITISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON STAFF FROM LORD MANDELSON

11 September 2025

Dear All,

As you will be have seen, my position as Ambassador to the United States has come to an end.

Being Ambassador here has been the privilege of my life, and Reinaldo's. I could not have wished for a better welcome by you all, a better introduction to the job or better support while here. Your professionalism has been superb, more so than I have experienced in any public role. For this I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

The circumstances surrounding the announcement today are ones which I deeply regret. I continue to feel utterly awful about my association with Epstein twenty years ago and the plight of his victims. I have no alternative to accepting the Prime Minister's decision and will leave a position in which I have been so incredibly honoured to serve.

The relationship between Britain and the United States of America is a unique one. I know that you will continue to serve and deepen that relationship from DC right across our brilliant network.

I wish to thank you for all of your efforts in serving me as your Ambassador. In a short time we have achieved so much. We leave the relationship with the US in a really good condition, with a magnificent State Visit and the new US-UK Technology Partnership my personal pride and joy that will help write the next chapter of the special relationship - set for next week.

Thank you from me, Reinaldo and Jock. I will treasure the experience and memory of having worked with you all.

Very best

Peter
Lord Mandelson

[05/03/2025, 06:33:52] Pat McFadden: Does this work for new Washington number? Pat

[05/03/2025, 12:18:14] Peter Mandelson: Yes

[07/03/2025, 13:12:06] Pat McFadden: How did John H get on? Reports seem positive.

[07/03/2025, 13:13:06] Peter Mandelson: I have to say he was brilliant. Calm, measured, prepared, engaged Hesgeth very well. ***

[02/04/2025, 08:49:44] Pat McFadden: What do you think will happen after today?

[02/04/2025, 11:34:54] Peter Mandelson: ***

I will send you email from last night sent after a reception we had here at Residence. What is your best official email ?

[02/04/2025, 13:45:12] Pat McFadden: Official email is Personal

[02/04/2025, 13:46:24] Pat McFadden: There is acceptance and agreement with Keir's grown up approach to it all. But obv that could fray if it goes on for weeks after today.

[02/04/2025, 14:16:31] Peter Mandelson: ***

[02/04/2025, 15:02:36] Peter Mandelson: PMQs good ?

[02/04/2025, 15:54:28] Pat McFadden: Fine on this. Keir in holding position. Tories don't disagree. Lib Dems more turn to Europe.

[02/04/2025, 15:56:40] Peter Mandelson: I talked to Priti yesterday and briefed her (slightly). Varun is good ***

[02/04/2025, 15:57:38] Peter Mandelson: I am very worried about the economy. Confidence is being lost.

[02/04/2025, 15:58:07] Pat McFadden: A convo for the phone. There is a pattern we must get out of.

[02/04/2025, 22:28:48] Pat McFadden: What do you make of that?

[02/04/2025, 22:31:43] Peter Mandelson: ***

[02/04/2025, 22:39:57] Pat McFadden: ***

[02/04/2025, 22:40:16] Peter Mandelson: ***

[14/04/2025, 20:18:06] Peter Mandelson: You away/around ?

[14/04/2025, 20:24:57] Pat McFadden: At home. Reading.

[14/04/2025, 20:25:19] Peter Mandelson: Call you in a while ?

[14/04/2025, 20:27:42] Pat McFadden: Yes.

[14/04/2025, 20:28:13] Peter Mandelson: 20 mins

[14/04/2025, 20:28:31] Pat McFadden: [thumbs up emoticon]

[14/04/2025, 20:46:14] Peter Mandelson: Missed voice call, Tap to call back
[14/04/2025, 20:46:25] Pat McFadden: Voice call, 16 sec

[14/04/2025, 20:46:54] Peter Mandelson: Call you 3 mins

[14/04/2025, 20:49:04] Peter Mandelson: Voice call, 47 min

[14/04/2025, 21:57:26] Pat McFadden: If you want to email anything it's Personal

[14/04/2025, 22:05:52] Peter Mandelson: Sent

[14/04/2025, 22:15:05] Pat McFadden: Received and read. Thank you.

[15/04/2025, 06:33:31] Pat McFadden: There will be much more interest from select committees in this now. Labour backed Chinese investment in critical UK infrastructure https://www.thetimes.com/article/8459d8c5-42d3-4bdc-bd28-36c0e73ab2b5?shareToken=9be7ad8d90c93908926e11615e3393ab

[26/04/2025, 10:16:31] Pat McFadden: I've got the Sunday round tomorrow. If you have can we speak about body language on US trade? How did Rachel's visit go etc? I'll be out and about in constituency until about 1pm then driving back to

London. Can talk while driving. time

[26/04/2025, 13:06:23] Peter Mandelson: Rachel visit went well. ***

Call me when good.

[28/04/2025, 22:26:34] Pat McFadden: JLR unions contacted me this evening. ***

I'll try to speak to them tomorrow.

[28/04/2025, 22:28:39] Peter Mandelson: *** JLR. Talk to Varun. ***

[28/04/2025, 22:29:50] Pat McFadden: Will do.

[29/04/2025, 07:01:34] Pat McFadden: I took a private call late this afternoon with the Third Party ***

[29/04/2025, 07:01:51] Pat McFadden: From union convenor at Third Party

[29/04/2025, 11:58:13] Peter Mandelson: Did you speak to Varun ?

[29/04/2025, 13:10:48] Pat McFadden: Yes, by text. And Jonny. I sent Varun the above last night.

[30/04/2025, 00:53:10] Peter Mandelson: Are you getting feedback on JLR ?

[30/04/2025, 04:42:56] Pat McFadden: No. Though I raised with Rachel and Jonny too yesterday.

[30/04/2025, 12:03:51] Peter Mandelson: ***

[01/05/2025, 08:21:06] Pat McFadden: JLR ***

[01/05/2025, 08:21:25] Pat McFadden: This has probably reached you. JLR note to govt

[01/05/2025, 11:29:00] Peter Mandelson: It hasn’t actually
[01/05/2025, 11:29:05] Peter Mandelson: So thanks

[01/05/2025, 11:34:47] Peter Mandelson: JLR govt relations person in US Third Party

[01/05/2025, 11:42:34] Pat McFadden: Third Party sent me the note. Do they have a different US person? I'm on the doorstep in Bristol for mayoral election. Tough going.

[01/05/2025, 11:59:46] Peter Mandelson: Yes different

[01/05/2025, 11:59:57] Peter Mandelson: They have made no contact with us

[01/05/2025, 12:33:45] Peter Mandelson : Ed M couldn’t resist yesterday. So personal and stupid. If he had played differently it would have had fraction of attention.

[01/05/2025, 14:55:23] Pat McFadden: Tb content bang on but his office got their timing wrong. Betterto have been next week.

[01/05/2025, 15:00:37] Peter Mandelson: Of course. Odd mistake.

I don’t think the government has clocked just how central energy supply and costs are to our economic future. Future AI and advanced manufacturing success will be driven by the abundance and cost of power. Every tech meeting I have here comes to that issue by end of the discussion.

[01/05/2025, 15:01:45] Pat McFadden: The timing of tb thing matters because it should have been an argument about substance rather than "wasn't that unhelpful just before polling day".

[01/05/2025, 15:02:19] Peter Mandelson : Yup. Ed seized the opportunity to deflect from substance.

[02/05/2025, 09:41:53] Pat McFadden: What are the basic message choices after local election losses? 1) Delivering, must go further and faster, people not feeling it yet. Ie stay the course. Downside = tone deaf, bit robotic etc 2) we hear the voters. They're not happy. We'll have to respond etc. downside - weak and lots of qs about how to respond, more taxes if changing course etc. Is there a third?

If this is the basic choice, number one looks least worst, for all its downsides. Do you think that's right?

[02/05/2025, 12:54:20] Peter Mandelson : I think it is right, yes. There must be a ‘doing’ action not just a ‘we’ve heard’. The problem is that when you say ‘stay the course’ people are not clear what the course is. The mantra is Plan for Change. But what is the Plan ? They key to turn is an economic one but I felt when Rachel was here that she was on a growth mission but without an argument about where the growth will come from or how.

[02/05/2025, 14:12:08] Pat McFadden: I won't say stay the course. But these are the basic - and unpalatable -positioning choices. The real choice is different. What do we actually do?

[02/05/2025, 22:27:04] Peter Mandelson : It stems from the top and Keir lacks verve as does the Cabinet as a whole. People’s heads are broadly in the right place but you need more people who can execute. The government needs visibly and tangibly to embrace Knowledge and Risk on everything that will help grow the economy. There is a large appetite for UK investment in the US - I have met the CEOs of Blackstone and Bridgewater *** There is a lot of goodwill but UK government engagement has become routinised and distant. ***

You should sit down with every industry and ask what’s holding their business back. There needs more dynamism and can do optimism from the government. More panache.

[03/05/2025, 05:15:55] Pat McFadden: But how do we fight Reform?

[03/05/2025, 06:05:48] Pat McFadden: And what do we give people to rally round?

[03/05/2025, 08:17:08] Peter Mandelson : Fight Reform by being Successful Labour not Blue Labour ie through policy delivery notably in turning economy round. You rally people round winning for Britain.

[03/05/2025, 08:21:10] Pat McFadden: Awful feeling today. What a shellacking. I hope this hurts and worries others as much as it does me.

[03/05/2025, 08:45:36] Peter Mandelson : I feel it too in the middle of the night here. Morgan was so confident on Thursday night of having won Runcorn. The problem is the government doesn’t give a sense of crusading to turn round and change Britain. That’s what I mean by panache, verve. It does start right from the top, I am afraid, but you must all contribute more to it by breaking out of the

Whitehall system and mould and appearing less like business as usual conventional ministers and, dare I say it, behaving in a more Trumpian risk taking and dare devil way. At the moment ministers seem to be looking more to the Whitehall machine and the party base than to the public who are crying out for leadership.

[03/05/2025, 08:50:32] Pat McFadden: Are you in Britain? Isn't it 4am in DC? Though I wake at 4 quite a lot...

[03/05/2025, 08:52:11] Peter Mandelson : It is middle of the night here. I tend to wake when London wakes and then I eventually go back to sleep and then work all day like I haven't done for fifteen years.

[03/05/2025, 08:54:52] Peter Mandelson: It is so fast and furious all day here.

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[03/05/2025, 08:58:48] Peter Mandelson: By way, we should have a UK US trade deal next week. I would like it on Tuesday as this would be good for Keir if we can persuade DBT to work on bank holiday.

[03/05/2025, 10:30:46] Pat McFadden: That would be good - as long as What about JLR? ***

[03/05/2025, 11:03:55] Pat McFadden: [person-facepalming emoticon] ♀ https://inews.co.uk/news/politics/the-mostinfluentialman-in-the-labour-party-youve-never-heard-of-3670317

[03/05/2025, 14:21:44] Peter Mandelson: ***

[03/05/2025, 14:43:10] Peter Mandelson: Finally coming out of the woodwork. PX an interesting home. What strikes me about the article - anti liberal, anti woke, pro white men - is the MAGA overlap but without saying anything about economy and UK position in the global economy or about foreign policy. Anti trade, anti globalist ? Anti intervention, anti foreign policy 'adventurism' ? Glasman is a presence here in MAGAland. Attacked my appointment here publicly with Steve Bannon as a New Labour throwback - pro trade, pro Europe - ie out of tune with the Trumpian times. What really is the Rutherford philosophy? And how tied to it is Morgan ?

[03/05/2025, 14:57:18] Pat McFadden: I'm not sure on last point. I spoke to him about this a couple of months ago.

[03/05/2025, 15:01:31] Peter Mandelson: The article reveals nothing about economics apart from being anti Treasury. ***

[06/05/2025, 16:07:33] Pat McFadden: ***

[06/05/2025, 16:08:16] Peter Mandelson: Understood

[06/05/2025, 17:15:50] Peter Mandelson: This it’s sorted

[08/05/2025, 22:03:21] Peter Mandelson: https://x.com/rapidresponse47/status/1920497881217191989?s=48&t=g3yGyGJ2bgbf_qunutYk2A

[08/05/2025, 22:31:05] Pat McFadden: I watched it. Masterful.

[08/05/2025, 22:32:02] Peter Mandelson: The No10 press office will really love it….

[10/05/2025, 07:19:41] Pat McFadden: UK ambassador rides crest of a trade deal https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2025/may/09/mandelson-uk-ambassador-rides crest-of-atrade deal?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other

[11/05/2025, 21:35:51] Peter Mandelson : https://www.cbsnews.com/video/british-ambassador-sayshe has-absolute-confidence-in-the-u-s-u-k-trade-deal/

[20/05/2025, 19:49:33] Pat McFadden: Are you able to take part in the council of nations and regions on Friday? I'm keen they have a little stardust...

