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YOUR TELEGRAM NO 20

PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE.

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF REPLY FROM THE POPE TO THE RT. HON. MARGARET THATCHER MP.

BEGINS. I AM GRATEFUL FOR YOUR KIND MESSAGE FOLLOWING MY PASTORAL VISIT TO BRITAIN AND I APPRECIATE YOUR OBSERVATIONS ON WHAT WAS UNDOUBTEDLY A HISTORIC OCCASION AND ONE WHICH FOR MYSELF WAS PROFOUNDLY MOVING.

I AM PARTICULARLY GRATEFUL TO THOSE WHO MADE SUCH EFFORTS FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE VISIT, IN THE FIRST PLACE THE PUBLIC AUTHORITIES OF THE VARIOUS CITIES, AND LIKEWISE THE POLICE, THE LOCAL ORGANIZERS, AND ALL THOSE WHO ENSURED THAT THE MANY GATHERINGS SUCCEEDED BEYOND ALL EXPECTATIONS.

IOANNES PAULUS PP. II ENDS.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

3 June 1982

I should like to express to you my personal pleasure and satisfaction at the triumphant success of your visit to Britain. We both understand very well the circumstances which prevented us from meeting, but I was glad to receive your good wishes through Cardinal Casaroli and to have the opportunity for a good discussion with him.

I followed closely your progress throughout England, Scotland and Wales and listened, along with very many others, to what you said during your time here. It was obvious that your presence gave great pleasure to millions of British people, and the spiritual comfort which they are seeking.

The first visit to Britain by a Pope would in any circumstances have been an historic occasion. But your own presence here during these six days, perhaps partly because this is a time of national trial, has made a particularly deep impression.

I send you my best wishes, not least for the important visit to Argentina which, for reasons which I fully understand, you have decided to undertake later this month.

His Holiness Pope John Paul II



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

3 June 1982

THE POPE'S VISIT

Thank you for your letter of 6 June. As I told you on the telephone earlier this morning, the Prime Minister slightly revised the draft message which Mr. Pym suggested she should send to the Pope. I enclose a copy of the revised version which I shall assume you are despatching by telegram.

A. J. COLES

Francis Richards, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

6 June 1982

Prime Minister.

*To agree to send the
attached message.?*

*Deborah
Duty Clerk
2/6*

Dear John,

The Pope's Visit

Mr Pym thinks that it might be appropriate for the Prime Minister to send a private message to the Pope after his departure from Cardiff this evening. I enclose a draft. If the Prime Minister agrees, we could telegraph the text to our Embassy to the Holy See for delivery as soon as possible after the Pope's return.

Yours ever.

(F N Richards)
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq
10 Downing Street

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I followed closely your progress throughout England, Scotland and Wales and listened, along with very many others, to what you said during your time here. It was obvious that your presence gave great pleasure to millions of British people, ^{and the} ~~It will also, if I may say so, have given spiritual comfort and much food for thought.~~ ^{which they are seeking.} The first visit to Britain by a Pope would in any circumstances have been an historic occasion. But your own presence here during these 6 days, perhaps partly because this is a time of national trial, has made a particularly deep impression. ~~I am sure that your decision to come was the right one, and that this will be borne out by events.~~

U.N.P

I send you my best wishes ~~for your future work~~, not least for the important visit to Argentina which, for reasons which I fully understand, you have decided to undertake later this month.

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26 May, 1982

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Dear John,

I understand that Cardinal Hume will this afternoon make a press statement on the Pope's forthcoming visit. I enclose an advanced copy of the draft which has been submitted to Cardinal Hume. There may of course be one or two minor amendments prior to publication.

Yours sincerely
Marsha

(Marsha Fenwick)
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq
Private Secretary
10 Downing Street

CARDINAL BASIL HUME ON PAPAL VISIT

All uncertainty surrounding the Pastoral Visit of Pope John Paul to Britain has^{now} been removed. After two years of planning, after intense spiritual preparation, the Roman Catholic community looks forward to welcoming the Holy Father at the end of this week.

Preparations for the Visit now enter their final phase. From start to finish the Visit has been conceived and described as a Pastoral Visit. It is now of even greater importance to spell out what is meant by that term.

Pope John Paul is coming to visit Britain as the Universal Pastor of the Catholic Church. He comes primarily to visit his Roman Catholic people. He comes to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ to them; to share with them in the life of prayer and of sacraments; to continue that specific task given by Christ to Peter, the first Pope, of "confirming" his brethren in their faith.

If asked what is the scope and purpose of a Pastoral Visit, I would reply that it should inspire us ultimately to pray more devoutly and frequently, to believe more accurately and firmly, and to serve others more generously and effectively. It should emphasise that we must live more genuinely Christian lives of prayer, faith and action. It should stress the need for union with God and for a commitment to do His Will. Yet at the same time it reminds us that we have to build in love a better world for the human family, to be witnesses to Christ at the very heart of the community of mankind.

The Holy Father comes to Britain also as a pilgrim of Christian Unity. His Visit will encourage the continuing work of the Churches to achieve the goal of unity. It is undoubtedly a major priority and preoccupation as he embarks on his Visit.

Cardinal Gray and I, together with the two Archbishops, have been deeply moved by the dramatic gesture of Pope John Paul in calling us to share with the Argentine Cardinals in the Mass for Peace in St. Peter's. Although our nations were in conflict, we prayed together for the peace of Christ. In our joint response to the Holy Father's sermon we acknowledged our

"warm human relationships, brotherhood and common membership of the Body of Christ". We recognised that the Pope was calling us all to personal conversion and to conversion of society. We pledged ourselves "to be witnesses of peace and reconciliation". In this spirit we in Britain welcome the Holy Father for the first time. His Visit, planned at a time of peace, will now take place when our nation is in conflict with another. We are saddened and troubled at the increasing loss of young lives in the conflict. At every stage of the dispute we must strive and pray for a peaceful way of ending the war with justice and honour. The Holy Father said in our concelebrated Mass: "Peace is a duty and it is also possible". He went on to speak words which have become only too tragically true for so many families in these past weeks: "It is impossible not to flinch in terror at the prospects of destruction and death contained in any war today, even if it is waged with the weapons that are called conventional but have been endowed by modern technology with deadly power to devastate and exterminate".

Pope John Paul comes to our country as a man of God and an apostle of peace. He goes later to Argentina with the same priority for peace. From his words and his witness I hope that both nations will find fresh inspiration and encouragement in the search for a peaceful solution to the conflict between us.

Inevitably this Visit will have echoes and an atmosphere different from other Visits. It has always been seen as an historic event, an attempt at reconciliation. In the present circumstances it may be perhaps more sober and reflective than Visits to other countries. Although pastoral, it cannot be divorced from the events which involve our nation; it cannot be entirely other-worldly. Catholics will welcome, however, the thoughtful gesture of Her Majesty's Government. In order to avoid the introduction of political issues and to emphasise the pastoral nature of the Pope's Visit, British ministers, at the suggestion of the Government, will not be officially involved in the programme of the Visit.

The way, then, now seems clear for an event of a deeply religious and spiritual nature. For the six days of the Visit, I trust we can pray together with the Pope for the real needs of our people.

The best and ultimately the only criterion for judging the success of this Visit will be to ask ourselves when it is all over. Have we been helped to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength and with all our mind - and our neighbour as ourselves? That and that alone really matters.

May 26th 1982

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John
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cc Sir M Palliser

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From the Principal Private Secretary

26 May 1982

Dear Brian,

THE POPE'S VISIT

Thank you for your letter of 26 May 1982 about advice to be given to Cardinal Hume about the points which the Pope should or should not make in any public statement about the Falklands while he is in this country.

As I told you earlier this afternoon, I have consulted the Prime Minister, and she is content for Antony Acland to write to Cardinal Hume in the terms of the draft attached to your letter.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Michael Palliser.

Yours ever,

John Major

Brian Fall Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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London SW1A 2AH

26 May 1982

Dear Clive,

The Pope's Visit

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As I mentioned in paragraphs 5 and 8 of my letter to you last night, we have been considering what advice to give Cardinal Hume about the points which the Pope might make, and those which he should avoid, in any public statement on the Falklands while he is in this country.

Unless you see objection, we would propose to write to Cardinal Hume later today in the terms of the attached draft.

I am copying this letter to Sir Michael Palliser.

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'B J P Fall'.

(B J P Fall)
Private Secretary

C A Whitmore Esq
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CARDINAL HUME

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SUBJECT:

When we met on 24 May we discussed what the Pope might say in public about the Falklands crisis. Michael Palliser and I promised to let you have a note of points which the Pope might make in any public statement and those which he should avoid.

I confirm our immediate reaction that it would be best if the Pope could avoid specific references to what is happening in the military action over the Falklands and stick instead to general principles: the need for peace, freedom and a just and lasting solution to the problem in the South Atlantic with the avoidance of suffering, bloodshed and the loss of life. I attach a form of words on which you might like to build.

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What I would also strongly advise against is any specific references to withdrawals or ceasefires, since these would need to be heavily qualified to be satisfactory to the British Government. There could also be additional complications if the situation had changed on the ground between the drafting of the speech and its delivery. Similarly we would advise against any direct appeal which would run the risk of requiring a prompt response from the Government, particularly since to emphasise the essentially pastoral nature of the visit, there will be no ministerial involvement in the programme. You will realise too that any specific endorsement of activity at the United Nations could prove awkward if at the time we had found it necessary to veto a Security Council Resolution.

I know that these points are already very much in your mind, and I only set them out, since that is what you asked.

You are all aware of the depth of my anguish at the present conflict in the South Atlantic, a conflict which has already resulted in such tragic loss of life on both sides. As I speak young men are giving their lives in the service of their countries. The Christian Church cannot remain indifferent to suffering wherever it takes place and in whatever form. I have on many occasions made known to you my deep anxiety of the horrors of war and all that it entails. I appeal now to all Christians, on both sides of the Atlantic, to join with me in my prayers for a speedy, just and lasting solution not only to the conflict in which your country is at this very moment engaged, but also to those conflicts in other parts of the world which prevent man from living in the spirit of peace and liberty.