[20/05/2025, 20:10:50] Peter Mandelson : Yes. Scheduling with your office although am also with John Healey in town on Friday

[20/05/2025, 20:15:10] Pat McFadden: It would be great if you could join.

[20/05/2025, 21:41:39] Peter Mandelson : Did you see my *** letter ?

[20/05/2025, 21:44:34] Pat McFadden: No. Though it might be in tonight's box. I'm chairing a meeting on this tomorrow.

[20/05/2025, 21:50:40] Peter Mandelson: You might find it unhelpful if so sorry

[21/05/2025, 06:06:47] Pat McFadden: Wasn't in box. Am guessing it's one they only

let you read in the office.

[21/05/2025, 12:36:24] Peter Mandelson: Yes *** .

[21/05/2025, 13:13:42] Pat McFadden: Have read. Can speak after meeting. I'm not expecting decision today.

[21/05/2025, 13:23:22] Peter Mandelson : Ok

[21/05/2025, 13:24:02] Peter Mandelson: FCDO submission to David pretty poor.

[21/05/2025, 18:31:36] Pat McFadden: No decision but can talk to you about it if helpful.

[21/05/2025, 18:58:56] Peter Mandelson : You free in a while ?

[21/05/2025, 20:03:48] Pat McFadden: Free now

[21/05/2025, 20:46:52] Peter Mandelson : Missed voice call, Tap to call back

[23/05/2025, 15:44:41] Pat McFadden: Thank you for that. A little bit of stardust...

[23/05/2025, 16:13:37] Peter Mandelson : My pleasure

[23/05/2025, 17:55:00] Pat McFadden: I thought Jpo comment about the mouse and the elephants a bit too quotable.

[23/05/2025, 21:03:23] Peter Mandelson : Yes I was nervous about quotability

[23/05/2025, 17:55:00] Pat McFadden: Lot of manoeuvring here this week. Angela, Gordon. Doesn’t feel good for Keir.

[24/05/2025, 11:44:14] Peter Mandelson : I have spoken to Morgan a lot this week and last night I was direct with him - Keir is not leading from the front and Morgan is not organising the centre as it needs to be Gordon has it in for Keir (and Rachel) big time. He doesn’t seriously believe that Angela is an alternative but she is an instrument of destabilization. I doubt he thinks Ed is fit for purpose but he is doing to Keir what he has always done to successive Scottish leaders.

[24/05/2025, 11:58:54] Pat McFadden: I don't know what Keir thinks of all this. He has not spoken tome about any of it.

[24/05/2025, 12:00:03] Peter Mandelson : Does he even realise ? The PLP j gather is in mutinous state

[24/05/2025, 12:00:56] Pat McFadden: Yes. Every meeting I have is "who can we tax in order to pay benefits to others". They're asking the wrong questions

[24/05/2025, 12:00:56] Peter Mandelson : He has asked Louise Casey (as usual) to look at No10.

[24/05/2025, 12:01:35] Pat McFadden: Personnel matter. But the qs of direction and purpose are more important.

[24/05/2025, 12:02:39] Peter Mandelson : They are/were looking at a huge bank levy to pay for winter fuel/two child. It would be tantamount to abandoning long term growth for short term PLP management.

[24/05/2025, 12:03:19] Pat McFadden: The_Tech_Industry_Is_Huge—and_Europe's_Share_of_It_Is_Very_Small_-_WSJ.pdf • 8 pages

[24/05/2025, 12:03:25] Pat McFadden: Meanwhile...

[24/05/2025, 12:03:27] Peter Mandelson : They have highly sub optimal personnel in No10, spads and civil servants.

[24/05/2025, 12:05:16] Peter Mandelson: Quite. ***

[07/06/2025, 11:47:09] Pat McFadden: How are you? Volatile times there. Is our trade deal locked down? ***

[07/06/2025, 12:45:55] Peter Mandelson: It will be locked down once DBT knuckle down and *** I am well but getting pretty exhausted. It is unrelenting. Now up early again to travel to NY for events. ***
How do you read things at home ?

[07/06/2025, 13:37:27] Pat McFadden: Hamilton a great relief. Very important win. Punctures narrative that we are dead in Scotland. Lots of last minute SR panic and pleading. Third Party and I in Liverpool to see Bruce Springsteen this evening. Going to try to focus on that tonight.

[07/06/2025, 13:38:39] Peter Mandelson : Right priority

[10/06/2025, 06:06:43] Pat McFadden: Are you attending our ***

[10/06/2025, 12:04:31] Peter Mandelson: Minister Counsellor due to participate. I assume happened ?

[10/06/2025, 12:50:52] Pat McFadden: Yes. Your letter v useful. This is a delicate situation.
[10/06/2025, 12:55:16] Peter Mandelson: I expect to go into DOD this week to discuss and I am meeting MoD seniors in London during next fortnight when I am there

[10/06/2025, 13:19:28] Pat McFadden: ***

[10/06/2025, 14:01:04] Peter Mandelson: ***

[10/06/2025, 18:19:33] Pat McFadden: Yes. That pillar 2 could do with a bit of filling in as well.

[10/06/2025, 18:20:53] Peter Mandelson: Bogged down in endless working groups and task forces

[10/06/2025, 18:23:08] Pat McFadden: We are good at that.

[11/06/2025, 18:25:07] Peter Mandelson: You are not at NSc tomorrow? ***

[11/06/2025, 18:43:20] Pat McFadden: I am in Northern Ireland chairing east west council. I spoke up about this a couple of weeks ago in meeting with fs and pm.

[11/06/2025, 18:49:28] Peter Mandelson: Are you by chance around on Sunday if I came and had a cup of tea with you at home? I am flying in that morning.

[11/06/2025, 18:50:01] Pat McFadden: Yes. We are home.

[11/06/2025, 18:51:50] Peter Mandelson : Free for quiet chat ? I have to see Morgan days following to discuss poss changes.

[11/06/2025, 18:52:18] Peter Mandelson : Late morning ?

[11/06/2025, 18:52:24] Peter Mandelson : Mid morning ?

[11/06/2025, 19:10:54] Pat McFadden: With Third Party. Can call later.

[11/06/2025, 20:48:08] Pat McFadden: Voice call, No answer

[11/06/2025, 20:49:19] Pat McFadden: I have early start to go to Belfast but up until about 10pm uk time. Otherwise speak tomorrow or see you Sunday. Mid morning is fine.

[11/06/2025, 20:49:24] Pat McFadden: On Sunday.

[11/06/2025, 21:09:03] Peter Mandelson : Missed voice call, Tap to call back
[11/06/2025, 21:09:58] Peter Mandelson : I land at 8am so will come into town and then to you.

[11/06/2025, 21:15:48] Peter Mandelson : Or straight to you

[11/06/2025, 21:35:59] Pat McFadden: Either fine. We get up pretty early. We are at [PPS note - this message contained the Secretary of State's address which I have removed]

[11/06/2025, 21:49:15] Peter Mandelson: Look forward. I hope the NSC doesn't take
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[13/06/2025, 14:11:02] Peter Mandelson: Missed voice call, Tap to call back

[13/06/2025, 15:22:59] Pat McFadden: I am leaving loughside in Belfast. Had to hand phones in. Not much for me to say on that but you posed the crucial q

[13/06/2025, 15:23:42] Pat McFadden: Voice call, No answer

[13/06/2025, 15:24:21] Pat McFadden: In car and free for next half hour.
[13/06/2025, 15:24:38] Peter Mandelson: Voice call, 18 min

[13/06/2025, 15:46:08] Peter Mandelson : Voice call, 14 sec

[13/06/2025, 17:59:03] Pat McFadden: ***

[13/06/2025, 18:05:30] Peter Mandelson : ***

[14/06/2025, 14:53:40] Pat McFadden: Have you confirmed you are staying in US this weekend?

[14/06/2025, 15:03:32] Peter Mandelson : Yes I am staying here until Sunday evening and flying overnight and then to Barrow. It would be good to get some time with you in next couple of weeks

[14/06/2025, 15:10:17] Pat McFadden: How long are you here for?

[14/06/2025, 15:12:56] Peter Mandelson : July 1

[14/06/2025, 15:25:15] Pat McFadden: Then let's make sure we meet properly or have dinner one night.

[15/06/2025, 16:09:26] Pat McFadden: Did you see Third Party when Third Pa was in town? I'm due to see Third Party tomorrow. ***

[15/06/2025, 16:10:04] Peter Mandelson : I always see Third Party. He is very wise.
[15/06/2025, 16:10:40] Peter Mandelson : I would like him to be TB biographer but Third Pa prob won't

[19/06/2025, 08:00:56] Pat McFadden: https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2025/06/18/britainmilitary support-us-donald-trump-israel-iran/

[19/06/2025, 12:47:10] Peter Mandelson : ***

[19/06/2025, 13:13:38] Pat McFadden: Tim Shipman has the original article in today's Spectator.

[19/06/2025, 13:18:48] Peter Mandelson : Predictable. ***

[19/06/2025, 13:22:54] Pat McFadden: The PM has to be presented with the fullest info about ***

[19/06/2025, 13:32:21] Peter Mandelson : I think I was fairly direct wasn't I at Cobr ?

[19/06/2025, 13:32:45] Peter Mandelson : But I can do another letter of the sort I sent to him for ***

[19/06/2025, 13:33:23] Peter Mandelson : There is a huge problem in what he sees and is told.

[19/06/2025, 13:36:37] Pat McFadden: It's all focussed on the decision. I think it might help him to also focus on what comes after each option.

[19/06/2025, 13:49:55] Peter Mandelson : Missed video call, Tap to call back
[19/06/2025, 13:50:08] Peter Mandelson : Pocket

[20/06/2025, 19:02:54] Peter Mandelson : I am having to come back next week. Shall we talk at weekend ?

[20/06/2025, 19:23:35] Pat McFadden: Yes. Around most of weekend.

[20/06/2025, 19:39:18] Peter Mandelson : I will call. I may have an hour between 12 and 1 on Monday if you are in the office.

[22/06/2025, 20:09:24] Peter Mandelson : You free to talk ?

[22/06/2025, 20:12:45] Peter Mandelson : Missed voice call, Tap to call back
[22/06/2025, 20:40:31] Pat McFadden: Yes I'll call shortly.

[22/06/2025, 20:40:50] Peter Mandelson :

[22/06/2025, 20:44:19] Pat McFadden: Voice call, 19 min

[22/06/2025, 21:33:18] Peter Mandelson : Voice call, 9 min

[22/06/2025, 21:43:38] Pat McFadden: You should also talk to Vidhya. She is a proper grown up and will I think have good views on what's going on.

[22/06/2025, 21:48:26] Peter Mandelson : I agree. I like her. But will she share our judgements ? Let me give you an example. The comms leadership is shit, by common agreement. So they propose to appoint a new boss I/c of government comms in the Cabinet Office. But leave the existing No10 people in charge of strategy and day to day. They think they have found someone from Third Party to do Cab office job. Third Party What do I say ? Frankly I would rather Third Party but he's another 'Blairite'.

[22/06/2025, 21:54:32] Pat McFadden: I'd rather Third Party too. There is no reason why you can't say that to her. She's the main one I'm reassured by.

[22/06/2025, 22:07:38] Peter Mandelson : Shall I push Third Party

[22/06/2025, 22:18:30] Pat McFadden: Yes

[23/06/2025, 09:27:33] Pat McFadden: I've asked my office to fix to see you this week. I have some time today or maybe tomorrow after National Security Statement

[23/06/2025, 09:31:43] Peter Mandelson : I am around 11 30-1 today
[23/06/2025, 09:42:39] Pat McFadden: 1145 or 12 good.

[23/06/2025, 09:46:41] Peter Mandelson : See you then. In Cab Off. I am seeing CDS before and Patrick Vallance after.

[23/06/2025, 09:47:31] Pat McFadden: That's fine. I have my weekly meeting with Directors General across the CO at 11. It lasts around 45 minutes. Come by my office after that.

[23/06/2025, 09:47:54] Peter Mandelson : How many are there ?

[23/06/2025, 09:50:52] Pat McFadden: They are saying 12 o'clock. Is that ok?

[23/06/2025, 09:51:04] Pat McFadden: There are about 8 DGs.

[23/06/2025, 09:51:46] Peter Mandelson : Fine

[23/06/2025, 19:18:23] Pat McFadden: I have the media round in the morning. What do you think is best way of answering the simple q: "do you support what the US did or not?" Our folk were chased around the studios on this q this morning.

[23/06/2025, 19:18:42] Pat McFadden: And how did it go with Morgan?

[23/06/2025, 19:50:42] Peter Mandelson : ***

[23/06/2025, 19:50:59] Peter Mandelson : Morgan intensive

[23/06/2025, 20:21:27] Peter Mandelson : FYI. ***

[23/06/2025, 20:30:02] Pat McFadden: Thank you. I'll catch up properly re your convo with Morgan.