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Sir M Palliser
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Mr Catford

From the Principal Private Secretary

25 May 1982

Dear John,

VISIT OF THE POPE

Following the Cabinet's discussion this morning on the forthcoming visit of the Pope the Prime Minister spoke to the Archbishop of Canterbury on the telephone.

She said that when doubt had been raised some days ago about whether the Falklands situation would allow the Pope to go ahead with his visit to this country, Ministers had authorised our Ambassador to the Vatican to make it clear that if it would help the Pope to carry out the visit, they were ready to take no official part in his programme. This had seemed to be the most helpful thing that the Government could do to ensure that the visit was not cancelled. By the beginning of this week we had still not heard whether the Vatican were going to accept this offer, and so Sir Michael Palliser saw Cardinal Hume to inquire what response Ministers could expect from Rome. The Cardinal had said that he expected the visit to go ahead and that the Government's offer had been of considerable help in this respect. The latest position was that the visit would now take place. Archbishop Worlock had said as much on his return from Rome the previous day, and she understood that Cardinal Hume proposed to issue a press statement to that effect later that day. We expected his press announcement to include the following paragraph about the decision that Ministers should not be involved in the Pope's programme:-

"One of the factors which has influenced our recommendation that the visit should go ahead was the suggestion on the part of the British Government that in order to avoid the introduction of political issues and to emphasise the pastoral nature of the visit British Ministers should not be officially involved in the programme. We have welcomed this suggestion since we believe that it is indeed right to concentrate on the pastoral character of the visit and the programme has been adjusted accordingly".

The Prime Minister said that this decision meant that no Ministers would attend the service to be held in Canterbury Cathedral on Saturday 29 May. She knew what a disappointment this would be for Dr Runcie. Nonetheless, the Prince of Wales would still attend the service, and she was encouraging the Speaker, who had sought her advice, to be present on the grounds that he did not occupy a political office in the same sense that Ministers did. There would be no change in the arrangements for the Pope to pay a courtesy call upon The Queen on Friday 28 May. She repeated that she knew how disappointed the Archbishop would be to have no Ministers present at the service at Canterbury but she was sure that he would understand.

Dr Runcie said that he did indeed understand why the Government had taken the view that it had, though he had hoped that attending the service in Canterbury Cathedral would not be regarded as the same as meeting the Pope. He was glad that it would still be possible for the Prince of Wales and the Speaker to be present. Would Members of Parliament be able to attend ?

The Prime Minister said that backbench MPs were not part of the Government and it would therefore be perfectly acceptable for them to go to the service. Nor would there be any inhibition placed on junior Ministers who were Roman Catholics, if they wished to attend the Canterbury service in a personal capacity. As regards other occasions in the Pope's programme such as the reception at Archbishop's House, members of the Cabinet would not attend these either. Nor would Ministers be present when the Pope arrived at Gatwick, Cardiff and Glasgow. She herself, for example, would not see the Pope at all during his time in Britain.

Dr Runcie thanked the Prime Minister for this clear explanation of the Government's approach. If he was asked by the media, he would say that he fully understood why the Government did not feel able to be represented at the service in Canterbury Cathedral, although he would mention that there was no reason why Ministers and other Members of Parliament should not be in the congregation in a personal capacity.

I am sending copies of this letter to Brian Fall (Foreign and Commonwealth Office) and David Wright (Cabinet Office). A copy also goes to Michael Palliser (Cabinet Office).

Yours sincerely,

John Halliday

John Halliday Esq.,
Home Office.

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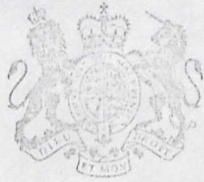
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From the Principal Private Secretary

25 May 1982

Dear Brian,

The Pope's Visit

Thank you for your letter of 24 May 1982 reporting the outcome of the call which Michael Palliser and Antony Acland paid on Cardinal Hume yesterday afternoon.

I showed this to the Prime Minister and as I told you on the telephone this morning, she was content with the suggested form of words for inclusion in the Cardinal's message to the Pope, subject to the end of the first sentence being changed to read ". . . and to emphasise the pastoral nature of your visit. British Ministers should not be officially involved in the programme".

I am sending copies of this letter to the recipients of yours.

Yours sincerely,

Shirley Williams

Brian Fall, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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25 May 1982

PAPAL VISIT

Thank you for your letter of 24 May. The Prime Minister has noted the enclosed assessment of the personal protection and public order aspects of the Pope's visit.

A. J. COLES

Colin Walters, Esq.,
Home Office.

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To note.

HOME OFFICE

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QUEEN ANNE'S GATE LONDON SW1H 9AT

cc. Mr. Coddford

24 MAY 1982

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h.a. M. L. S.

Dear David

PAPAL VISIT: PROPOSED RALLY IN TRAFALGAR SQUARE
ON 29TH MAY BY THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION SOCIETY

In my letter of 1st April about the use of Trafalgar Square on 17th April by the Grand Orange Lodge, I undertook in due course to offer advice on the application by the Protestant Reformation Society to your Secretary of State for permission to use the Square on Saturday 29th May for a rally likely to include protest about the Papal visit.

You may wish to know that the march and rally by the Grand Orange Lodge, which attracted about 3,500 supporters, were generally orderly. There were four arrests, for the use of threatening behaviour. The offences were committed during the march, not the rally.

It appears that the Society wish to hold the rally whether or not the Pope does actually come. I enclose a copy of an advertisement, from "The Daily Telegraph" of 21st May, in which the Society anticipate the cancellation of the visit, but seek support for a rally "as a great act of public repentance and reaffirmation of our faith". We know that the Society are pressing you for a decision on their application, and that cannot reasonably be deferred much longer.

As with the application from the Grand Orange Lodge, the Home Secretary's primary interest in that from the Protestant Reformation Society is in its implications for public order, and we have again consulted the Metropolitan Police and the Security Service.

The Home Secretary's advice is, again, that the interests of public order are likely to be better served if the Society are allowed to use Trafalgar Square.

The Metropolitan Police have been in touch with the organisers whom, unsurprisingly, they have found sober and responsible. The Society is a respectable, academic/religious body, with links with the Church of England. The organisers hope for the support of 10,000 people, but this may be over-optimistic, and will depend on the

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response to their publicity campaign and, possibly, on whether or not the Pope comes. The police do not expect the rally itself to be disorderly - it is unlikely to attract members of the Orange Order, who would not be made welcome - and at present there is no intelligence of planned opposition to the event.

There is the consideration that 29th May would be the second day of the Papal visit. His presence in England might give what is said at the rally more urgency and immediacy than if he is not here. But on the current programme, the Pope would spend the major part of the day out of central London, at Wimbledon, Canterbury and Wembley. He would return to Archbishop's House, Westminster, in the evening, but after the rally has ended.

It is difficult to assess what if any might be the impact on the rally of the combination of the Pope's presence in England and the Falklands crisis. But the general effect of the crisis on groups opposed to the visit has been to encourage restraint and responsibility, perhaps taking account of the public sense that if the Pope does come he will, whatever the Government or the Vatican say, at least tacitly be supporting the United Kingdom cause.

In the Home Secretary's view, both the immediate and wider interests of public order point to allowing the Society to use the Square. Whilst the police expect the rally to be orderly there is the consideration that, were permission to use the Square refused, the event could be held elsewhere in London, with at least some of the supporters made unco-operative and possibly aggressive by the refusal.

In the broader context, the major and most potentially disorderly demonstrations which might be made against the Pope would be likely elsewhere and later in the visit, in Merseyside and Scotland. Refusal of permission to use Trafalgar Square, portrayed as an attempt by the Government to stifle the legitimate expression of opposition to the visit, could add to the resentment and belligerence of those demonstrations. Permission to use the Square could be defended against criticism on the principle of freedom of expression within the law, and would be consistent with the Government's general public stance on the visit.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to the Prime Minister, the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary and the Secretaries for State for Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales.

Yours sincerely
C. J. Walters

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C. J. WALTERS

A TIME TO REPENT

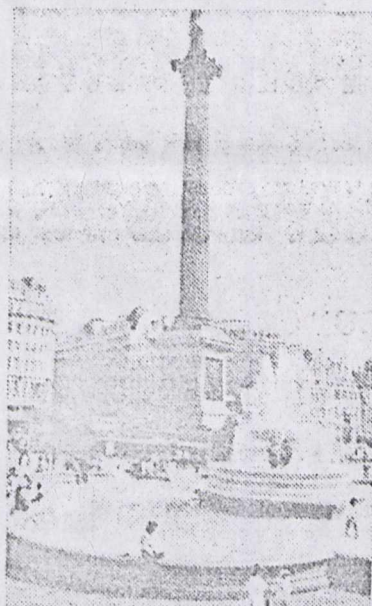
Crisis for Protestant Faith

THE NEXT few months will be crucial for the Protestant faith in this country. Cardinal Hume has declared that the situation in the churches could be significantly changed by September. Archbishop Runcie has declared his commitment to reunion with the Church of Rome. The recent proposals of ARCIC, urging the churches to unite under the universal primacy of the Bishop of Rome, all point in one direction—the growing dominance of the Church of Rome and the Papacy. Yet the Church of Rome has added many things to the plain teaching of the Bible which obscure the Gospel of God's free grace in Christ.

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This situation has come about primarily not because of the strength of the Church of Rome, but because of the weakness of Protestantism. The Protestant Churches, and particularly the Church of England, have forsaken the Word of God. They have neglected the righteousness of God and the sinfulness of man and the only remedy—justification by grace through faith alone, the doctrine which Luther declared is the article of a standing or falling church. To lose the preaching of the true Gospel is not a misfortune with which the churches can learn to live; it is a disaster from which they must perish.

We see the fruits of this neglect on every side. Our nation faces serious social and political problems, the root causes of which are moral and spiritual and derive not



from the disregard of religion in general, but from the absence of true religion—religion which gives the answer to man's deep hunger and need for peace with God.

RECOVERY

At all costs we must recover the true Gospel in the church. The only way to do this is to humble ourselves before God, to repent of indifference and false doctrine, and to commit ourselves afresh to the Protestant Reformation, its principles and teachings, in the life of our churches.

It is vital that every Protestant who recognises this, whatever his church affiliation, should join with us in this great act of public repentance and reaffirmation of our faith. We must begin here and we must begin now! Next year will be too late!

RALLY - SATURDAY MAY 29th - 3pm TRAFALGAR SQUARE



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In charge of the parishes of Sedgeford and Southmere (Norfolk), previously Rector of Morden and Rector of Poole. An exhibitor in Natural Sciences at Cambridge, for many years a Proctor in Convocation, and Chairman of the Protestant Reformation Society.



A CALL TO REPENTANCE

The Rev. Geoff Thomas, B.A., B.D.

Minister of Alfred Place Baptist Church, Aberystwyth, since 1965, having studied at Cardiff University and Westminster Theological Seminary, U.S.A. Consulting editor to *Grace* magazine, and assistant editor of *The Banner of Truth*.



NATIONAL APOSTASY

The Rev. David L. Wright, M.A., B.D.

Minister of the Old Parish Church, Hawick; a graduate of Aberdeen University, who has been 25 years in the ministry, and a well-known speaker. Chairman of the Reformed Fraternal within the Church of Scotland, and Vice-Chairman of the Scottish Reformation Society.



COMMITMENT TO REFORMATION

The Rev. David N. Samuel, M.A.

Rector of the Ravendale Group of parishes. His latest book is *Pope or Gospel*, published by Marshalls (£1.95); working on a major writing on the argument from design. General Secretary of the Protestant Reformation Society.

THIS RALLY IS A POSITIVE RE-AFFIRMATION OF THE PROTESTANT FAITH, AND WILL TAKE PLACE DESPITE THE CANCELLATION OF THE PROPOSED PAPAL VISIT

PROTESTANT REFORMATION SOCIETY

East Ravendale Rectory, Grimsby, DN37, 0RX, Tel. 0472 823154

From: THE PRIVATE SECRETARY

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24 May 1982

Prime Minister

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PAPAL VISIT

I attach for the Prime Minister's information an assessment of the personal protection and public order aspects of this visit. The police are taking all reasonable steps to ensure that the Pope is protected and to cope with demonstrations.

A copy of this letter and the enclosure go to the Private Secretary to the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs.

Love sincerely
C J WALTERS

C J WALTERS

C A Whitmore, Esq.

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PAPAL VISIT 28 MAY - 2 JUNE

There is no intelligence to suggest that the Pope will be the subject of violent personal attack whilst in this country. The main threat throughout the Pope's visit is to law and order.

2. The principal organisations likely to be involved in protest demonstrations are:

- i. the Orange Order
- ii. Revd Ian Paisley's supporters
- iii. other Northern Ireland loyalists
- iv. Scottish Loyalists
- v. Protestant Reformation Society
- vi. 'People's Opposition to Papal Edicts' (P.O.P.E.)

3. Several marches have been held throughout the country by the Orange Order. There is some militant feeling amongst members of the Orange Lodges who may cause public order problems particularly on Merseyside and in Scotland. The Grand Master of the Orange Lodge and other leading figures are adopting a low-key approach and no official protest has been organised during the Pope's visit.

4. Northern Ireland based paramilitary organisations show no interest in the visit. But there is some intelligence to suggest that separate groups within the UVF and UDA have been advising Scottish loyalists on techniques of violent disruption. The Revd Ian Paisley actively encourages opposition to the visit and there are some unsubstantiated reports of his supporters coming over to the mainland to swell opposition. Mr Paisley plans to preach in Liverpool on the day of the Papal visit there and will address a rally of some 1,000 people in Manchester three miles from Heaton Park. He has constantly stressed that any event organised by himself and his supporters will be peaceful.

5. The two main Scottish Loyalist paramilitary organisations, the UDA and UDV, appear to have no plans to mount protests against the visit. But there is intelligence to suggest that groups of individuals may make widespread protests. There is no intelligence of a threat to the Pope from other Scottish Loyalist organisations. The Scottish Constitutional Defence Committee, under the banner of the British

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Council of Protestant Christian Churches, plans to hold a rally in Glasgow on 22 May. A protest meeting is to be held in Edinburgh on 30 May by the Edinburgh Loyalist Coalition (the day before the Pope's arrival there) and a demonstration on the day itself. The Scottish Loyalists in Glasgow are organising a march on 1 June, which could give rise to public order problems.

6. A well-publicised protest rally is to be held in Trafalgar Square on 29 May by the Protestant Reformation Society which is an academic/religious body under the aegis of the Church of England. The rally may number up to 10,000 but is expected to be orderly.

7. P.O.P.E. is an umbrella organisation incorporating Women's Liberation, gay liberation and Secular Society members. Any demonstrations are expected to be small, local and non-violent.

8. Isolated incidents of protest in the weeks leading to the Pope's visit have caused some individuals to come to notice but none countenance any violence towards the Pope. There have also been two bomb hoaxes by individuals claiming to be part of a campaign by the Orange Action Committee.

9. The threat posed by the publicity-seeker, religious fanatic or mentally unbalanced person (illustrated by the incident at Fatima), while impossible to assess, cannot be overlooked.

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Prime Minister Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

24 May 1982

*Contact with the
Attorney General's office?*

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a minimum?*

Dear Clive,

The Pope's Visit

Michael Palliser and Antony Acland went this afternoon to see Cardinal Hume in order to clarify his attitude and that of the Catholic Bishops in this country to the involvement or non-involvement of Ministers in the Pope's programme, and to deal with other matters which were raised at the OD(SA) meeting on the morning of 24 May.

Cardinal Hume said that tomorrow he would be sending a telex to the Pope confirming that it was the view of the Catholic hierarchy in Britain that the visit should take place. This message would be published. He accepted that there could be a major disaster on one side or the other in the fighting over the Falkland Islands but this was a risk which had to be taken and the decision could not be further delayed.

The Cardinal said that the Prime Minister's suggestion to reduce Governmental involvement in the visit to a minimum in order to emphasise its pastoral nature had been very important - as had the Archbishop of Canterbury's telegram - in influencing the Pope himself (and the Argentine Cardinals) to look more favourably on the visit. The Catholic bishops agreed that Governmental involvement should be so limited. Michael Palliser and Antony Acland stressed that this must be made clear from the beginning so as to avoid press comment that the British Government were snubbing the Pope. After further discussion it was agreed, at the Cardinal's request, that we should send him a suitable passage on this point for inclusion in the message to the Pope.

It followed from the foregoing that Cardinal Hume agreed that the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary should not be present at Gatwick on the Pope's arrival nor should the Secretaries of State for Scotland and Wales be present on his arrival in Scotland and Wales respectively. There would of course be no meeting with the Prime Minister; nor would Ministers (except perhaps those who are Roman Catholics or were invited in some capacity other than their Ministerial ones) attend the Mass in Westminster Cathedral and the reception afterwards. The Cardinal greatly regretted this on a personal basis but accepted that it was unavoidable.

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It was also understood that the Prime Minister and the Home Secretary would not go to Canterbury Cathedral but that the involvement of the Prince of Wales would continue.

Michael Palliser and Antony Acland also emphasised the importance of what the Pope might say in public about the Falklands crisis. If he seemed to be straying into political comment, the Prime Minister might have to respond, although she greatly wished to avoid this. Cardinal Hume is very well aware of the danger but commented that in present circumstances it would be impossible for the Pope not to say something about his desire for peace and his wish for a just solution and for the avoidance of further bloodshed and suffering. The Cardinal hoped that he could stick absolutely to generalities and asked for suggestions on what the Pope might say and what themes should be avoided. He himself will do his best to monitor in advance the texts of the Pope's sermons or addresses.

There was some discussion about the presence of a representative of The Queen at Gatwick, on which Michael Palliser will have reported to you separately. It had already been agreed that in order to emphasise the pastoral nature of the visit the reception for the Diplomatic Corps would be cancelled.

I enclose a suggested form of words for inclusion in the Cardinal's message to the Pope. Cardinal Hume asked if this could reach him before lunch tomorrow (25 May) and commented that, while he would be most grateful for ideas on what he should say, he might have to adjust any text in order to fit it to the style of the rest of the message.

We will also be preparing points which the Pope might make or should avoid in any public statement.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Private Secretaries of the Members of OD(SA), to Robert Armstrong and to Michael Palliser.

*Yours ever,
B. J. P. Fall*

(B J P Fall)
Private Secretary

C A Whitmore Esq
10 Downing Street

SUGGESTED FORM OF WORDS FOR INCLUSION IN CARDINAL HUME'S
MESSAGE TO THE POPE

One of the factors which has influenced our
recommendation that your visit should go ahead was the
suggestion on the part of the British Government that
in order to avoid the introduction of political
issues and to emphasise the pastoral nature of your
visit ~~the involvement of~~ British Ministers ^{should not be officially} in the
programme ~~should be reduced to a minimum~~. We have
welcomed this suggestion since we believe that it is
indeed right to concentrate on the pastoral
character of the visit and the programme has been
adjusted accordingly.

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

21 May 1982

PAPAL VISIT

Thank you for your letter of 20 May.
The Prime Minister agrees with the line which
you propose that News Department should take.

A. J. COLES

Francis Richards, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

20 May 1982

Prime Minister

Content with this line?