[23/06/2025, 20:30:17] Peter Mandelson : Have you seen welfare amendment ?

[23/06/2025, 20:33:21] Pat McFadden: Not text. Have heard about it. Morgan told me we currently don't have the numbers. I'm not sure if you were still in the room at that point. I think you'd left.

[23/06/2025, 20:35:59] Peter Mandelson : The bill is lost

[23/06/2025, 20:43:25] Pat McFadden: I've read it now...

[23/06/2025, 20:44:30] Peter Mandelson : Ummm

[23/06/2025, 20:46:47] Pat McFadden: Obv torpedoes bill. Maybe my morning round isn't about Iran and the 5% defence commitment.

[23/06/2025, 20:49:22] Pat McFadden: Spoke briefly to Morgan. Think things moving fast ie tonight.

[23/06/2025, 21:15:56] Peter Mandelson : Trump just issued statement on US base/ Qatar attacks. ***

[23/06/2025, 21:20:26] Pat McFadden: Yes. Back to table is the line. But welfare taking over tonight.

[23/06/2025, 21:42:58] Peter Mandelson : Indeed

[24/06/2025, 21:46:45] Pat McFadden: This welfare thing is very bad.

[24/06/2025, 22:21:08] Peter Mandelson : You did well today but I am afraid there is a strong anti Keir tide.

[24/06/2025, 22:26:07] Pat McFadden: I went through list of meetings with MPs given to me (and every other cabinet member). It was bad. They're not moving.

24/06/2025, 23:00:09] Peter Mandelson : I talked to Morgan. He is thinking of amending the Bill to get it through but I wonder if that's enough to stop it being defeated. If it presses to a vote and is lost I am not sure that Keir survives that.

[25/06/2025, 06:01:20] Pat McFadden: He is meeting the ringleaders today. I think it's very bad. Defeat, pull bill or gut it all destroy his authority.

[25/06/2025, 06:01:35] Pat McFadden: Keir's authority

[25/06/2025, 07:16:35] Peter Mandelson : Yes I am afraid so

[02/07/2025, 12:56:15] Peter Mandelson : https://x.com/timesradio/status/1940374319831331295?s=48

[02/07/2025, 12:56:15] Peter Mandelson : Just been sent this

[04/07/2025, 19:26:09] Peter Mandelson : Voice call, 3 min

[04/07/2025, 19:39:57] Peter Mandelson : Missed voice call, Tap to call back
[04/07/2025, 19:41:02] Peter Mandelson : Called you back. Tell me when free.
*** asked about Rachel.

[04/07/2025, 20:04:08] Pat McFadden: Voice call, 38 min

[07/07/2025, 18:29:44] Peter Mandelson : I have not forgotten briefing for Wednesday, following later.

[07/07/2025, 20:00:43] Pat McFadden: Mungo!

[07/07/2025, 20:01:58] Peter Mandelson : He's great.

[08/07/2025, 03:20:16] Peter Mandelson : Sent to Cab Off email

[08/07/2025, 05:54:15] Pat McFadden: Received. Thank you. And Mungo!

[08/07/2025, 14:15:40] Peter Mandelson : MEGA_paper_v4.docx • 25 pages

[08/07/2025, 14:15:40] Peter Mandelson : Worth looking at. Being published this week by PX

[08/07/2025, 14:19:03] Pat McFadden: That looks very useful.

[08/07/2025, 14:47:55] Peter Mandelson : It's max alignment with US therefore uncompromising *** and concessionary in other areas. ***

[09/07/2025, 16:15:38] Pat McFadden: Appearance fine. Thank you and please thank Mungo for me. ***

[09/07/2025, 16:21:20] Peter Mandelson : Great thanks. ***

[10/07/2025, 10:54:09] Pat McFadden: Strong praise of you in the chamber this morning. "An asset to the govt and the country"

[10/07/2025, 11:45:56] Peter Mandelson : Blimey. What brought that on ? Do you have meeting with Third Party ? I had a long slightly disturbing (protect) phone call with Morgan last night. Ss discuss.

[10/07/2025, 12:06:37] Pat McFadden: Something about a LO fundraiser. Anyway, I gave them short shrift. Yes re Third Party. I can't make head nor tail of latest Morgan note.

[10/07/2025, 12:16:59] Pat McFadden: Have you read the thing about the seven interlocking problems?

[10/07/2025, 12:20:17] Peter Mandelson : Is that what Morgan sent me ? I didn't get passed first paragraph. He seemed to be saying to me last night that he has no faith in Keir's ability to change No10 and that he needs to prioritize winning majoritysupport in PLP instead….

[10/07/2025, 12:21:32] Pat McFadden: Yes that thing. "A strategy is lived every day etc". I think Third Party will look at it and walk away.

[10/07/2025, 12:23:30] Peter Mandelson : I am slightly losing faith in all this.

[10/07/2025, 12:41:24] Pat McFadden: Third Party thinks Third Party wrote the note. At least in part. Vidhya also told me there was a lot of contact with him.

[10/07/2025, 12:42:44] Peter Mandelson : Yes Morgan mentioned him before. He is neither blinding intellect nor strategist.

[10/07/2025, 12:43:50] Peter Mandelson : Morgan concluding that Third Party paper by far best but not possible for Keir to do

[11/07/2025, 21:38:43] Peter Mandelson : How was away day today ?

[11/07/2025, 21:50:31] Pat McFadden: Better than it might have been. Keir told a very personal story about his family and why he was in politics. It took the pressure off the day a bit. That and disc took most of day. People want him to succeed. Angela notably silent.

[11/07/2025, 21:51:51] Peter Mandelson : I think they do want him to succeed, I agree. But he has to reprove capacity to do so. Angela I assume playing waiting game.

[15/07/2025, 07:04:08] Pat McFadden: I'm sitting beside *** at a dinner tonight *** Any particular tips or suggestions?

[15/07/2025, 12:11:16] Peter Mandelson : What can I say ? Be charming, respectful and enquiring and ask her whether she's met the charming new UK ambassador (she hasn't). ***

[18/07/2025, 21:44:32] Pat McFadden: I have been asked by my friend Third Party if you would like to attend the US Open tennis tournament. He'd like to invite you. I didn't want to pass on this number without checking with you. Is there an email or alt number you'd like me to give him?

[18/07/2025, 21:45:41] Peter Mandelson : I think best is Personal

How is No10 now in your view ?

[18/07/2025, 21:47:27] Pat McFadden: Not good. Louise, Morgan and Vidhya came to see me the other day. I don't think they know what they want. And if they pull me in I'm not sure what to ask for to make it work.

[18/07/2025, 22:01:03] Peter Mandelson : If they don't explain what they want very clearly what is Keir supposed to do ? Rubbish in, rubbish out. You need the sort of status and remit that I had with GB.

[18/07/2025, 22:15:47] Pat McFadden: But if we move forward with Third Party speaking to me and Third party speaking to Morgan that won't work.

[18/07/2025, 22:47:40] Peter Mandelson : Precisely. Third Party is currently staying with me.

[18/07/2025, 22:48:32] Peter Mandelson : Morgan likes to think he knows what excellent looks like then takes this stuff from Third party .

[18/07/2025, 22:49:44] Peter Mandelson : I have given two excellent economics names to Vidhya. No follow up. Rubbish in…..

[19/07/2025, 05:59:54] Pat McFadden: Vidhya will be worried about the shape of things. She's a proper professional person.

[24/07/2025, 08:51:40] Pat McFadden: The humanitarian situation in Gaza is *** Keir not attracted to gestures but he might have no alternative.

[24/07/2025, 09:30:31] Peter Mandelson : ***

[24/07/2025, 09:46:47] Peter Mandelson : ***

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[24/07/2025, 10:50:00] Pat McFadden: Where is the plan though? Jpo was in town yesterday I believe. I'm seeing him at 4pm. Did he get anywhere on longer term plan and US involvement?

[24/07/2025, 10:54:05] Pat McFadden: Big hole is what first message should have said.

[24/07/2025, 11:20:08] Peter Mandelson : ***

[24/07/2025, 11:37:17] Peter Mandelson : Have you talked to TB on this ?

[24/07/2025, 12:47:41] Pat McFadden: I have. I spoke to him the other day. He is focussed on long term future - Arab countries, reform of PA, ***

[24/07/2025, 13:40:40] Peter Mandelson : If we are not careful we won't get anywhere near that future.

I first wrote an article about 2 SS in 1975 after returning from six week visit of Israel and Arab countries. Carter advanced it but sabotaged by Begin. Bush 1 advanced through Madrid talks and threatened to end loan guarantees to Israel. PLO rescued Israel from the agreement and did so again when Clinton got agreement with Rabin.

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[24/07/2025, 15:06:05] Pat McFadden: I think some of this is "that's all pie in the sky so we have to do something else".

[24/07/2025, 15:14:19] Peter Mandelson : ***

[24/07/2025, 16:02:19] Pat McFadden: Have you spoken to Morgan about this?
I think he thinks ground shifting because of mood in PLP.

[24/07/2025, 16:05:37] Peter Mandelson : I think we have touched on it. ***

Like welfare. We don't make in principle case for our policy and then get cornered by revolt.

[24/07/2025, 20:03:24] Peter Mandelson : ***

[25/07/2025, 07:40:05] Pat McFadden: ***

[25/07/2025, 09:30:11] Peter Mandelson : I was going but my office advised me other day not to bother. Keir taking his family. No opportunity for me to see and brief him beforehand. He is being shown round etc then meeting/lunch will not have huge policy content. This may be wrong call but Jonathan going.

[25/07/2025, 10:04:34] Peter Mandelson : By way, I received a wild long hysterical message from Wes about Israel. I pushed back. I can forward but reflects pretty badly on his maturity in my view.

[25/07/2025, 10:28:28] Pat McFadden: He is very active on the MPs WhatsApp groups on this subject

[25/07/2025, 18:37:50] Peter Mandelson : Emailed you Cab Off

[25/07/2025, 18:45:06] Pat McFadden: [thumbs up emoticon]

[25/07/2025, 22:31:02] Pat McFadden: I read the email and the longer note underneath. Very interesting. Happy to discuss. 10 o'clock news all on this for first 10 minutes.

[25/07/2025, 22:33:12] Peter Mandelson : ***

[25/07/2025, 22:36:07] Pat McFadden: What do you think? ***

[25/07/2025, 22:36:19] Peter Mandelson : ***

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[25/07/2025, 22:36:59] Peter Mandelson : So predictable

[25/07/2025, 22:39:09] Peter Mandelson : ***

[25/07/2025, 22:40:20] Peter Mandelson : ***
Great place to end up in.

[26/07/2025, 13:41:54] Peter Mandelson : Missed voice call, Tap to call back

[26/07/2025, 13:42:05] Peter Mandelson : Talk ?

[26/07/2025, 15:37:49] Pat McFadden: Been driving to the for the Third Party party. Just checking in. Will call shortly.

[26/07/2025, 15:38:26] Peter Mandelson : Ok

[26/07/2025, 16:26:04] Pat McFadden: Voice call, 15 min

[28/07/2025, 10:29:55] Peter Mandelson : I am in London on Wednesday morning. Are you free to meet at all ?

[28/07/2025, 10:30:27] Pat McFadden: I'm in the office all day Wednesday. Let me check. Maybe early?

[28/07/2025, 10:31:02] Pat McFadden: ***

[28/07/2025, 10:32:28] Pat McFadden: Could you do 8am?

[28/07/2025, 10:33:20] Peter Mandelson : Of course. Are you surprised ?!

[28/07/2025, 10:33:39] Peter Mandelson : 8 ok

[28/07/2025, 10:38:37] Pat McFadden: I'll let office know. Do you want a bacon roll and a cup of coffee ?

[28/07/2025, 11:07:32] Peter Mandelson : Certainly

[29/07/2025, 03:10:37] Peter Mandelson :
https://x.com/statedept_nea/status/1949892643476942960?s=48

[29/07/2025, 11:23:02] Pat McFadden: Wes has circulated a series of videos and a note *** to the whole cabinet in advance of the meeting.

[29/07/2025, 11:30:21] Peter Mandelson : It is pathetic ***

[29/07/2025, 11:31:09] Peter Mandelson : I think Wes is experiencing an early mid life crisis.

[30/07/2025, 07:24:23] Peter Mandelson : I may be few minutes after 8 as seeing John Healey before at 7 30

[30/07/2025, 07:28:06] Pat McFadden: John was good at cabinet yesterday.

[30/07/2025, 08:09:25] Peter Mandelson : Coming in now

[30/07/2025, 08:12:00] Pat McFadden: Do you need picking up?

[30/07/2025, 16:45:45] Peter Mandelson : Been reflecting. Careful what you agree to. You are in a strong position so be very careful about the terms. I don't understand J Smith role. What is she in charge of ? What machinery will you have ? What authority ? To do what exactly ?