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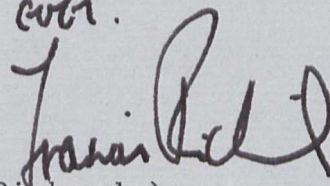
Dear John,

Thank you for your letter of 17 May about the Pope's visit to Britain. You will have seen FCO Telno 14 to the Holy See in which Sir M Heath was instructed to suggest to the Papal authorities a reduction in direct Government involvement in the Pope's visit. Assuming that the talks in New York on the Falklands break down very soon, it seems likely that the Pope will take an early decision to cancel or postpone his visit. We need a press line. Unless I hear from you to the contrary, News Department propose to take the following line on the record:

"The Pope's visit was to have been essentially pastoral and HMG's involvement in it, had it gone ahead, would have been a very minor element. It is not therefore appropriate for HMG to comment formally on His Holiness's decision to cancel/postpone his visit. Nevertheless, the Government have learned with great regret of his decision, which will cause much disappointment throughout the country."

We think it would be best to add nothing, not even unattributably, referring to the Falkland Islands.

Yours ever.


 (F N Richards)
 Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq
 10 Downing Street

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TELEGRAM NUMBER 14 OF 17 MAY

FROM PUS
YOUR TEL NO 23: PAPAL VISIT

1. IN CONSIDERING THE LIKELY PUBLIC REACTION TO A POSSIBLE CANCELLATION OF HIS VISIT BY THE POPE, MINISTERS ARE CONCERNED NOT ONLY THAT THIS MIGHT BE INTERPRETED BY THE BRITISH PUBLIC AND OTHERS AS A PRO-ARGENTINE GESTURE, BUT ALSO THAT THERE WOULD BE TREMENDOUS DISAPPOINTMENT IN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY AND MORE WIDELY.
2. PLEASE THEREFORE TELL THE HOLY SEE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND AT THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE LEVEL THAT, IF IT WOULD HELP THE POPE TO STAND BY HIS VISIT, HMG WOULD BE READY TO TREAT THE VISIT EVEN MORE THAN AT PRESENT ENVISAGED AS A PURELY PASTORAL EVENT AND THEREFORE TO REMOVE FROM THE PRESENT PROGRAMME MOST OR ALL ASPECTS OF GOVERNMENTAL INVOLVEMENT. IT MIGHT HELP FOR EXAMPLE IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES IF THE POPE WERE NOT MET AT THE AIRPORT BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE NOR THE GOVERNMENT REPRESENTED AT THE RECEPTION AT WESTMINSTER NOR AT CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL. THE MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER COULD BE CANCELLED, BUT EVEN IN THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES THE CALL ON THE QUEEN WOULD GO AHEAD. WE WOULD MAKE IT CLEAR PUBLICLY THAT IN OUR VIEW THERE WAS NO POLITICAL CONTENT TO THE VISIT.
3. YOU SHOULD SAY THAT THE DECISION WHETHER TO MAKE THE VISIT IS WELL UNDERSTOOD HERE TO BE ENTIRELY ONE FOR THE POPE. IF HE DOES NOT COME HOWEVER THERE WILL BE VERY GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT. SO MINISTERS VERY MUCH HOPE THAT THE POPE WILL STICK TO HIS PLANS. IF HE SO WISHED MINISTERS WOULD BE HAPPY TO MAINTAIN THE PROGRAMME AS ALREADY ARRANGED: THE SUGGESTION IN PARAGRAPH 2 ABOVE IS ONLY INTENDED AS A WAY OF HELPING THE POPE TO COME.
4. I HOPE THAT YOU CAN ACT ACCORDINGLY BEFORE THE ARCHBISHOPS

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OF LIVERPOOL AND GLASGOW CALL ON THE POPE AT 7 PM THIS EVENING. CARDINAL HUME, WHO WELCOMES THIS ACTION BY US, HAS EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SPEAK TO THEM FIRST.

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

17 May 1982

Dear Francis,

Papal Visit to Britain

Thank you for your letter of 13 May. As I told you on Saturday, the Prime Minister is content that the line which you propose should be taken with representatives of the Holy See about the possibility of the visit being cancelled. You are aware, however, that there was some discussion of this matter at OD/SA this morning and that it may be necessary to provide a more detailed line to take in the light of that discussion.

*Your ever
Francis*

Francis Richards Esq
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London SW1A 2AH

14 May 1982

Dear Catford,

The Pope's Visit

Thank you for your letter of 7 May.

We have written to Monsignor Brown seeking his views on arrangements for the meeting between the Prime Minister and the Pope and possibly with Cardinal Casaroli (please see copy of Eustace Gibbs's letter of 10 May attached), and shall get in touch with you when we receive his reply.

As regards your admission to the Reception, we have spoken to Monsignor Brown's staff who have promised to send you an admission ticket direct. Special Branch* will have a man posted on each door and have undertaken to see that the Detective selected for this engagement is allowed admission.

Yours ever,

(F N Richards)
Private Secretary

J R Catford Esq
10 Downing Street

John Holmes

** ~ * Name deleted and retained under Section 3(4).*

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18 October 2011*

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Apologies for omission.
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With the compliments of

FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE
LONDON, SW1A 2AH

10 May 1982

Monsignor R Brown
National Co-ordinator
Papal Visit to Britain
Archbishop's House
Westminster
London SW1

With the approach of the Pope's visit it may be useful if I set out our plans for contacts between Ministers and members of the Pope's entourage.

Firstly, I understand that the Prime Minister's office has already been in touch with you about a meeting between the Pope and the Prime Minister during the course of the reception at Archbishop's House on the evening of 29 May. We are very much at your disposal as to how this might best be arranged, but would ourselves envisage a short tête-à-tête meeting in a room set apart from the main reception. It may also be possible for the Prime Minister to have a few words afterwards with Cardinal Casaroli. I assume the arrangements are in hand.

Secondly, I understand that the Secretary of State would welcome a meeting with Cardinal Casaroli. It has been suggested that this meeting might conveniently be held on the special train on the morning of 28 May. Mr Pym will, as you know, meet the Pope on his arrival. He could perhaps have a discussion with Cardinal Casaroli on the return journey to Victoria. I should be grateful for your thoughts on the practicalities of this proposal.

We had also hoped to arrange for Cardinal Casaroli to meet the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland. Unfortunately this will not be possible as Mr Prior will be away from London at the time of the visit. We would however like to propose a meeting between Cardinal Casaroli and Lord Gowrie, Minister of State at the Northern Ireland Office. Would it be possible to arrange a meeting on the afternoon of the Pope's arrival? Cardinal Casaroli is, I understand, unlikely to be required to be present during the service for the sick at Southwark Cathedral. Subject to your views, we might therefore aim to arrange a meeting for 3.30 to 4.30 p m on 28 May.

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I should be grateful for your early comments on these ideas.

E H B Gibbs
Protocol and Conference Department

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

13 May 1982

Dear John,

Yes *ml*

Prime Minister
Content with X?

A.J.C. 13/5

Papal Visit to Britain

As you will have seen, on his return from a visit to Rome last night Cardinal Hume made a statement and was questioned by the press about the prospects for the Pope's visit. Today's press gives the strong impression, based on his replies to questions, that the Pope will cancel his visit to this country unless a ceasefire has come into force in the South Atlantic by the middle of next week.

I attach the comments of HM Ambassador to the Holy See on the Pope's real intentions. Our impression is that Cardinal Hume may, perhaps unwittingly, have over-dramatized the position. We have known for some time that the Pope is deeply concerned about the conflict between Britain and Argentina and has been under pressure from Argentine sources to cancel his visit. He nevertheless profoundly desires to visit this country. Cardinal Hume appears himself to have added the gloss, perhaps under pressure of questioning, that a ceasefire was a precondition for a visit.

We have so far refrained from putting any kind of pressure on the Vatican in connection with the visit. We have maintained consistently in all our dealings with the press that the visit is essentially pastoral in nature and the HMG's involvement is only incidental. We have nevertheless said in informal contacts with Vatican representatives that cancellation of the visit on account of the Falklands crisis would be regarded by public opinion in this country as having unmistakable political overtones, and that HMG would be bound to regret it. This is so obviously the truth that to say less to them would be transparently disingenuous.

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I should be grateful if you would now seek the Prime Minister's urgent agreement to our taking the following line as necessary with representatives of the Holy See:

/'We well understand

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'We well understand and respect the pastoral nature of the Pope's visit. But it has also been recognised from the outset as having a wider connotation. If it were to be cancelled at this very late stage for reasons connected with the situation in the South Atlantic, this could not fail to be seen in Britain as an event carrying political implications'.

Meanwhile we should decline any comment to the press on the record, beyond the familiar line that the Pope's visit is a pastoral one and as such a matter for him and the Roman Catholic hierarchy here.

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Francis Richards', written in a cursive style.

(F N Richards)
Private Secretary

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THE POPE'S VISIT

1. DURING CDL HUME'S BRIEF VISIT TO ROME HE GAVE ME AN HOUR YESTERDAY BETWEEN CALLS ON THE POPE. IN COURSE OF HIS FIRST TALK ON 10 MAY HUME HAD ARGUED STRONGLY WHAT A BAD EFFECT CANCELLATION OR POSTPONEMENT WOULD HAVE ON PUBLIC OPINION AND THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN BRITAIN. THE POPE PROPOSED A PAUSE FOR REFLECTION BEFORE A SECOND MEETING WHICH TOOK PLACE YESTERDAY.
2. I GAVE MR GLADSTONE THE GIST OF THE AGREED STATEMENT WHICH EMERGED FROM THE CDL'S SECOND MEETING WITH THE POPE. THE KERNEL OF THIS WAS A SENTENCE TO THE EFFECT THAT IF THE POPE'S PRAYERS AND HOPES FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT WERE NOT ANSWERED (AN 'AMELIORMENTO NETTO') AND IF ARMED CONFLICT WERE TO CONTINUE THEN THE VISIT WOULD BE 'RECONSIDERED'.
3. IN MY VIEW THE POPE IS AND HAS LONG BEEN VERY KEEN TO COME. BUT HE IS UNDER STRONG PRESSURE FROM THE LATIN AMERICANS, WHO REPRESENT ABOUT HALF CATHOLIC CHRISTENDOM IN NUMBERS. FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE CRISIS THE VATICAN HAS BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT THE DANGER OF ESCALATION AND THE POPE HAS MADE A NUMBER OF PUBLIC STATEMENTS TO THIS EFFECT. THEY ARE FULLY SIEZED OF OUR CASE THE JUSTICE AND LEGALITY OF WHICH THEY HAVE SHOWN NO DISPOSITION TO CONTEST. BUT LOSS OF LIFE, ON BOTH SIDES, AND THE DANGERS OF WIDER INVOLVEMENT ARE A SOURCE OF CONCERN.
4. CDL HUME TOLD ME THAT THE COST OF THE VISIT WAS SO GREAT THAT THE CHURCH COULD NOT AFFORD ANOTHER. THE BEST THEY COULD HOPE FOR MIGHT BE A ONE DAY VISIT IN, SAY, OCTOBER. THE POPE WILL REFER TO THE FALKLANDS WHEN HE IS AT FATIMA AND AGAIN AT NEXT SUNDAY'S ANGELUS. A DECISION ON WHETHER THE VISIT IS ON OR NOT WILL BE TAKEN BY 19 MAY. (THESE THREE POINTS HAVE NOT BEEN GIVEN TO THE PRESS).

5. THE CDL IS AWARE OF THE POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES FOR UK/VATICAN RELATIONS IF THE POPE DOES DECIDE TO POSTPONE THE VISIT, A POSSIBILITY HE HIMSELF CDL GRAY AND ARCHBISHOP WORLOCK HAVE BEEN RESISTING STRONGLY. I HAVE POINTED THIS ASPECT OUT TO VATICAN OFFICIALS ON A PERSONAL BASIS AND WOULD WELCOME INSTRUCTIONS TO DO SO FORMALLY. HITHERTO I HAVE BEEN CAREFUL TO UNDERLINE THE PASTORAL AND NON-OFFICIAL NATURE OF THE VISIT. THERE IS CLEARLY AN ELEMENT OF SQUEEZE IN THE POPE'S LINE BUT I SUSPECT THIS IS MAINLY TO ENABLE THE VATICAN TO ANSWER CRITICISM FROM THE CELAM BISHOPS SHOULD THE VISIT GO AHEAD WITHOUT SOME SOLUTION OF THE CRISIS IN SIGHT.

6. I THINK IT WOULD DO NO HARM TO TELL MGR HEIM THAT A DECISION TO POSTPONE OR CANCEL THE VISIT MIGHT BE TAKEN BY PUBLIC OPINION IN BRITAIN AS A POLITICAL COMMENT ON THE FALKLANDS ISSUE AND COULD FAN THAT VERY SUSPICION OF AND HOSTILITY TOWARDS CATHOLICISM THAT HAS TAKEN SO LONG TO SET AT REST.

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Vatican

7 May 1982

The Pope's Visit

Thank you for your letter of 5 May.

The Prime Minister was glad to hear that arrangements are proceeding for her private meeting with the Pope during the Reception at the house of the Archbishop of Westminster on 29 May. She is very willing for there to be a short meeting also with Cardinal Casaroli, as has been suggested, if the FCO feels this is appropriate.

As regards admission to the function, a formal invitation from Cardinal Hume to both the Prime Minister and Mr Denis Thatcher has already been received and was accepted on 28 April. (The invitation says that special admission tickets will be issued separately, though none have yet arrived.) Presumably I shall also need an invitation (or at least an admission ticket) as accompanying Private Secretary, and there will of course be a Detective as well. Can we leave you to kindly arrange this?

ROBIN CATEORD

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6 May 1982

Dear Gibbs

THE POPE'S VISIT

John King has passed to me the copy you sent him of your letter of 16 April to Colin Peterson at 10 Downing Street. I am replying because the Permanent Secretary's Division of the Welsh Office is responsible for co-ordinating our interest in the Pope's visit.

As indicated in Colin Peterson's letter of 15 March to F N Richards, the Secretary of State for Wales will represent the Government at the Pope's departure from Cardiff Wales Airport. The Secretary of State has also indicated that he will be present at the Pope's arrival at Cardiff Wales Airport on the morning of 2 June. We are planning on the basis that the Secretary of State will be accompanied by Mrs Edwards at both the arrival and departure ceremonies, and we understand from the organisers in Cardiff that all dignitaries to be presented to the Pope at the Airport will be accompanied by their spouses.

I am sending copies of this letter to J R Catford at 10 Downing Street, de Deney (Home Office) and Baird (Scottish Office).

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Yours sincerely
G. Owen

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PRIME MINISTER

THE PAPAL VISIT

Service at Canterbury Cathedral

Lambeth Palace are still fairly confident that the Pope's visit will not be cancelled, and it might now be timely if you could give further thought to whether you will go to the Canterbury service on Saturday, 29 May (10.30 a.m.). (You have seen the Archbishop of Canterbury's personal letter of 15 April, written after he called on you.) The Cathedral will not be publishing a guest list until shortly before the event, but they are expecting the attendance of the Prince of Wales to be announced sooner than that, probably next week. (He is not taking a part in the service, as had at one time been suggested.) The Lord Chancellor and the Home Secretary have accepted invitations, but this is not yet public knowledge.

The form of the ecumenical service "a Celebration of Faith" (draft attached) was announced last week. It aroused no controversy and received favourable mention in The Times as embodying symbolism which transcends any differences between the Churches. It is certainly no Papal progress and contains sizeable elements of the Anglican Baptism service. It will be led by the Archbishop and the Dean, with Free Church ministers as well as clergy from the Catholic and Orthodox churches also taking part. The use of candles will be confined to an act of homage when church leaders will place candles in a 7-branched candlestick before enlarged photographs of 20th century martyrs (including Bonhoeffer, Luther King and Archbishop Luwum).

/If you decided

Arrangements in hand of J.S.

with Jo + D.T. mb.

If you decided to go there will be little or no chance for you to meet the Pope. Mr Thatcher has been included in the invitation.

Cardinal's Reception in London

FCO are in process of confirming arrangements for your private meeting with the Pope during the Reception at the Archbishop of Westminster's house, on Saturday, 29 May (evening). Cardinal Casaroli, the Cardinal Secretary of State, would also welcome a short discussion with you immediately following your meeting with the Pope.

Are you content for these arrangements to proceed, and to be accompanied (if at all) by a Private Secretary? (Our Ambassador to the Holy See will be a guest at the Reception, but FCO are not asking for him to be in attendance on you.)

Yes no,

DL

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"A CELEBRATION OF FAITH"

Outline of the Papal Service

The following order has been welcomed by the Pope's personal representative, Bishop Torrella, and approved in detail by the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury Cathedral. The Litany of Intercession is in course of composition and more work needs to be done on the Processional Order and the rubrics, but in essence this is the final form of the Service.

(The Archbishop and the Pope arrive in the Green Court. They are welcomed to the Deanery by the Very Reverend the Dean and Mrs de Waal. In the Deanery, the Archbishop and Pope will don cope and mitre for the procession through the Precincts.)

The Bells ring

THE PROCESSIONS:

The first procession, comprising:

The Choirs

The Guardians of the Canterbury Gospels

The Officers of the Synod

and the Bishops

will robe in the Crypt. There will, however, be a large number of people in the Precincts who might be glad to see a procession including the above, who would issue from the door by the Dean's Steps and go round the East end of the Cathedral before entering the Great West Door.

The second main procession will include:

Anglican Primates

Oecumenical figures

and the Chapter, followed by

the Archbishop and the Pope

(There will be a selection of hymns for the congregation to sing during the period of waiting)

At the West Door, the Chapter face and acknowledge the Archbishop and the Pope.

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ENTRY AND TRIUMPHAL FANFARE

The Choirs, from their position on the Pulpitum Steps, sing an ANTHEM: Exultet jam angelica - Giovanni Gabrieli

When the Archbishop and the Pope reach the Nave Altar, they put off their mitres and kneel for silent prayer

The Archbishop concludes the period of silent prayer by leading the congregation in the Lord's Prayer

Pope and Archbishop rise

ARCHBISHOP: "Your Holiness, beloved Brother in Christ, in the name of the Lord we greet you"

OMNES: "In the name of the Lord, we greet you"

The Archbishop and Pope embrace

Applause, followed by a HYMN: All people that on earth do dwell

The Archbishop's introductory ADDRESS:

"The present moment is full of pain for so many in the world: for the hungry, for the downtrodden, for Your Holiness's own countrymen in Poland. But, for Christians, the present waits to be transformed by the power that comes from remembering our beginnings and by the power which comes from our lively hope for the future.

We remember our beginnings, when Our Lord walked this earth. We remember the gift of the Holy Spirit at the first Pentecost and the sending out of the Apostles to carry the faith of Jesus Christ to the furthest ends of the earth. We remember the time when the Church in this place was established by a great Pope, Gregory, sending the monk Augustine who became the first Archbishop of Canterbury.

We shall celebrate and rehearse our beginnings in this service by reaffirming the vows made at the font, the beginning of Christian life, and by saying together the Creed, which was defined in the period before our unhappy divisions.

Our common vision for the future will be expressed in the Chapel of the Martyrs of the 20th Century. We believe, even in a world like ours which exalts and applauds self-interest and derides self-sacrifice that "the blood of the martyrs shall create the holy places". We

are convinced that, even in the places of horror in our own century - Auschwitz, Ravensbruck and the rest - nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus Our Lord.

But first, let us remember the foundation of the Church in Canterbury; let us remember with thanksgiving Augustine, first Archbishop, and Gregory the Great, Pope and Bishop of Rome. Let us remember the first mission, sent to reclaim a Europe in which the faith of Christ had been overwhelmed by barbarism."