[30/07/2025, 16:55:12] Pat McFadden: Meeting postponed until tomorrow. I think the JS idea is Louise trying to protect me from drowning. No answers to the other qs.

[30/07/2025, 16:57:22] Peter Mandelson : I don't see how she protects you. From workload or exposure ? I went in to No10 after I saw you. It is beleaguered and bereft. It requires complete revamp and infusion of purpose and confidence to get anywhere.

[30/07/2025, 17:00:00] Pat McFadden: Workload I think. Not exposure.

[30/07/2025, 17:07:22] Peter Mandelson : When I did what I did at No10 for GB (or indeed as MwP) there were good staff in No10 who used me as a political sounding board and then later as an influencer of the Cabinet. Who would you have in No10 as team to do this for you ? Who is the crack, core team there ?

[30/07/2025, 17:10:16] Pat McFadden: The best we have are Jpo, Vidhya, Varun, Liz L.

[30/07/2025, 17:13:01] Peter Mandelson : I agree but they don't work as a team, they are not led and none of them really know what Keir thinks or wants. In fact most of them don't think Keir knows what he wants.

[30/07/2025, 17:13:37] Peter Mandelson : The question for you is can you provide a solution ?

[30/07/2025, 17:16:44] Pat McFadden: I can't if they are buying person with direction A and then he chooses direction B (yesterday).

[30/07/2025, 17:44:29] Peter Mandelson : I have a feeling that Keir is now consistently going for direction B. His recanting on his immigration speech, on welfare, now Gaza. There is definitely a "let Keir be Keir" trend. This is what Morgan senses and so it is particularly acute for him. His view from when Keir first stood is that the cycle has been the same, advance/buckle/advance/buckle.

[31/07/2025, 19:50:53] Peter Mandelson : How did your meeting go ?

[31/07/2025, 20:00:31] Pat McFadden: Didn't happen. Louise saw him. She's very fixed on this Jacqui s thing. I haven't spoken to him.

[31/07/2025, 20:06:44] Peter Mandelson : Jacqui to do what ?

[31/07/2025, 20:11:08] Pat McFadden: Be the min of state in no 10.

[31/07/2025, 20:12:05] Peter Mandelson : And to do what….

[31/07/2025, 20:55:05] Pat McFadden: Give them guidance, take decisions, knock heads together

[31/07/2025, 20:56:35] Peter Mandelson : So you dodge the bullet.

[31/07/2025, 21:14:40] Pat McFadden: Prob not. Just more voices.

[31/07/2025, 21:16:59] Peter Mandelson : I like Jacqui but she won't have the authority to impose anything on the mob

[15/08/2025, 07:37:48] Pat McFadden: We've got some new words. And no 10 has hired Third Party to give them direction. Where did that come from? Shared with you by a Times subscriber. Enjoy this article for free. Labour bets big on three new words this autumn https://www.thetimes.com/article/b1ac6fcb-511d-4ad3-8b8780fe8bf3ea3c?shareToken=793185da33f7062a1a9f856893d65e07

[15/08/2025, 12:44:18] Peter Mandelson : I didn't know about Third Party although Morgan did mention him once to me in context of Keir's lurches. Do you know him ? I don't think I have met him.

[15/08/2025, 12:57:50] Pat McFadden: He was a big fan of John mcD's policies. Led the IPPR down that rabbit hole.

[15/08/2025, 12:58:37] Peter Mandelson : Have you ever met him ?

[15/08/2025, 13:00:25] Pat McFadden: No

[15/08/2025, 13:00:35] Pat McFadden: Don't believe so

[16/08/2025, 23:05:04] Peter Mandelson : When are you back from Personal

[16/08/2025, 23:42:47] Pat McFadden: Just landed at Gatwick. Home around uk time so realistically, tomorrow. Personal

[16/08/2025, 23:44:03] Peter Mandelson : I am going mad with the things Morgan is sending me. I am trying to be constructive but I just don't know what to say anymore.

[16/08/2025, 23:45:41] Pat McFadden: He hasn't sent me anything. Speak tomorrow?

[16/08/2025, 23:54:29] Peter Mandelson : It’s about a whole new (additional) political strategy team in No10 and the equivalent of the Rand corporation outside it to reverse national decline. I am flying back from Chicago to DC in the morning.

[17/08/2025, 15:53:30] Peter Mandelson : Can you connect with Morgan today and see how he is ? I am on delayed flight from Chicago. Have the whole team arriving tomorrow including Morgan.

[17/08/2025, 16:03:48] Pat McFadden: Yes of course. I see Keir will now be at WH meeting with Z.

[17/08/2025, 16:06:16] Peter Mandelson : Yes. Morgan is coming with him. The media prep is interesting. Completely reductionist for Keir. Want to avoid any encounter with journos that might involve him answering a question. No sense of opportunity for personal projection. Just avoid all risk. Always the same.

[17/08/2025, 16:06:49] Peter Mandelson : They/he have no confidence

[17/08/2025, 17:35:25] Pat McFadden: I spoke to him. It's a bit of a whirlwind. This external strategy unit idea has come from a lack of belief that good people will come in to number 10 and it's hard to get the bad ones to leave.

[17/08/2025, 17:35:41] Pat McFadden: I'm going to see him when he comes back.

[17/08/2025, 17:40:26] Peter Mandelson : I told him he needs an instrument/entity to recruit top people but I fear he is using excuse to keep people because he knows Keir won’t fire them.

[18/08/2025, 13:07:11] Pat McFadden: Let me know how it goes?

[18/08/2025, 14:12:09] Peter Mandelson : We have a whole lot of No10 keystone cops coming, including Morgan, falling over themselves and complaining they won’t all be in the Oval (none of us will be).

[18/08/2025, 15:29:52] Pat McFadden: What time is the meeting? Or is it a series of meetings?

[18/08/2025, 17:05:27] Peter Mandelson : Starts your time 5 for three hours +, rolling cast ***

[18/08/2025, 17:08:31] Pat McFadden: I'm watching live on BBC

[18/08/2025, 18:37:31] Pat McFadden: I see now.... ***

[18/08/2025, 18:48:26] Peter Mandelson : Taken you a long time

[19/08/2025, 16:34:24] Peter Mandelson : <attached: 00000352-

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[19/08/2025, 16:47:09] Pat McFadden: Tough interview...what channel was that? ***

[19/08/2025, 17:29:46] Peter Mandelson : Yes they will . CDS et al in town already today.

[10/09/2025, 18:27:52] Peter Mandelson : <attached: 00000355-AUDIO-2025-09-10-18-27-52.m4a>

[10/09/2025, 18:33:12] Pat McFadden: Received

441 - 05-03-2025 - Messages from Peter Mandelson to Simon Case (former Cabinet Secretary)

[05/03/2025] Peter Mandelson: I am now in Washington and my new mobile and WhatsApp number is Personal

My email is Personal

442 - 14-03-2025 - WhatsApps between Peter Mandelson and Hilary Benn (Secretary of State for Northern Ireland)

[2025/03/14, 22:08] Peter Mandelson: Hilary, very sorry not to be here to bid you farewell but the day was taken over by Ukraine (quite encouragingly for a change Putin notwithstanding). I hope you felt the visit went well. We enjoyed having you and your nice team here. All best Peter

[2025/03/14, 22:22] Hilary Benn: Dear Peter
No apologies needed at all. You have been doing very important work. Your team were brilliant and especially JCS
Best wishes
Hilary

443 - 18-03-2025 - WhatsApps between Peter Mandelson and Ninjeri Pandit (former Principal Private Secretary to the Prime Minister, No.10)

[18/03/2025, 18:02] Peter Mandelson: FORWARDED: I hope the final advice captured your view adequately. Big test today with the Reynolds etc visit. V interested in your hot take. Olly

[18/03/2025, 18:02] Peter Mandelson: Sort of !! I still think you are ***

[18/03/2025, 18:02] Peter Mandelson: In meantime trade talks started well today and we can see a way through

[18/03/2025, 18:03] Peter Mandelson: Above exchange with Olly re SV advice

[31/03/2025, 13:38] Peter Mandelson: Nin, I am leaving for the WH in 15 mins. Any chance of the trade one pager?

[31/03/2025, 13:41] Ninjeri Pandit: Give me 5!!

[31/03/2025, 13:49] Ninjeri Pandit: He would like to discuss it further so won't have for you now. Apols

[31/03/2025, 13:58] Peter Mandelson: Ok but the best way to prepare for ***

[31/03/2025, 13:58] Ninjeri Pandit: I've reached out so worth you checking if still helpful

[31/03/2025, 13:59] Peter Mandelson: The call helpful you mean?

[31/03/2025, 13:59] Ninjeri Pandit: Yeah - haven't heard back from them as to when and we've got ***

[31/03/2025, 14:04] Peter Mandelson: ***

[31/03/2025, 15:36] Peter Mandelson: ***

[31/03/2025, 15:38] Ninjeri Pandit: That's really good and probably the ***

[31/03/2025, 15:41] Ninjeri Pandit: No call today either

[31/03/2025, 15:44] Peter Mandelson: ***

[31/03/2025, 15:45] Ninjeri Pandit: ***

[31/03/2025, 15:50] Peter Mandelson: ***

[31/03/2025, 15:51] Peter Mandelson: ***

444 - 31-03-2025 - Text Messages between Peter Mandelson and Baroness Jenny Chapman (former Minister of State for International Development, Latin America and Caribbean)

[31/03/2025, 16:16] Baroness (Jenny) Chapman: Hi Peter, hope you're ok and loving the new job. You probably haven't noticed but I have a new job too as Minister for Development and will be in Washington for World Bank spring meetings at end of April. We finish on Friday 25th when Nick is flying out for a separate visit he is doing the following week so we'll be in Washington as a couple for weekend of 25-27 April. How do you feel about fellow politician house guests? Completely understand if it's too much trouble or you've had enough of people or want to make it clear it's not an Airbnb xx

[31/03/2025 17:17] Peter Mandelson: Of course stay. I will check but I am sure ok. It will be busy weekend of parties for the WH Correspondents Dinner and we will do a brunch for it on Sunday at Residence. X

[31/03/2025, 18:22] Baroness (Jenny) Chapman: Amazing, thank you xx

[17/04/2025, 13:23:09] Deal negotiations: Messages and calls are end-to-end encrypted. Only people in this chat can read, listen to, or share them.
[17/04/2025, 13:23:09] Peter Mandelson: Peter Mandelson created this group
[17/04/2025, 13:56:16] Deal negotiations: ~ JCS added you
[17/04/2025, 13:57:05] Michael Ellam: Peter Mandelson removed Michael Ellam
[17/04/2025, 14:05:43] ~ JCS : Could we hold 5-5:30pm? Later is tricky for Peter. PO Teams in touch.
[18/04/2025, 00:08:21] ~ Work: Hello - could we replace this number pers with the one you have for me JCS ? Thanks! V onal
[18/04/2025, 00:23:34] Varun Chandra: ~ JCS added Varun Chandra
[18/04/2025, 15:22:36] Varun Chandra: Varun - see my email with readout of my call with *** Very positive. ***

[18/04/2025, 15:23:00] Varun Chandra: Graham from DBT's email in your inboxes.
[19/04/2025, 01:38:45] Varun Chandra: Hello! Sorry, went into back to back calls after *** and then fell asleep personal
[19/04/2025, 01:39:03] Varun Chandra: Peter I'll call you tomorrow first thing your time to give you a detailed download
[19/04/2025, 01:39:55] Varun Chandra: In short ***

[19/04/2025, 01:40:42] Varun Chandra: ***

[19/04/2025, 01:41:54] Varun Chandra: We'll get his feedback on our offer on Tuesday, and ***
[19/04/2025, 01:42:51] Varun Chandra: ***

[19/04/2025, 01:43:58] Varun Chandra: ***
(and I have woken up in the middle of the night to three further texts suggesting we speak on the weekend) - *** ***
[19/04/2025, 01:45:25] Varun Chandra: It's important we see *** on Thursday ***

[19/04/2025, 01:45:42] Peter Mandelson: ***

[19/04/2025, 01:45:56] Varun Chandra: ***
[19/04/2025, 01:46:31] Peter Mandelson: *** ?
[19/04/2025, 01:47:08] Varun Chandra: I don't know - *** I didn't ask.
[19/04/2025, 01:49:47] Varun Chandra: Anyway, a bit of momentum. We still have the issue of ***

[19/04/2025, 01:51:44] Varun Chandra: I'm going to go back to bed now. But I think that's the sum of it. All of the above v v tight as we're desperately trying to limit leaks - 8 people up to speed. V
[23/04/2025, 11:09:51] Peter Mandelson: I have asked Steph. There is quite a lot of chatter in press about a US trade deal notably the Guardian where they seem to think - with quotes from UK officials - that this is almost a done deal waiting to be signed. This is way in advance of the truth and could lead to disappointment this week. Is this DBT talking do we know or who ?

446 - 19-12-2024 - WhatsApp messages between Peter Mandelson and Lord Patrick Vallance (Minister of State for Science, Innovation, Research and Technology)

[19/12/2024, 23:01] Patrick Vallance: Congratulations! Great news for all of us.

[20/12/2024, 09:11] Peter Mandelson: Thanks Patrick!

447 - 09-05-2025 - WhatsApps between Peter Mandelson and Lord Patrick Vallance (Minister of State for Science, Innovation, Research and Technology)

[09/05/2025, 18:05] Patrick Vallance: Well done! Really great achievement. I hope we get a good science and tech collaboration as well.

[09/05/2025, 22:58] Peter Mandelson: Thanks. We should discuss this when I am back in June.

[13/05/2025, 08:57] Patrick Vallance: Great. Let me know when you are here and we can get a time sorted out.

[11/09/2025, 19:46] Peter Mandelson: LETTER TO BRITISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON STAFF FROM LORD MANDELSON. 11 September 2025. Dear All, As you will be have seen, my position as Ambassador to the United States has come to an end. Being Ambassador here has been the privilege of my life, and Reinaldo's. I could not have wished for a better welcome by you all, a better introduction to the job or better support while here. Your professionalism has been superb, more so than I have experienced in any public role. For this I thank you from the bottom of my heart. The circumstances surrounding the announcement today are ones which I deeply regret. I continue to feel utterly awful about my association with Epstein twenty years ago and the plight of his victims. I have no alternative to accepting the Prime Minister's decision and will leave a position in which I have been so incredibly honoured to serve. The relationship between Britain and the United States of America is a unique one. I know that you will continue to serve and deepen that relationship from DC right across our brilliant network. I wish to thank you for all of your efforts in serving me as your Ambassador. In a short time we have achieved so much. We leave the relationship with the US in a really good condition, with a magnificent State Visit and the new US-UK Technology Partnership - my personal pride and joy that will help write the next chapter of the special relationship set for next week. Thank you from me, Reinaldo and Jock. I will treasure the experience and memory of having worked with you all.

[02/05/2025, 13:29:17] Peter Mandelson USA: Messages and calls are end-to-end encrypted. Only people in this chat can read, listen to, or share them.
[02/05/2025, 13:29:17] Peter Mandelson USA: Voice call, 15 min
[06/05/2025, 20:04:49] Peter Mandelson USA: Hi Steph. We are reaching a critical time on trade negotiation here and it would be helpful if DBT could stop guiding papers eg FT. We want the deal when agreed to make its own impact not conditioned by pre briefing. ***

[06/05/2025, 22:22:34] Steph Driver: Hi Peter, I share your view and frustration. Both SpAds and officials have been warned of the risks and sensitivities. We're carefully managing the expectations of incoming, to attempt to minimise follow on.
[06/05/2025, 22:22:57] Peter Mandelson USA: Thanks
[06/05/2025, 23:19:54] Steph Driver: The Cabinet office has commissioned a leak inquiry. How effective these things are, one can rightly question, but it shows it's being taken seriously.
[07/05/2025, 00:10:55] Peter Mandelson USA: 😎
[07/05/2025, 21:16:31] Peter Mandelson USA: https://www.theguardian.com/business/2025/may/07/uk-washington-us-trade-agreement-eu
[07/05/2025, 21:16:31] Peter Mandelson USA: This is unbelievably irresponsible by DBT I assume.
[07/05/2025, 21:52:20] Steph Driver: I assume too. We cut DBT out of conversations today, the risk is too high. *** , explaining its real world impact.

I'll come back on your email ever so shortly to happily share thinking.

Thanks Peter.
[07/05/2025, 22:09:50] Peter Mandelson USA: ***
[07/05/2025, 22:48:19] Steph Driver: ***

[07/05/2025, 22:50:42] Peter Mandelson USA: Yup. *** We must now pin down the comms and cover any flank and not allow an alternative version (DBT or whoever) to seep out and cause mischief with.
[07/05/2025, 22:53:55] Steph Driver: Absolutely. I have my team doing a polish of the core docs, and a scrub on the QA with Varun once he has final text.

I'll keep you in the loop. We will be fiery and robust on this, taking on and knocking down any challenge. It's fantastic news, ***
[07/05/2025, 23:07:15] Peter Mandelson USA: Great
[08/05/2025, 12:32:28] Peter Mandelson USA: Missed voice call, Tap to call back
[08/05/2025, 12:41:11] Steph Driver: Voice call, 27 min
[11/05/2025, 21:34:24] Peter Mandelson USA: https://www.cbsnews.com/video/british-ambassador-says-he-has-absolute-confidence-in-the-u-s-u-k-trade-deal/
[11/05/2025, 21:44:40] Steph Driver: Wonderful. I read the transcript.

Enjoyed, "I literally don't understand the logic of that…"
[11/05/2025, 21:48:39] Steph Driver: We have the EU summit a week Monday. ***

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Thanks Peter.

[11/05/2025, 21:52:27] Peter Mandelson USA: The world as it is not the world as we would like it to be….

I talked quite a bit about this in fireside chat with FT editor yesterday morning. The Brexit deal was poorly negotiated and left undone and the government are improving it, tying up loose ends and finishing the job.
[11/05/2025, 21:57:39] Steph Driver: Great. I' ll catch up on that conversation.
[11/05/2025, 21:59:18] Peter Mandelson USA: It was both about why we need reset with EU and in some respects not be EU
[11/05/2025, 22:44:45] Peter Mandelson USA: Is there date for SDR ?
[11/05/2025, 22:49:32] Steph Driver: w/b June 2nd is the current plan.
[11/05/2025, 22:50:04] Peter Mandelson USA: Thanks. And NSS ?
[11/05/2025, 22:50:49] Steph Driver: Less firm as of yet, it' s pencilled for around the G7.
[11/05/2025, 22:51:12] Peter Mandelson USA: When is G7 remind me
[11/05/2025, 22:51:56] Steph Driver: June 16/17
[11/05/2025, 22:52:27] Steph Driver: There' s debate around NSS. I' ll update you tomorrow.
[11/05/2025, 22:52:54] Peter Mandelson USA: Thanks. I have to roll out both here as well
[16/05/2025, 03:22:20] Peter Mandelson USA: Hi can we have a chat when I awake if you are free ? About Diego Garcia. Thanks
[16/05/2025, 06:39:21] Steph Driver: Absolutely. Call when suits.
[16/05/2025, 12:25:23] Peter Mandelson USA: Can I call in about an hour ?
[16/05/2025, 14:07:56] Peter Mandelson USA: Free to talk ?
[16/05/2025, 14:11:49] Steph Driver: Morning, on a call for 45mins then free all afternoon.
[16/05/2025, 14:57:20] Peter Mandelson USA: Will call later. Just got to give up my phones for a while
[16/05/2025, 16:08:24] Peter Mandelson USA: Voice call, 8 min
[16/05/2025, 20:58:50] Peter Mandelson USA: Thanks for chat earlier. JCS meeting good (as ever with him) and JCS also spoke to JCS usefully. Have a good weekend…
[16/05/2025, 21:10:29] Steph Driver: Great. Thanks Peter. I' ll keep in touch on it.
[19/05/2025, 20:26:44] Peter Mandelson USA: How has it gone today ?
[19/05/2025, 20:31:44] Steph Driver: We finish the day in a really decent place. *** and the Tories and Reform are being entirely predictable.

The politics aren' t featuring that strongly yet, it' s all analysis of the deal. There' s been little to no comparison with the US.

The papers will be largely as you' d expect - Mail, Tele, Sun betrayal. Times splashes with cut bills! Guardian is v good, Mirror excellent, inews measured, Express is fishing.

I expect the politics to ramp up and we will be pushed on what comes next, costs, and delivery.
[19/05/2025, 20:32:14] Steph Driver: All in all I' m daring to be pleased…we will see.
[19/05/2025, 20:33:37] Peter Mandelson USA: Politics runs in our favor - sensible, grown up, *** Public doesn' t care about fish and anyway means more processed fish exports.
[19/05/2025, 20:36:36] Steph Driver: Agree. Some of the early reporting was like they' d retrieved their 2016 scripts. Not where the public are now.
[30/05/2025, 20:48:09] Peter Mandelson USA: Hi hope you well. My/Morgan' s friend Tom McTague is taking over the New Statesman as you know and he wants me to do diary for his first issue on what it' s like being an ambassador. Happy to let you see sight of draft of course but I think it will be good, soft PR and contextualising our government' s engagement with Trump administration for a sceptical Labour readership…
[30/05/2025, 20:53:35] Steph Driver: Hi Peter, from a beach in the Canaries!

This sounds great, an opportunity.

Tom is doing a profile of the PM for the first issue, and I' ve arranged for some decent access to enable it. I don' t know him very well at all but have enjoyed his writing, and trust his intentions with the piece.
[30/05/2025, 21:46:52] Peter Mandelson USA: He is essentially benign towards Keir but suffers a bit from the Patrick Maguire syndrome

[30/05/2025, 21:50:18] Steph Driver: Very useful insight, thanks.

I' m due a chat with him next week when I' m back. He' s had two sessions with Keir, with at least one more to come. I need to get a sense of his take so far to enable us to shape and tweak where possible.
[01/06/2025, 02:37:42] Peter Mandelson USA: I am worried about DBT handling of the new 50% US steel and aluminum tariff ***
Their press lines on the 50% tariff were drafted without consulting us here and were crap. We tried to get them changed but it was too late.
The press line should have been:
" We have a deal that covers steel and aluminium. We are working as quickly as possible with the US to implement a quota that will enable UK exporters to trade without additional tariffs."
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The UK media I sense are getting restless and *** ***
- DBT need to get off their backsides and co-operate properly with us - and we need to get media lines properly worked out in meantime. Sorry to be blunt !
[05/06/2025, 11:23:36] Steph Driver: Good morning, I never mind blunt, and I agree with you entirely.

If you had 15mins to chat later today it would be useful to catch up. Thanks Peter.
[08/06/2025, 15:45:39] Peter Mandelson USA: How are you ?
[18/06/2025, 22:00:42] Steph Driver: Peter, sorry to hear you' ve had to fly back early, but of course needs must. I' d been looking forward to having a drink with you at the Newscorp do.

JCS is coming in for a coffee to put a face to a name.
[18/06/2025, 22:16:15] Peter Mandelson USA: I had to follow orders ! I was hoping too to spend weekend in Personal …

You will like JCS. He is both brilliant professional and great company.
[18/06/2025, 22:23:43] Steph Driver: Wonderful, looking forward to seeing him.
Personal

[18/06/2025, 22:24:06] Peter Mandelson USA: Wow !
[18/06/2025, 22:26:08] Steph Driver: Many notes to swap when we speak!
[17/07/2025, 20:58:27] Peter Mandelson USA: https://www.politico.eu/article/britains-trade-chief-will-head-to-washington-to-press-white-house-on-tariffs/
[17/07/2025, 20:58:27] Peter Mandelson USA: https://www.telegraph.co.uk/us/politics/2025/07/17/britain-tsar-trump-tariff-slash/
[17/07/2025, 20:58:27] Peter Mandelson USA: Hi. Can you stop this stuff from DBT ? ***

We are trying our best here but this is totally counterproductive designed purely for a domestic audience…
[17/07/2025, 21:11:49] Steph Driver: Hi, yes I' ve spoken to JCS. She' s tackling the papers now to get the headlines toned down. She says it' s coming from *** , I' ve said she needs to make them aware of the damage it does.