The Dean gives thanks for the founding and the history of the Church in Canterbury and leads the congregation in the COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Choirs lead the way into the Quire, singing appropriate PROCESSIONAL PSALMS (121 and 122) to Anglican Chant

The Chapter, the Archbishop and Pope follow. The Procession moves through the Screen to the Quire Altar. The Canterbury Gospels are taken from St Augustine's Chair so that the Archbishop and Pope may reverence them as they arrive at the Altar.

The Archbishop then reads the EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians
12: 4-13

The Pope then reads the GOSPEL: John XVII: 20-26

PRAYERS, led by the Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council, the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, the Archbishop of York and the Archbishop of Thyateira

HYMN: Pray that Jerusalem may have Peace and Felicity

The PAPAL ALLOCUTION, which will conclude with the Pope saying: "Let us now together renew the promises made in our baptism, affirming our allegiance to Christ and our rejection of all that is evil

Do you turn to Christ?"

OMNES: "I turn to Christ"

ARCHBISHOP: "Do you repent of your sins?"

OMNES: "I repent of my sins"

MODERATOR: "Do you renounce evil?"

OMNES: "I renounce evil"

ARCHBISHOP: "Let us now proclaim our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed

ARCHBISHOP: Do you believe and trust in God the Father, who made the world?"

OMNES: "I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth"

POPE: "Do you believe and trust in his Son, Jesus Christ, who redeemed mankind?"

OMNES: "I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son Our Lord ..." (and the rest of the second paragraph of the Apostles' Creed)

MODERATOR: "Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God?"

OMNES: "I believe in the Holy Spirit ..." (and so to the end of the Creed)

POPE, ARCHBISHOP AND MODERATOR: "This is the faith of the Church"

OMNES: "This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit"

POPE: "The peace of the Lord be always with you"

OMNES: "And with thy spirit"

The Archbishop then introduces the Pope to the Primate of the Anglican Communion, gathered round the Altar, and then to the oecumenical figures while the Primate salute the Roman Catholic delegation

(Gospel side)

PRIMATES

OECUMENICALS

(Epistle side)

R.C. DELEGATION

(The Choirs will sing a Te Deum, while the Peace is being exchanged, while the candle-bearers are assembling and while the procession to the Chapel of the Martyrs takes place. If there is a gap, a meditative organ interlude might be introduced after the Te Deum)

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The seven candle-bearers assemble. They process to the Chapel of the Twentieth Century Martyrs

In the Chapel, there are seven enlarged photographs of seven selected martyrs; on the altar, a seven-branched candlestick

ARCHBISHOP: "We thank thee, Lord, for thy mercies of blood, for thy redemption by blood
For the blood of thy martyrs and saints
Shall enrich the earth, shall create
the holy places
From such ground springs that which
forever renews the earth,
Though it is forever denied"

The Pope steps forward and says the name of Maximilian Kolbe, Polish martyr, and the place and the date of his martyrdom. He then places his candle in the candlestick. All the candle-bearers follow suit and there is then a moment of silence. (The suggested pairings of candle-bearers and martyrs is as follows:

Maria Skobtsova - Metropolitan Antony

Dietrich Bonhoeffer - Moderator of the FCFC
(or David Russell, or
Morris West)

Martin Luther King - *Pastor Esma Beswick*

Janani Luwum - Archbishop Wani

Oscar Romero - Archbishop of Canterbury

Lucian Tapiedi - Lay Anglican from East Asia)

The Pope reads the COLLECT:

"Almighty God, you have knit together your elect into one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son. Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints and martyrs in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ Our Lord.
AMEN."

HYMN: "For all the saints"

The Pope and the Archbishop return, past the High Altar, to the Nave. At the Pulpitum, they give a BLESSING together and then pass into the Martyrdom. They kneel together in prayer at the place of the martyrdom. An antiphon in honour of St Thomas is sung by a section of the Choir, remaining on the Pulpitum Steps

The Archbishop and the Pope alone leave through the Cloisters

The door closes

With the Compliments of

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The Hon E H B Gibbs
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Foreign and Commonwealth Office
LONDON
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5 May 1982

Dear Gibbs,

THE POPE'S VISIT

I am sorry it has taken us some time to respond to the copy letter of 16 April which you sent me about the role of Sir Mark Heath, Ambassador to the Holy See, during the Pope's visit. We spoke about this and I am writing to confirm what I said.

We have now been able to consult our Secretary of State about the Ambassador's presence when the Pope arrives at Turnhouse, Edinburgh. Mr Younger's own view is that it is not at all necessary for the Ambassador to be present but, of course, if Sir Mark himself wishes to come the Secretary of State would be happy to have him there. As an extension to this, I think it would be reasonable to say that if the FCO see advantage from their or the Ambassador's point of view in his being present the Secretary of State would be perfectly content that he should be there. I should however stress that the Secretary of State will be doing no more than formally greeting the Pope on his arrival in Scotland. My understanding is that, once the Pope has met the welcoming party, which will include the Scottish Roman Catholic bishops and others, he will retire to a side room for a period of rest, at which point the Secretary of State will depart.

I am told that wives will not be included in the welcoming party. The Secretary of State's wife will therefore not be present officially; but the RAF Station Commander at Turnhouse will entertain her to tea before the Pope's arrival and will include her with one or two other wives in a special enclosure from which she can see the arrival. She will therefore be present unofficially but will not be in the party that meets the Pope.

I hope this gives you the information you need from us. If it is decided that Sir Mark Heath should come to Scotland, you will no doubt let us know whether he would wish us to make any arrangements for accommodation or transport for him and presumably you will provide details about when and where he will arrive. May we take it also that if he has in mind to make any other contact with the Pope's entourage, or to attend any function, during the Scottish part of the visit - my Secretary of State will not be at any engagement apart from the arrival and departure - he will either undertake the necessary arrangements at his own hand or will let us know in good time for consultation with the Roman Catholic authorities here. The appropriate contact in the Scottish Office for matters of this kind is Miss Rosemary Johnston, Room 6/96, New St Andrew's House, St James Centre, Edinburgh EH1 3SX; telephone 031 556 8400, Ext. 5892.

Seen by Robin Catford.

I am sending copies of this letter to the recipients of yours and to Miss Johnston.

*Yours sincerely,
W Baird*

W BAIRD



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Foreign and Commonwealth Office
London SW1A 2AH

5 May 1982

Dear Catford,

The Pope's Visit

Thank you for your letter of 15 March setting out the Prime Minister's wishes in respect of Ministerial involvement in the Pope's visit.

We have now told Monsignor Brown that the Prime Minister wishes to meet the Pope during the reception at Archbishop's House on 29 May. We note from your letter of 22 April that no one other than yourself will be present at that meeting.

The Ambassador to the Holy See has reported that Cardinal Casaroli, the Cardinal Secretary of State, would welcome a short discussion with the Prime Minister immediately following her meeting with the Pope. Could you please let me know the Prime Minister's wishes in this respect before we look into this possibility?

Yours ever,

(F N Richards)
Private Secretary

"a Private Secretary" is
what I wrote!

Robin Catford Esq
10 Downing Street

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The Times 1 May 1982

Pope and archbishop to 'enthroned' gospels in Canterbury Cathedral

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

The Caterbury Gospels, said to have been given to St Augustine by Pope Gregory in the sixth century, are to be "enthroned" on the Chair of St Augustine by Pope John Paul II and the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, as the central symbolic act of the Pope's visit to Canterbury Cathedral next month.

The ceremonial placing of the gospels on the throne used by the Archbishops of Caterbury has been chosen as a symbol of the historic occasion for two reasons. It represents the original link between Caterbury and Rome—it was Gregory who commissioned Augustine to

lead a mission to England—and also the supreme authority of scripture in the church. The latter symbol refers to one of the central issues sof the Reformation and subsequent Catholic-Protestant controversy, but which is now virtually resolved.

While the Roman Catholic church has moved away from the doctrine that church tradition sometimes took precedence over scripture, the Church of England has generally raised its estimation of the significance of tradition. Recent theological discussion between the churches found no conflict between the two positions.

Both the Pope and the

Archbishop are to address the congregation, which will include members of the General Synod of the Church of England, primates of churches of the Anglican Communion, members of the Free Church Federal Council, and Roman Catholic leaders. It will be the first time a pope has delivered an address in an Anglican cathedral.

The Pope and the Archbishop will also make two acts of homage, one at the Martyrs' Chapel and one at the point where Thomas Becket was murdered. The entire congregation will also join in the recitation of baptismal vows and of the Apostles' Creed.

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Robinson

22 April 1982

The Pope's Visit

This is in response to your letter of 16 April to my predecessor, Colin Peterson, who has now moved to other duties in Whitehall.

I am glad of the opportunity to comment on the draft letter to Mark Heath, our Ambassador to the Holy See, about his role during the Papal visit to this country at the end of May. I am broadly content with what you propose saying, and would certainly want to emphasise the need to exclude from the arrangements any elements likely to enhance the appearance, as some have claimed, of this being a State visit under another guise. As you know, the Prime Minister attaches great importance to avoiding this - so far as the Pope's personality, and certain aspects of the programme, make it possible to do so.

For this reason, she has not wanted Ministerial attendance at the different functions, such as the Canterbury Cathedral Service, to exceed the bounds of courtesy and hospitality rightfully due to a world religious leader. The same thinking obviously applies, as I know you recognise, to senior officials and diplomats.

As regards the Prime Minister's own private audience with the Pope, mentioned in paragraph 6(f) of the draft and to which you draw particular attention, I feel sure that if she is to be accompanied the Prime Minister would want this to be simply by a Private Secretary. Nearer the time I would, in fact, like to be in touch with you again on points of detail regarding the Cardinal's Reception; but so far as the present letter to Mark Heath is concerned it would, I think, be right to make it clear that his own presence as a guest at the Reception would be independent of the Prime Minister's meeting with the Pope.

Copies of this go also to the recipients of yours.

ROBIN CATEFORD

The Honourable Eustace Gibbs,
Protocol and Conference Department.