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[17/07/2025, 21:50:25] Peter Mandelson USA: No it' s coming from their side, I am afraid. They couldn' t write stories like this based on ** s wishful thinking !
[17/07/2025, 21:51:00] Peter Mandelson USA: But thanks
[20/07/2025, 23:28:38] Peter Mandelson USA: ***
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[12/08/2025, 19:30:10] Steph Driver: Hi Peter, might you be free for a catch up on Thursday between these big days? It would be good to get your thoughts on a few matters. Thanks.
[12/08/2025, 19:35:32] Peter Mandelson USA: Hi. I am travelling to Chicago on Thursday, making a

speech doing a dinner etc. There on Friday as well. But I do have some free time so could fit in.
[12/08/2025, 21:04:55] Steph Driver: Thanks Peter, let's play it be ear. I'm abroad from Saturday but on my phone. There's no immediate urgency.
[13/08/2025, 21:06:24] Peter Mandelson USA: Missed voice call, Tap to call back
[28/08/2025, 19:11:57] Peter Mandelson USA: Hi are you away or back now ?
[04/09/2025, 20:22:46] Peter Mandelson USA: Hi. Looking forward to seeing you tomorrow.
Can we discuss the time it takes to get things cleared?! I know there is a lot going on but we are still waiting here for Ditchley media trail to be agreed. We need to press on here….
[04/09/2025, 20:38:32] Steph Driver: Hello, also looking forward to seeing you. We can discuss all you need to. In the meantime I'll chase down what's happening with the trail.
[04/09/2025, 20:57:16] Peter Mandelson USA: Been there for 7 hours…..x
[04/09/2025, 21:14:31] Steph Driver: Not good enough - will sort x
[04/09/2025, 21:15:43] Peter Mandelson USA: Sorry to be nuisance but I am wrestling with so much stuff out here with everything going on
[04/09/2025, 21:17:35] Steph Driver: My general approach is let's just make our lives easier - we're all doing so much, when there's unnecessary niggles, we must remove them.
[05/09/2025, 09:27:25] Steph Driver: There's of course a thousand cameras out front today. Let me know if you want to come in via the back, or indeed, we could have some fun with it…
[05/09/2025, 10:56:13] Peter Mandelson USA: Ha. 70 Whitehall thanks….what's timetable for Angela decision ? I can be with you by 1/130.
[05/09/2025, 11:25:14] Steph Driver: It's imminent, likely next 15mins

449 - 07-05-2025 - WhatsApps from Peter Mandelson to Jonathan Powell (National Security Adviser, CO)

[07/05/2025, 11:06] Peter Mandelson: Keir, I am sorry not to be with you in Scotland, I understand the need to keep numbers tight. I was asked to write a scene setter ten days ago so let me update on trade and Gaza. ***

I will message further if I think of anything.

Very best
peter

[07/05/2025, 11:06] Peter Mandelson: Sent above to Keir this morning

450 - 09-06-2025 - WhatsApps between Peter Mandelson and Lisa Nandy (Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport)

[09/06/2025, 18:01] Lisa Nandy: Hi Peter, this is Lisa Nandy. Morgan gave me your number. I'm potentially planning a trip to the US but wanted to get your steer beforehand. Would that be possible? Can work round your diary!

[09/06/2025, 18:04] Peter Mandelson: Hi. Yes. When are you thinking ?

[09/06/2025, 18:05] Lisa Nandy: Are you currently in the US? If so Thursday or Friday would be ideal - if you're in London I'm here for the next few days!

[09/06/2025, 18:08] Peter Mandelson: Yes in DC. I am here all week and flying to London on Saturday evening. You plan to come Thursday/Friday this week ?

[09/06/2025, 18:08] Lisa Nandy: God no - I'd give you more warning than that. I meant we could chat Thursday or Friday if you have time.

[09/06/2025, 18:11] Peter Mandelson: Hahaha. I am actually around for next couple of hours working in office so could talk in a while if that suits or my time tomorrow morning?

[09/06/2025, 18:13] Lisa Nandy: Let's do your time tomorrow morning as I'm not slipped so have votes tonight which might be annoying. Give me a time (your time and I'll make it work. And thank you!

[09/06/2025, 18:53] Peter Mandelson: A call sometime between 9 and 10 am my time would work

[09/06/2025, 22:59] Lisa Nandy: Perfect - will try you at 9am your time.

[10/06/2025, 14:07] Lisa Nandy: Voice call, 11 min

451 - 07-07-2025 - WhatsApps between Peter Mandelson and Hamish Falconer (Parliamentary Under-Secretary, FCDO)

[07/07/2025, 14:58:07] Peter Mandelson: Messages and calls are end-to-end encrypted. Only people in this chat can read, listen to, or share them.
[07/07/2025, 14:58:07] Peter Mandelson: Peter is a contact.
[07/07/2025, 14:56:39] Peter Mandelson: Hi. I have written back to London. Let me know if you want to discuss.
I gather there is a proposal to *** That would take a lot of explaining here as most people think we should be ***
[11/07/2025, 21:34:18] Peter Mandelson: Did you see the email on Israel I sent to David ?
[11/07/2025, 22:16:43] Hamish Falconer MP: I did not
[11/07/2025, 22:16:56] Hamish Falconer MP: Do send to Personal ?
[11/07/2025, 22:23:44] Peter Mandelson: Gone
[11/07/2025, 22:47:05] Hamish Falconer MP: Thanks.
[11/07/2025, 22:48:40] Hamish Falconer MP: I don't think the sort of *** is consistent with cordial relations with parliament and the public on this…
[11/07/2025, 22:49:14] Peter Mandelson: Whose ***
[11/07/2025, 22:56:31] Hamish Falconer MP: Ours.
[11/07/2025, 22:57:11] Hamish Falconer MP: As I understood your note it was suggesting wising up and ***
[11/07/2025, 23:03:36] Peter Mandelson: I am not describing our *** (not my business) *** There seems to be an assumption in FCDO that *** I think this is a misreading. ***

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[11/07/2025, 23:42:12] Hamish Falconer MP: I agree. This is the doom loop I can't bear the thought of having to explain at the dispatch box. ***

[12/07/2025, 00:39:54] Peter Mandelson: I entirely agree. ***

But I appreciate the parliamentary challenge is difficult.
[12/07/2025, 23:29:32] Hamish Falconer MP: Forgive me, I hadn' t fully absorbed this message this morning. I enjoyed your times interview too. But to the point: ***

I would be interested in how you would be navigating this were you me or David L: perhaps I'm not being imaginative enough, but I don't think the political (or policy) constraints can get us ***
It's not obvious to me that anyone is really managing that ***

[12/07/2025, 23:47:50] Peter Mandelson: ***
That is how they will see it. If you can find a way ***

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What does *** think ? He wrote something few weeks back which I saw but did not read.

Probably the course that will appeal to US ***

[13/07/2025, 11:04:54] Hamish Falconer MP: I think the *** is the most hopeful as well.

But I don't see that we can *** without ***
public sentiment is only going one way, and ***

[13/07/2025, 11:40:30] Peter Mandelson: Fine but don't then think you can ***
officials seem to imagine they can have it both ways.
[13/07/2025, 11:42:18] Hamish Falconer MP: You think there's *** without an
***
[13/07/2025, 11:46:15] Peter Mandelson: I would not advise ***

[13/07/2025, 16:07:45] Hamish Falconer MP: ***
I am happy to trim back *** if we can find our way to a path that can
take us out of here, ***

[13/07/2025, 16:25:22] Peter Mandelson: I think *** and *** are on a par !

I think the difference between me and your officials is that they always seem to be on a spectrum ***
I am on scale of influence/non influence.
[14/07/2025, 01:36:01] Hamish Falconer MP: I'm very pro influence. Without it it's hard to get out of our
current dilemmas. ***

[14/07/2025, 01:37:15] Peter Mandelson: Why has British foreign policy been ***

[14/07/2025, 01:50:59] Hamish Falconer MP: I think while it's such a central issue in our politics, ***
whether we like it or not. We would insulate ourselves ***
. I think ***

[14/07/2025, 01:53:39] Peter Mandelson: *** But
everything I have read from the fCDO has reiterated that it is ***

[15/07/2025, 22:52:29] Peter Mandelson: I see your officials are now arguing that Britain should ***
How will this
appear when it becomes known ?
[16/07/2025, 01:24:54] Peter Mandelson: On another note ***
to discuss Ukraine and Middle East.
They say that *** and will get it. That Europe and US must align on
future. ***

[16/07/2025, 08:51:34] Hamish Falconer MP: Hello from North Africa
[16/07/2025, 08:53:59] Hamish Falconer MP: I did ask for further advice on ***
which has been raised with me repeatedly, but I don't think any decisions taken and I've not seen
any advice
[16/07/2025, 08:54:58] Hamish Falconer MP: This sounds like a potential start point for working up ***

[16/07/2025, 11:25:37] Peter Mandelson: Yes, as an end point rather than start point.

452 - 07-07-2025 - WhatsApps between Peter Mandelson and Jonathan Reynolds (former Secretary of State for Business and Trade)

[07/07/2024, 12:27:09] Peter Mandelson: Jonny, just caught up with you on BBC this morning. What a breath of fresh air. I am so pleased you are at the department. If there is anything I can do to support you please let me know. Peter

[07/07/2024, 13:03:26] Jonathan Reynolds: Thank you so much Peter. It was nice to be asked to be the first one out on the media for us

[20/12/2024, 11:21:22] Jonathan Reynolds: Excellent news. So happy to be able to work with you in this role

[20/12/2024, 11:39:47] Peter Mandelson: Thanks a lot Jonny

[16/01/2025, 09:12:22] Jonathan Reynolds: Looking forward to seeing you later. One of my private office, JCS was I think there when you were SoS

[16/01/2025, 10:08:49] Peter Mandelson: Great thanks

[24/01/2025, 08:56:11] Jonathan Reynolds: Much to readout to you post-Davos. Significant shift in assumptions re ***

[24/01/2025, 09:00:40] Peter Mandelson: Agree all. We should discuss

[24/01/2025, 09:56:19] Peter Mandelson: ***

13/02/2025, 14:05:29] Jonathan Reynolds: We have heard the ***

Could you see if we can start to make arrangements?

[13/02/2025, 14:21:24] Peter Mandelson: Yes let me find out

[15/02/2025, 12:44:38] Peter Mandelson: Hi. Hope all well. I told people here they had to pull out every stop to get you call today *** . This is happening. Let me know if you want to discuss your talking points beforehand.

[15/02/2025, 13:54:46] Jonathan Reynolds: It's brilliant thanks Peter.

The main things for me to run through:

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[15/02/2025, 14:34:48] Peter Mandelson: I would start with some broad points

- thanks very much for taking this call, appreciate it.

- Congratulations on your election victory and flying start to Administration. Looking forward to working with you.

- Understand the new Administration's mandate ***

- PM looking forward to visit week after next. Want to do an economic deal that increases trade and establishes a modern innovation and technology partnership that ensures the West stays ahead ***

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. But happy to discuss.

[15/02/2025, 23:55:56] Peter Mandelson: You did ***

[15/02/2025, 23:56:07] Jonathan Reynolds: ***

[15/02/2025, 23:56:17] Jonathan Reynolds: Agree very useful

[15/02/2025, 23:56:58] Jonathan Reynolds: We need to ***

[15/02/2025, 23:57:28] Jonathan Reynolds: ***

[15/02/2025, 23:58:16] Peter Mandelson: ***

[15/02/2025, 23:58:29] Jonathan Reynolds: Yes. Not easy

[25/02/2025, 16:03:48] Jonathan Reynolds: Hello, I will dial you from my work phone and leave on loudspeaker so you can listen in

[25/02/2025, 16:07:57] Peter Mandelson: Great thanks

453 - 10-09-2025 - WhatsApp messages from Peter Mandelson to Tim Allen (former Director of Communications, No.10)

[10/09/2014, 03:16] Peter Mandelson: I sent you the segment at end of Cole interview re Epstein. It is released at 8.

[10/09/2014, 03:16] Peter Mandelson: I think he also has Bloomberg emails but let's see.

[10/09/2014, 03:16] Peter Mandelson: At least you have words from me now for lobby.

[10/09/2014, 03:48] Peter Mandelson: FORWARDED: Hi Peter - Rowena from the guardian here. Are you able to tell me on background whether you were subject to developed vetting in relation to Epstein friendship- as Tories/lib dems asking and government won't say what the process was. If you were then it would be helpful to make that clear in the story.

454 - 11-09-2025 - WhatsApp from Peter Mandelson to Josh MacAlister (Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Minister for Children and Families)

[11/09/2025, 19:34] Peter Mandelson: LETTER TO BRITISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON STAFF FROM LORD MANDELSON

11 September 2025

Dear All,

As you will be have seen, my position as Ambassador to the United States has come to an end.

Being Ambassador here has been the privilege of my life, and Reinaldo's. I could not have wished for a better welcome by you all, a better
introduction to the job or better support while here. Your professionalism has been superb, more so than I have experienced in any public role. For this I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

The circumstances surrounding the announcement today are ones which I deeply regret. I continue to feel utterly awful about my association with Epstein twenty years ago and the plight of his victims. I have no alternative to accepting the Prime Minister's decision and will leave a position in which I have been so incredibly honoured to serve.

The relationship between Britain and the United States of America is a unique one. I know that you will continue to serve and deepen that relationship from DC right across our brilliant network.

I wish to thank you for all of your efforts in serving me as your Ambassador. In a short time we have achieved so much. We leave the relationship with the US in a really good condition, with a magnificent State Visit and the new US-UK Technology Partnership - my personal pride and joy that will help write the next chapter of the special relationship set for next week.

Thank you from me, Reinaldo and Jock. I will treasure the experience and memory of having worked with you all.

Very best

Peter

Lord Mandelson

455 - 11-09-2025 - WhatsApp from Peter Mandelson to Mike Tapp (Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Migration and Citizenship)

[11/09/2025, 14:44] Peter Mandelson: LETTER TO BRITISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON STAFF FROM LORD MANDELSON

11 September 2025

Dear All,

As you will be have seen, my position as Ambassador to the United States has come to an end.

Being Ambassador here has been the privilege of my life, and Reinaldo's. I could not have wished for a better welcome by you all, a better introduction to the job or better support while here. Your professionalism has been superb, more so than I have experienced in any public role. For this I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

The circumstances surrounding the announcement today are ones which I deeply regret. I continue to feel utterly awful about my association with Epstein twenty years ago and the plight of his victims. I have no alternative to accepting the Prime Minister's decision and will leave a position in which I have been so incredibly honoured to serve.

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Very best

Peter

Lord Mandelson

456 - 2025 - Text Messages between Peter Mandelson and Yvette Cooper (former Home Secretary)

[*** , 06:34] Peter Mandelson: Hi Yvette, Peter M here. I was hoping to call you in recent days but I got diverted into Iran. I am arriving in London today and will be here til beginning of next week. I think we are due to meet but if you want a private word I am on this number. V best Peter.

[*** , 08:32] Yvette Cooper: Hi Peter, great thank you, yes that would be very helpful, let's definitely talk directly as well as meeting.

[*** , 21:03] Peter Mandelson: Hi. Nice to see you yesterday. We have put out feelers to see whether the *** will reach an understanding with us. Will come back to you....

[*** , 21:03] Yvette Cooper: Very good to see you (And glad you made it to the reception - though you will definitely need to ask for an upgrade to the HMA art collection to keep up with Warren Stephens! Thank you for all your help and good luck with *** X

[*** , 16:39] Peter Mandelson: Hi. Hope all well. I see that *** has gone successfully. This provides basis for further exchange with *** and my official Mungo, will see staffers tomorrow having delayed twice already. We need to keep this appointment. The purpose is to tee up my seeing *** before I depart Washington on leave on *** . V best Peter.

[*** , 17:37] Yvette Cooper: Thanks Peter. We need to review the situation following *** before any next steps happen. I'll discuss with officials and get back to you.

On *** 2025, DG sent the following messages to Peter Mandelson *** . Mandelson was *** .

- Peter-Ken M here. *** helpfully shared your number. Was sorry to miss you when I was in town this week; was a worthwhile 24 hours, hope you similarly had a productive time on the West Coast. Let's keep in touch. K

- Hi Ken. I just wanted to know how your visit went and whether you picked up anything of which I should be aware. Please come more often !

- Hi Peter. I dropped a short note around on Wednesday with some interesting bits and pieces that I wouldn't want to trust to this system; hopefully that has reached you. Having been over to DC in *** and *** , I will now take a break - because US counterparts are coming to us in *** and maybe again in *** . I think my next hop across Stateside will therefore be *** ; if the dates work, would be great if you could host e.g. a dinner of key folk.

458 - 27-06-2024 - iMessages between Peter Mandelson and Sir Keir Starmer KC (Prime Minister)

[27/06/2024,12:51] Peter Mandelson: One thing picked up strongly on doorstep in Bury this morning is that people liked you saying last night that Sunak always tried to bring out the points of difference between people in order to set them apart. We have a lot of challenges in our country and also a lot going for us so let's focus on what unites us and what we can do better together. This is a good last week message.

[28/06/2024,12:19] Prime Minister: Thanks Peter. That theme of unite not division is very powerful. People are fed up with politics treading too heavily on their lives. How did Bury seem to you?

Peter Mandelson: Bury was fine at one level, qlot of angry Conservatives who want to punish them by voting for alternative or abstain. Quite a few going to Reform at this time. But while they feel Labour is safe to vote for - and many will - they feel they don't know what to expect from Labour and therefore they are vulnerable to uncertainty messages - "if I vote Labour supposing they are not true to their word or fail to find the right policies (over tax and migrants) ?

Peter Mandelson: The Tories want to gain from an argument - "if you are in doubt about Labour, you don't have to take the risk" or "if you don't know, vote no" (to Labour).

[17/07/2024, 21:41] Peter Mandelson: Keir, hope you are well, you have got off to a flying start.

I was at a dinner with John Major this evening and if you don't know him I think good idea to invite him for a chat. As well as being a very nice person, he is interesting and thoughtful.

Just a thought. No need to reply.

[25/07/2024, 13:25] Thanks Peter. Its so good to be getting on with the job of governing. A million times better than opposition - you know that! I'll reach out to John M, he's a very thoughtful man. See you soon I hope.

All best Keir

459 - 09-01-2025 - Meeting invitation from Jonathan Reynolds (former Secretary of State for Business and Trade)

From: Secretary of State DBT (DBT) Personal

Sent on: Thursday, January 9, 2025 10:27:11 AM

To: Secretary of State DBT (DBT) Personal ;

CC: Diary SOS JCS Personal

Subject: [GP] Lord Mandelson 1:1

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460 - 14-01-2025 - Meeting invitation from Peter Mandelson to Pat McFadden (former Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for Intergovernmental Relations)

From: JCS

To: PS McFadden Mailbox Personal Diary McFadden Mailbox Personal

Cc: JCS

Subject: Re: CDL/Lord Mandelson Meeting in January?

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Hi JCS

Thanks for this. I'll print for him today. I hope the meeting went well. Best,
JCS

Sent from Outlook for iOS <https://aka.ms/o0ukef>

From: JCS on behalf of PS McFadden Mailbox Personal
Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2025 8:59:19 AM
To: Diary McFadden Mailbox Personal
Cc: JCS

Subject: Re: CDL/Lord Mandelson Meeting in January?
HiJCS

I hope you're well. In his discussion with Lord Mandelson yesterday, CDL referenced this article ***

Please can you pass this on to Lord Mandelson?

Thanks,

JCS

On Fri, 10 Jan 2025 at 14:06, Diary McFadden Mailbox Personal <Personal> wrote:

Hi JCS ,

Thanks very much for accommodating!

Kind regards,

JCS

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Diary Manager to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster Personal

OFFICIAL

On Fri, 10 Jan 2025 at 14:04, JCS wrote:

Hi JCS , no worries at all 1715 works. Just to note HMA-dse has a hard stop at 1800, but thats Shouldn't be an issue here

Thanks,

JCS

*JCS *Head of US Global Issues and Canada Team* | US and Canada Department | Americas and SIDS Directorate | Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office | E: JCS | M: Personal

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From:JCS

*On Behalf Of *Diary McFadden Mailbox

Sent: 10 January 2025 13:26
To: JCS
Cc: PS McFadden Mailbox <Personal
<mailto:Personal JCS

Subject: Re: CDL/Lord Mandelson Meeting in January?

Hi JCS

Apologies for shifting this again - CDL is with the PM immediately beforehand on Tuesday, please could we shift this meeting to start at 17:15 to allow some buffer time in case the PM meeting overruns?

Kind Regards
JCS

Personal

Diary Manager to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster On Wed, 8 Jan 2025 at 11:22, Diary McFadden Mailbox
Personal wrote:

Hi JCS

Great - many thanks for confirming

Kind regards, JCS

JCS
Diary Manager to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster Personal

On Wed, 8 Jan 2025 at 11:10, JCS
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Hi JCS
No problem at all. Let's go for 5pm on Tues 14th if that's OK?

Thanks, JCS

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| M: Personal

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From:JCS

On Behalf Of Diary McFadden Mailbox

Sent: 08 January 2025 10:26
To: JCS

Cc: PS McFadden Mailbox
<Personal
<mailto:Personal JCS

Subject: Re: CDL/Lord Mandelson Meeting in January?

Hi JCS

Apologies for coming back on this so soon - would it be possible to shift this meeting to 5 pm or 5:30 pm on Tuesday?

Kind regards, JCS

Diary Manager to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster

Personal
On Tue, 7 Jan 2025 at 09:14, JCS
wrote:

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Great, thanks JCS !

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From: JCS

<mailto: JCS

*On Behalf Of *Diary McFadden Mailbox

Sent: 07 January 2025 08:58
To: JCS

Cc: PS McFadden Mailbox <Personal <mailto: Personal JCS

Subject: Re: CDL/Lord Mandelson Meeting in January?

Good morning JCS

Many thanks for confirming. Yes, this meeting will take place at the Cabinet Office. I will meet Lord Mandelson at reception and escort him to CDL's office. All visitors are required to bring a photo ID.

Kind regards,

JCS

Diary Manager to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster Personal

On Mon, 6 Jan 2025 at 19:13, JCS wrote:

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Hi JCS

Thank you for this. Could we go for 15:30 on the 14^th please? At the Cabinet Office?

JCS

| *Head of US Global Issues and Canada Team* | US and Canada Department | Americas and SIDS Directorate | Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office | E: JCS

| M: Personal

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From: JCS

*On Behalf Of *Diary McFadden Mailbox

Sent: 06 January 2025 13:13
To: JCS

Cc: PS McFadden Mailbox Personal
<mailto:Personal JCS

Subject: Re: CDL/Lord Mandelson Meeting in January?

<mailto:Personal Learn why this is important
<https://aka.ms/LearnAboutSenderIdentification>

Dear JCS

I hope you are well.

CDL is available between 11:00 - 12:00 on Thursday 9th.

If that is too early, he is available on Tuesday 14th from 15:30
16:00 or 17:15 - 17:45.

Kind regards,
JCS

Diary Manager to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster Personal

On Mon, 30 Dec 2024 at 15:04, JCS
wrote:

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Fantastic, thanks JCS Just to note, HMA-Des's start date is still a bit up in the air, so it might be safer to aim for w/c 13 Jan and w/c 20 Jan, rather than next week. I'll wait to hear from you! JCS

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From:JCS

*On Behalf Of *PS McFadden Mailbox
Sent: 30 December 2024 14:57
To: JCS

Diary

McFadden Mailbox Personal
Subject: Re: CDL/Lord Mandelson Meeting in January?

Hi JCS

Thanks very much for checking in on this -I'm hopeful we can find a slot in that window but will just check in quickly with CDL and his existing commitments and get back to you.

Copying JCS on diary in the meantime for info.

Best
JCS

On Mon, 30 Dec 2024 at 12:23, JCS
wrote:

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Dear CDL PO,
I am leading the onboarding of Lord Mandelson at FCDO prior to his move to DC. Lord Mandelson is eager to meeting with CDL in January in London prior to his departure, to discuss a range of issues " including economic security and how the Missions relate to the UK-US relationship. (I know they speak regularly in an informal capacity, but Lord Mandelson would like a structured conversation to cover the issues in detail).

*_Would the CDL have any availability between 8-17 January (inclusive) by any chance? _*Lord Mandelson will be working out of KCS so would be pleased to pop across to the Cabinet Office. This is a priority meeting for Lord Mandelson, so we would move things around to make it work.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks! JCS

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461 - 14-01-2025 - Meeting invitation from Morgan McSweeney (former Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister, No.10)

Subject:	Lord Mandelson / CoS
Location:	G38
Start:	Tue 14/01/2025 14:30
End:	Tue 14/01/2025 15:00
Recurrence:	(none)
Meeting Status:	Meeting organizer
Organizer:	Morgan McSweeney
Required Attendees:	JCS ; mandelsonpete Personal
Optional Attendees:	JCS
Categories:	Green category

462 - 18-02-2025 - Meeting invitation from Morgan McSweeney (former Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister, No.10)

Subject:	MM | HMA Washington
Location:	Microsoft Teams Meeting; SurfaceHub04
Start:	Tue 18/02/2025 18:30
End:	Tue 18/02/2025 19:00
Recurrence:	(none)
Meeting Status:	Accepted
Organizer:	Morgan McSweeney
Required Attendees:	Morgan McSweeney; JCS mandelsonpeter Personal Jonathan Powell; michael.ellam Personal ; Black, Jonathan - CO (OFF-SEN); Secretary of State DBT (DBT)
Optional Attendees:	PS Jonathan Black Mailbox; Sophie Hague; NSA Mailbox; Jessica Philips; JCS Katy Budge1; JCS ; Mungo Woodifield; US_Washington_Mass_2 _Green_Hybrid VC
Resources:	SurfaceHub04

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463 - 08-04-2025 - Meeting invitation from Ailsa Terry (Private Secretary for Foreign Affairs, No.10)

Subject:	US trade catch up
Location:	tbc
Start:	Tue 08/04/2025 13:30
End:	Tue 08/04/2025 14:00
Recurrence:	(none)
Meeting Status:	Accepted
Organizer:	Ailsa Terry
Required Attendees:	Peter Mandelson; Ninjeri Pandit; Varun Chandra; Morgan McSweeney; Jonathan Powell; JCS Michael Ellam; Stephanie Driver; Black, Jonathan - CO (OFF-SEN); JCS

Moving so Michael can attend part of this

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464 - 17-04-2025 - Meeting invitation from Peter Mandelson to Varun Chandra (Prime Minister's Special Advisor on Business and Investment, No.10) and others