PRIME MINISTER

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cc: Mr Whitmore

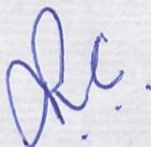
Service in Canterbury Cathedral,

29 May

You will like to see the Archbishop's letter (attached) - and to know of his personal support over the Falklands issue - although it requires no action at present.

The Archbishop is not due back from Lagos until 3 May, and is not expecting an early decision on your possible attendance at Canterbury. (A formal printed invitation has also now arrived from the Dean and Chapter, replies requested by 30 April.)

I will therefore submit further advice, towards the end of the month, in the light of prevailing circumstances. (Lambeth Palace have also promised me sight of the Order of Service by then.)



19 April 1982

① Mr. Wintour ^{19/4}

② Mr. ~~Colford~~ Note attached. ^{19/4}

Lambeth Palace, SE1 7JU.

15th April 1982

③ Prime Minister.

Dear Prime Minister,

I would like to thank you for the time and attention which you gave me last week amidst so many other pressures.

You have been daily in my prayers over Easter and I will continue in that support with affection and respect.

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Yours very sincerely
+ Robert Carter.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

TXH 026/493/1

16 April 1982

C V Peterson Esq
10 Downing Street

Dear Peterson,

THE POPE'S VISIT

I enclose the draft of a letter which I propose to send to Mark Heath, our Ambassador to the Holy See, in response to his request for advice on his own role during the Pope's Visit to this country. I should welcome any comments you may have, particularly on para. 6(f). I do not know whether the Prime Minister will wish to be accompanied by an official during her meetings with the Pope and, perhaps, Cardinal Casaroli. If she does, she will perhaps prefer to take a member of her own staff. Alternatively our Ambassador could accompany her.

5. I am copying this letter to ^{W.} Beard (Scottish Office) and King (Welsh Office), and should be grateful to have confirmation in due course that their respective Secretaries of State will be meeting the Pope on his arrival in their respective territories. If so, I should be glad to know whether their wives will also be present. This might have a bearing on whether Mark Heath, whose presence will, I assume, be required in any case, should be accompanied by Lady Heath.

A copy of this letter also goes for information to de Deney (Home Office).

*Yours sincerely,
Eustace Gibbs*

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Protocol and Conference Department

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Holy See

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SUBJECT: THE POPE'S VISIT

.....In Confidence

CAVEAT.....

You wrote to Roger du Boulay on 19 March about your attendance in the United Kingdom during the period of the Pope's Visit. The arrangements are only now starting to become clear. Our own plans are based on Draft Itinerary No. 39, of which I enclose a copy.

2. First, we agree that you should return to this country for the duration of the Visit, arriving a day or two in advance. We also agree that, if you can arrange it, you may return on the Papal aircraft. We recognise that the journey would be likely to give you the opportunity for useful informal discussion with the Pope on the way.

3. As far as the Visit itself is concerned, the Cardinal has throughout insisted on its pastoral nature - so much so that it was not without effort that he was persuaded that The Queen's Representative should go down to Gatwick to meet the Pope. No British officials will be attached to the Papal

/entourage,

Enclosures—flag(s).....

entourage, and it would, I think, be inappropriate for you to travel round with that party. It is as you know important to distinguish it as far as possible from a State Visit; your attendance at various functions must therefore be handled with some discretion. There will, of course, be a number of official occasions, of which the most important will be the first arrival and the final departure, when we should like you to be present as part of the official team, or in attendance on a British Minister. Otherwise it will be largely a question of remaining 'available if needed', though as you will see from the details below, I think you will find your programme reasonably full, bearing in mind the time you will need to travel from one 'arrival' to the next.

4. Your wife, I regret, presents rather more of a problem. We shall be seeking tickets for her to join you for the Mass in Westminster Cathedral and the Cardinal's Reception, as well as the function in Canterbury Cathedral. Apart from these, I do not think that wives as such will normally be involved in the official functions.

5. Turning now to the individual functions in the programme in which we have an official interest, or at which your attendance might be desirable, I have the following comments:-

/(a)

(a) Friday 28 May:Arrival at Gatwick

You will certainly be needed as part of the official welcoming party. If that party travels back to Victoria on the special train, there will be an opportunity to meet members of the Papal entourage.

(b) Friday 28 May:Mass at Westminster Cathedral

This is not an official occasion, and the choice of guests is very much for the Cardinal and the Bishops themselves. Nevertheless it will be a 'national' occasion, and we shall therefore be telling Cardinal Hume of your presence in the country and seeking tickets for your wife and yourself.

(c) Friday 28 May:Buckingham Palace

The arrangements, which I understand can now be regarded as definite, are that the Pope should be received by The Queen at 2.40 pm, having finally decided against accepting an invitation to luncheon. Although the Pope will arrive at the Palace with a number of his entourage (who will be going on with him to his next engagement), he would be

/unaccompanied

unaccompanied for his Audience with Her Majesty. There is, therefore, no question of your being required on this occasion.

(d) Friday 28 May:

Ministerial Discussions

If any Ministerial discussions are arranged, eg with Cardinal Casaroli over Northern Ireland, it is possible that your presence may be required, though at the moment nothing has been fixed.

(e) Saturday 29 May:

Canterbury

Again this is not an official occasion, though its importance is obvious and some Ministers will be accepting invitations to attend. We shall be telling Lambeth Palace of your presence in the country and seeking invitations for your wife and yourself.

(f) Saturday 29 May:

Cardinal's Reception

Again we shall be seeking tickets for your wife and yourself. It is likely that at Archbishop's House the Prime Minister will have a Private Audience with the Pope, and that she may subsequently meet Cardinal Casaroli.

/(g)

(g) Monday 31 May:Arrival at Turnhouse, Edinburgh

The Pope will be met by the Secretary of State for Scotland, who wishes you to be present.

(h) Wednesday 2 June:Arrival at Cardiff

The Pope will be met by the Secretary of State for Wales, who also wishes you to be present.

(i) Wednesday 2 June:Departure from Cardiff

As the final departure from the United Kingdom this will be a major official occasion, though in a distinctly lower key from the arrival. You would form part of the official party.

① Mr. W. ...

② Mr. ~~Colford~~ Note attached. P.L. 11/4

Lambeth Palace, SE1 7JU.

15th April 1982

③ Prime Minister.

Still in P.M.'s
Box - J.P.
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+ Robert Carter.

Cut in Pope's visit to Canterbury

The Pope's plans to visit Canterbury Cathedral were thrown into confusion yesterday after an unexpected trip to Britain by the Pope's bodyguard, Archbishop Paul Marcinkus.

The Archbishop told local police that for "security and tiredness" reasons the Pope would not make a ceremonial entrance through the cathedral's Great West door and that his time for talks with British church leaders had been more than halved.

The visit is arranged for Saturday, May 29, the second day of the Pope's pastoral visit to Britain. Thousands are expected to pack the historic city and cathedral precincts. But if the archbishop's amendments are accepted, comparatively few people will see the Pope as he slips into the cathedral through the North "back door" for a service and leaves afterwards through the cloisters.

But some may see the subdued arrival as due to the Vatican's reluctance to admit that the Pope is at the cathedral — founded by St Augustine, a missionary from Rome, as a guest albeit an honoured one.

Leaders of Britain's other churches who have been preparing for many months for what they hoped would be significant discussions with the Pope at the only important ecumenical gathering during his trip will be bitterly disappointed. The 25 minutes now allowed will permit only pleasantries.

The archbishop, a former American footballer, who disarmed a man trying to attack Pope Paul VI with a knife in Manila some years ago, surprised everyone by his announcement.

Neither Cardinal Hume nor the Archbishop knew of the changes yesterday.

The Rev Christopher Hill, the assistant to the Archbishop of Canterbury for Ecumenical Affairs, said last night that he did not wish to exaggerate the significance of Archbishop Marcinkus's statement. "I am certain that Pope John Paul does not intend to insult British church leaders by a mere handshake when they have been led to expect serious discussion", he said.

NOTE FOR THE RECORDPapal Visit : Service at Canterbury

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day when she was under much stress. I seized on this to say that clearly the Prime Minister would want time to reflect before reaching a final decision, and although she had been impressed by the points he had made she nonetheless still had reservations about attending.

As the event is still more than seven weeks away the Archbishop is not now expecting an immediate decision. I checked with him that it was not the intention to announce a guest-list for some time. He added that the Prince of Wales' intention to be there had not yet been made public.

AK

6 April 1982

PRIME MINISTER

Papal Visit: Service at Canterbury

You are seeing the Archbishop of Canterbury on Monday, 5 April, about his personal letter (attached) urging you to re-consider your decision not to attend the ecumenical service at Canterbury Cathedral on the morning of Saturday, 29 May.

His main points are that this is the sole occasion during the Papal visit when the Pope will be received by the Church of England, that it should be seen as a national and not merely an ecclesiastical event, and that your presence is desirable to demonstrate Government support for the Established Church. The Archbishop is unhappy that your only meeting with the Pope should be under the auspices of the Roman Catholic Church.

The arrangements which you agreed with the Foreign Secretary on 15 March were that Lord Carrington should be at Gatwick to represent the Government when the Pope arrives, and that the Lord Chancellor and the Home Secretary should attend the service at Canterbury. (The Prince of Wales will also be at the service.) The Secretaries of State for Scotland and Wales will be meeting the Pope during his visit to their respective territories.

We understand that your opportunity for any conversation with the Pope would be extremely limited at Canterbury, whereas Cardinal Hume has arranged for you to have a private tête-à-tête during the Reception at his house on the Saturday evening. In reality this is obviously much the better option, but the Archbishop is clearly concerned about the presentational aspects.

You have no other public engagements during Saturday, 29 May, which could be used as a reason for not going to Canterbury, but to make the journey would unfortunately take a large slice out of the day.

2 April 1982

ARC.