Subject:	HMA - Varun - Kate - Michael Call
Location:	Teams
Start:	Thu 17/04/2025 17:15
End:	Thu 17/04/2025 17:45
Show Time As:	Tentative
Recurrence:	(none)
Meeting Status:	Not yet responded
Organizer:	Peter Mandelson

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465 - 12-05-2025 - Meeting invitation to Peter Mandelson and Michael Ellam (Second Permanent Secretary, European Union and International Economic Affairs, CO)

Subject: Invitation: HOLD Peter - Michael Ellam Call @ Mon May 12, 2025 9:45pm - 10pm (BST) (null)
From: JCS
Date: 12/05/2025, 16:44
To: Michael Ellam Personal , Peter Mandelson Personal , PSMichaelEllam Mailbox Personal

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Monday May 12, 2025 · 9:45pm – 10pm (United Kingdom Time)
Guests
Peter Mandelson- organiser
PSMichaelEllam Mailbox- creator
Michael Ellam

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466 - 14-05-2025 - Meeting Acceptance Notification from Peter Mandelson to Morgan McSweeney (former Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister, No.10)

Subject: Accepted: Morgan | Peter
Date: Wednesday, 14 May 2025 at 15:00:29 British Summer Time
From: "Peter Mandelson"
To: Morgan McSweeney

467 - 14-05-2025 - Meeting invitation from Morgan McSweeney (former Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister, No.10)

Subject:	Morgan | Peter
Start:	Wed 14/05/2025 17:30
End:	Wed 14/05/2025 18:00
Recurrence:	(none)
Meeting Status:	Meeting organizer
Organizer:	Morgan McSweeney
Required Attendees:	Morgan McSweeney; Washington Private Office
Optional Attendees:	Peter Mandelson

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468 - 14-05-2025 - Meeting acceptance notification from Morgan McSweeney (former Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister, No.10)

Subject: Accepted: Morgan | Peter
Date:= Wednesday, 14 May 2025 at 15:00:31 British Summer Time= **From:=** Morgan McSweeney
To:= JCS

469 - 21-05-2025 - Meeting invitation from Peter Mandelson to Douglas Alexander (former Minister of State, DBT)

FW: Minister Alexander - HMA Washington Call

From: Minister ALEXANDER (DBT) Personal on behalf of Peter Mandelson Personal

Sent on: Thursday, May 22, 2025 9:07:53 AM

To: JCS
Minister ALEXANDER (DBT) Personal

Subject: FW: Minister Alexander - HMA Washington Call

-----Original Appointment-----
From: Peter Mandelson Personal
Sent: 21 May 2025 20:31
To: Peter Mandelson; Minister ALEXANDER (DBT)
Subject: Minister Alexander - HMA Washington Call
When: 22 May 2025 12:00-12:30 (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: Peter to call

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470 - 06-06-2025 - Meeting acceptance notification from Peter Mandelson to Morgan McSweeney (former Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister, No.10)

Subject: Accepted: Lord Mandelson/Morgan Bilat
Date: Friday, 6 June 2025 at 15:02:08 British Summer Time
From: "Peter Mandelson"
To: Morgan McSweeney

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471 - 06-06-2025 - Meeting acceptance notification from Morgan McSweeney (former Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister, No.10)

Subject: Accepted: Lord Mandelson/Morgan Bilat
Date: Friday, 6 June 2025 at 15:02:11 British Summer Time
From: Morgan McSweeney
To: JCS

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472 - 09-06-2025 - Meeting acceptance notification from Peter Mandelson to Ninjeri Pandit (former Principal Private Secretary to the Prime Minister, No.10)

Subject: Accepted: Peter Mandelson/Nin Pandit
Date: Monday, 9 June 2025 at 14:48:59 British Summer Time
From: "Peter Mandelson"
To: Ninjeri Pandit

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473 - 09-06-2025 - Meeting invitation from Ninjeri Pandit (former Principal Private Secretary to the Prime Minister, No.10)

Subject: Peter Mandelson/Nin Pandit
Date: Monday, 9 June 2025 at 13:43:09 British Summer Time
From: Ninjeri Pandit
To: Personal

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474 - 10-06-2025 - Meeting invitation from Lisa Nandy (Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport)

[Title] Lisa put in - call with Peter Mandelson

[Date] Tuesday, 10 June 2025

[Time] 2:00 – 2:30pm

Guests (2 guests, 2 yes):

- lisa.nandy Personal (Organiser)
- Secretary State Diary Mailbox

475 - 13-06-2025 - Meeting acceptance notification from Peter Mandelson to Morgan McSweeney (former Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister, No.10)

Subject: Accepted: Lord Mandelson/Morgan Bilat
Date: Friday, 13 June 2025 at 15:20:28 British Summer Time
From: "Peter Mandelson"
To: Morgan McSweeney

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476 - 13-06-2025 - Meeting acceptance notification from Morgan McSweeney (former Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister, No.10)

Subject: Accepted: Lord Mandelson/Morgan Bilat
Date: Friday, 13 June 2025 at 15:20:34 British Summer Time
From: Morgan McSweeney
To: JCS

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477 - 18-06-2025 - Meeting invitation from the Private Office of the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport

[Title] Ceremony to inaugurate statue of George Washington

[Date] Wednesday, 18 June 2025

[Time] 2:30 – 3:30pm

Meeting Link: Personal

Join by phone: Personal

Location: The National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, London WC2N 5DN, UK Guests (7 guests, 5 yes, 2 awaiting):

- Secretary State Diary Mailbox (Organiser)
- JCS (yes)
- lisa.nandy Personal (yes)
- JCS (yes)
- Special Advisers Mailbox (yes)
- JCS (awaiting)
- JCS (awaiting)

[Description] Foreign Secretary was due to be representing UK Gov at ceremony to inaugurate statue of George Washington at National Gallery but has today dropped out. US Ambassador will attend, as will Peter Mandelson. You would be required to give a short speech/take part in inauguration ceremony (most pertinent part: 1430-1530).

478 - 20-06-2025 - Meeting acceptance notification from Peter Mandelson to Morgan McSweeney (former Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister, No.10)

Subject: Accepted: Lord Mandelson/Morgan Bilat
Date: Friday, 20 June 2025 at 17:33:00 British Summer Time
From: "Peter Mandelson"
To: Morgan McSweeney

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479 - 20-06-2025 - Meeting acceptance notification from Morgan McSweeney (former Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister, No.10)

Subject: Accepted: Lord Mandelson/Morgan Bilat
Date: Friday, 20 June 2025 at 17:33:06 British Summer Time
From: Morgan McSweeney
To: JCS

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480 - 23-06-2025 - Meeting invitation from Morgan McSweeney (former Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister, No.10)

Subject: Lord Mandelson/Morgan Extended Bilat
Date: Monday, 23 June 2025 at 13:47:02 British Summer Time
From: Morgan McSweeney
To: Personal

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481 - 23-06-2025 - Meeting invitation from Morgan McSweeney (former Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister, No.10)

Subject:	Lord Mandelson/Morgan Bilat
Location:	Personal
Start:	Mon 23/06/2025 15:30
End:	Mon 23/06/2025 16:45
Recurrence:	(none)
Meeting Status:	Meeting organizer
Organizer:	Morgan McSweeney
Required Attendees:	mandelsonpeter Personal
Optional Attendees:	JCS
Categories:	Green category

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482 - 23-06-2025 - Meeting invitation from Morgan McSweeney (former Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister, No.10)

Subject: Lord Mandelson/Morgan Extended Bilat
Location: Personal

Start: Mon 23/06/2025 17:20
End: Mon 23/06/2025 18:00

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Meeting organizer

Organizer: Morgan McSweeney
Required Attendees: mandelsonpete Personal

Categories: Green category

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For organizers: Personal Personal Person

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483 - 23-06-2025 - Meeting invitation from Varun Chandra (Prime Minister's Special Adviser on Business and Investment, No.10)

Subject:	Lord Mandelson/Varun Chandra
Location:	Room 123, No10 Downing Street
Start:	Mon 23/06/2025 15:00
End:	Mon 23/06/2025 15:30
Recurrence:	(none)
Meeting Status:	Meeting organizer
Organizer:	Varun Chandra
Required Attendees:	Personal Mungo Woodifield < Personal >; JCS
Optional Attendees:	Personal JCS Personal
Categories:	Orange category

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484 - 24-06-2025 - Meeting invitation from Ninjeri Pandit (former Principal Private Secretary to the Prime Minister, No.10)

Subject: Peter Mandelson/Nin Pandit
Date: Tuesday, 24 June 2025 at 10:52:11 British Summer Time
From: Ninjeri Pandit
To: Personal

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485 - 25-06-2025 - Meeting invitation from Ninjeri Pandit (former Principal Private Secretary to the Prime Minister, No.10)

Subject: Peter Mandelson/Nin Pandit/Jill Cuthbertson
Location: No10 Downing Street

Start: Wed 25/06/2025 15:00
End: Wed 25/06/2025 15:30

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Accepted

Organizer: Ninjeri Pandit
Required Attendees: mandelsonpeter Personal ; Jill Cuthbertson

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486 - 27-06-2025 - Meeting invitation from Morgan McSweeney (former Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister, No.10)

Subject: Morgan/Peter Dinner
Date: Friday, 27 June 2025 at 13:04:05 British Summer Time
From: Morgan McSweeney
To: Personal

Booking under Morgan's name.

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Subject:	NSA / HMA Washington 1:1
Location:	Cabinet Office, 70 Whitehall
Start:	Mon 30/06/2025 14:15
End:	Mon 30/06/2025 15:00
Recurrence:	(none)
Meeting Status:	Meeting organizer
Organizer:	Jonathan Powell
Required Attendees:	NSA; JCS Personal

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488 - 10-07-2025 - Meeting invitation from Peter Mandelson to Vidhya Alakeson (former Deputy Chief of Staff, No.10)

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Subject:	[Call] Peter Mandelson | Vidhya Alakeson
Location:	Call
Start:	Thu 10/07/2025 18:30
End:	Thu 10/07/2025 18:45
Recurrence:	(none)
Meeting Status:	Meeting organizer
Organizer:	Vidhya Alakeson
Required Attendees:	Personal

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489 - 10-07-2025 - Meeting invitation from Peter Mandelson to Vidhya Alakeson (former Deputy Chief of Staff, No.10)

Subject: New Time Proposed: [Call] Peter Mandelson | Vidhya Alakeson
Date: Thursday, 10 July 2025 at 18:21:03 British Summer Time
From: "Peter Mandelson"
To: Vidhya Alakeson

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491 - 10-07-2025 - Meeting invitation from Vidhya Alakeson (former Deputy Chief of Staff, No.10)

Subject: [Call] Vidhya Alakeson | Peter Mandelson
Date: Thursday, 10 July 2025 at 15:17:26 British Summer Time
From: Vidhya Alakeson
To: Personal

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492 - 10-07-2025 - Meeting invitation from Vidhya Alakeson (former Deputy Chief of Staff, No.10)

Subject: [Call] Peter Mandelson | Vidhya Alakeson
Date: Thursday, 10 July 2025 at 18:22:00 British Summer Time
From: Vidhya Alakeson
To: Personal

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493 - 10-07-2025 - Meeting invitation from Vidhya Alakeson (former Deputy Chief of Staff, No.10)

Subject: [Call] Peter Mandelson | Vidhya Alakeson
Date: Thursday, 10 July 2025 at 18:20:08 British Summer Time
From: Vidhya Alakeson
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494 - 15-07-2025 - Meeting invitation from Peter Mandelson to Ellie Reeves (former Minister without Portfolio, CO)

Calendar: pselliereeves Personal

15 July 2025
Time 15:00 – 15:30
Subject Min Reeves / HMA **Location** Microsoft Teams Meeting To discuss Greater Together LA Kate Taylor Tett (Director of GREAT UK) and John Stevens (SpAd) will be joining the call.

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Attendees Name <Email address>

Organiser
Peter Mandelson Personal
Required
PS Ellie Reeves Personal
Kate Taylor Tett Personal
PS CO SpAds Personal
JCS
John Stevens Personal
Optional
JCS

495 - 26-08-2025 - Meeting acceptance notification from Peter Mandelson to James Lyons (former Director of Strategic Communications, No. 10)

Subject: Accepted: FCDO/No10 Catch Up
Date: Tuesday, 26 August 2025 at 17:00:57 British Summer Time
From: "Peter Mandelson"
To: James Lyons

Subject: HMA/Varun/Mungo
Location: Suggest HMA call you Varun (and Mungo join in Res)

Start: Fri 29/08/2025 18:45
End: Fri 29/08/2025 19:15

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Accepted

Organizer: Peter Mandelson

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497 - 29-08-2025 - Meeting acceptance notification from Varun Chandra (Prime Minister's Special Adviser on Business and Investment, No.10)

Subject: Accepted: HMA/Varun/Mungo
Date: Friday, 29 August 2025 at 13:35:18 British Summer Time
From: "Varun Chandra"
To: Peter Mandelson

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