CONFIDENTIAL

HOME OFFICE
QUEEN ANNE'S GATE
LONDON SW1H 9AT

1 April 1982

Dear David

MS

Anne Devine

A.J.C. 4/4

Mr. Cottrell

WA 5/4

PAPAL VISIT: PROPOSED PROTEST MEETINGS IN TRAFALGAR SQUARE

Your officials have sought the advice of ours on an application by the Grand Orange Lodge to your Secretary of State for permission to use Trafalgar Square on 17 April for a meeting in protest at the forthcoming Papal visit. In view of the controversy surrounding the visit and the careful public scrutiny of decisions which may be seen as indicating the Government's attitude to it, the Home Secretary has considered this personally.

The Home Secretary's primary interest in this is in the implications of the decision on the application for public order, and we have consulted the Metropolitan Police (including the Special Branch) and the Security Service. Our officials have also been in touch with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Northern Ireland Office.

The Home Secretary's advice is that the interests of public order are likely to be better served if the Grand Orange Lodge are allowed to use the Square. They were refused permission to use it in 1973, but that was because they intended to demonstrate support for the Loyalist cause in Northern Ireland. There was and remains a ban on meetings on Irish matters in the Square. We understand that there is no direct Northern Irish connotation to the meeting sought on 17 April, and that the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland is content to leave the question of permission for it to his colleagues.

The Metropolitan Police have met the organisers of the meeting. It would be preceded by a march, and followed by the presentation of a petition at No. 10 Downing Street and the laying of a wreath at the Cenotaph. The march and meeting might attract some 5,000 supporters, accompanied by bands. The police expect that the meeting would be orderly. The Home Secretary considers that both the immediate and the wider interests of public order point to allowing the use of the Square. The police believe that, were permission refused, the event would simply be held elsewhere in London, and that refusal might well put the supporters in a more militant frame of mind, making them less amenable to police control, on the march as well as at a meeting.

Refusal of permission to use Trafalgar Square could be portrayed as an attempt by the Government to stifle the legitimate expression of opposition to the Papal visit. That could be more awkward to deal with than criticism of permission to use the Square, which could be defended on the principle of freedom of speech. Refusal might create a sense of grievance which would add to the public order problems during the visit itself.

The Home Secretary appreciates that a decision to allow the Grand Orange Lodge to use Trafalgar Square could be cited as a precedent by the Protestant Reformation Society, which has applied for permission to hold a meeting, again in protest against the Pope's visit, on 29 May, the second day of the visit. It is at present too early for the police to assess the public order implications of that proposed meeting. We will offer advice on that application nearer the time.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to the Prime Minister, the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary and the Secretaries of State for Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales.

Yours sincerely
C. J. Walters

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D. A. Edmonds, Esq.



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Prime Minister

Are you ready to
see the Archbishop?

Lambeth Palace, SE1 7JU.

March 24th

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25/3/82

Yes not

Dear Prime Minister,

I hope you
will forgive a private and
strictly confidential letter as a
result of an exchange between
a member of your staff and
mine on the question of your
attendance at Canterbury on
May 29th for the Papal visit
there.

I recognize the difficulties and
sensitivities but for that very
reason wonder if I could question

The wisdom of your meeting
the Pope only in the context
of a party at the Cardinal's
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It is obvious that some
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will be an indication of whether
the Church of England has simply
become one of a number of
competing sects and of no more
significance to the Government than
the Roman Catholic Church.

May I say that I should
value an opportunity to discuss
the issues privately with you if
you were able to spare half

an hour (I promise no more!)
in the course of the next week
or so

Yours very sincerely

+ Robert Cantrow



Prime Minister to see *Vatican* *19/3*

Mr. Whitmore
Mr. Cole
19/3
MS

SCOTTISH OFFICE
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The Rt Hon Lord Carrington KCMG MC
Foreign and Commonwealth Office
Downing Street
London SW1

Copy to
PS/SHHD
PS/Mr Rifkind
PS/US of S
Miss Johnston
(MGSS)

19 March 1982

Dear Foreign Secretary,

I have seen your Private Secretary's letter of 4 March to No 10 about the Pope's visit.

You should know that I am very concerned about the possible disruption of the Pope's visit to Scotland. There are clear indications of serious and dangerous manifestations of sectarian hatred; and if these manage to disrupt the Pope's visit, a great deal of work over many years by police, social workers, the churches, etc. to keep down the temperature in the West of Scotland will have been largely frustrated. Within the Church of Scotland itself there is a good deal of criticism of the extent to which what was planned as a pastoral visit is beginning to look like a State visit. There will probably be some criticism of my announced decision to meet the Pope when he arrives in Scotland. I am satisfied that, if I were not to do so, I would be guilty of, and criticised for, discourtesy; but the impression I have from some Church of Scotland sources is that the Government is regarded as giving too much prominence to the visit. The recent changes in diplomatic status have no doubt gone down well with Scottish Catholics: views within the Church of Scotland are, to say the least, mixed.

Against this background I feel I must tell you of my concern at the proposal that the Prince of Wales should attend the service at Canterbury Cathedral. I realise that this is essentially a Church of England service, that the Prince has a special association with the Cathedral and that The Queen is the Head of the Church; and my own personal inclinations are all in favour of symbols and gestures which will break down the barriers between denominations. I am sure, however, that there will be considerable criticism in Scotland of the Prince of Wales's presence at the service.

Our Permanent Secretaries have been in touch about the delicate matter of whether and where the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland will meet the Pope when he is in Scotland; and I understand that further discussions between Cardinal Gray and the Church of Scotland authorities are likely to produce a solution. I very much hope they do, because if no such meeting were to take place

because no agreement could be reached on its place and form, animosity between Protestants and Catholics, particularly in parts of the West of Scotland, would almost certainly increase.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, the Lord Chancellor, the Home Secretary and the Secretary of State for Wales.

Very sincerely

A. M. Kinnear

18 MAR 1955

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Approved by the Secretary of State
and signed in his absence



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16 March 1982

I am writing to confirm my message yesterday, that the Prime Minister would not be able to accept an invitation to the service at Canterbury Cathedral on Saturday 29 May.

She is sorry about this, and most grateful to the Archbishop for his readiness to invite her.

The Prime Minister will be meeting the Pope for a private conversation during the Reception which is being held at Archbishop's House, Westminster on the evening of 29 May.

G. W. PETERSON

The Right Reverend Ross Hook, M.C.

The Pope's Visit

The Prime Minister discussed today with the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary the arrangements for Ministers in connection with the Pope's visit, as described in the FCO letter of 4 March.

The Prime Minister agreed that Lord Carrington should meet the Pope at Gatwick on behalf of the Government (rather than the Lord Chancellor, whose presence at Gatwick would be out of the ordinary).

The Prime Minister said that she did not propose to attend the service at Canterbury Cathedral on 29 May, and Lord Carrington said that he would not be doing so either. It was noted that both the Lord Chancellor and the Home Secretary planned to attend, and this seemed a good Government "presence".

The Prime Minister said that her one worry over not going to Canterbury Cathedral was any suggestion which could arise that she was snubbing the Pope; there might not be any pictures of her and the Pope together, because the Roman Catholic authorities seemed to be making difficulties about photographs of them both together at the Reception to be held at Cardinal Hume's house on the evening of 29 May. Mr Whitmore felt that we could continue to work away on this, to secure photographs if possible.

The Prime Minister agreed Lord Carrington's proposals for the involvement of the Secretaries of State for Wales and Scotland.

Lord Carrington said that he felt it would be most injudicious for any member of the Royal Family or senior Government Minister who attended the Canterbury Cathedral service to take part in the lighting of candles in the Cathedral's Chapel of 20th Century Martyrs; the Prime Minister agreed.

Lord Carrington asked whether protocol required Cardinal Casaroli to call on him at some stage during the Papal visit.

(N.B. I have telephoned Lambeth Palace (Bishop Hook) today, to

/let them

Duke of Norfolk will greet him on behalf of The Queen.

Sir Cannydd Traherne, hd.-wr. of Glamorgan will bid Pope farewell in Cardiff, on behalf of The Queen.

let them know that the Prime Minister would not be able to accept a formal invitation from the Archbishop to the Canterbury Cathedral service.)

CVP.

15 March 1982

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closed, 40 years.

PRIME MINISTER

THE POPE'S VISIT

Cardinal Hume is anxious that when the Pope goes to call on The Queen, he should travel in an open car and approach the Palace down The Mall. This, plainly, is because he wants to give as many of the public as possible an opportunity of seeing the Pope and to invest the occasion of the Pope's call on The Queen with as much ceremony as possible.

The Police are also in favour of the Pope using The Mall to go to the Palace. There are quicker routes from Archbishop's House to the Palace but these would take the Pope through narrower streets than The Mall and would thus increase the security risk.

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Wayland
18 October 2011

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15 March 1982

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Secretary for Appointments

15 March 1982

subject

John Richards,

The Pope's Visit

The Prime Minister and the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary discussed today the arrangements for the involvement of Ministers in the Pope's visit, as set out in your letter of 4 March to John Coles.

The Prime Minister agreed that Lord Carrington should be the senior Minister to welcome the Pope on behalf of the Government on his arrival at Gatwick Airport. The Prime Minister agreed that the main arrival ceremony should take place at Gatwick, and not at Victoria Station.

The Prime Minister agrees that the Secretary of State for Wales should represent the Government at the Pope's departure from Cardiff. She also agrees that the Secretary of State for Scotland should be present when the Pope arrives in Scotland, and also on his departure from Scotland.

The Prime Minister does not plan to attend the ecumenical service in Canterbury Cathedral on Saturday 29 May, and Lord Carrington said that he would also not be attending. The Prime Minister is aware that the Lord Chancellor and the Home Secretary have it in mind to attend, and is entirely content. The Prime Minister agrees with Lord Carrington's view that it would be unwise for a member of the Royal Family or a senior Government Minister to take part in the proposed lighting of candles during the Canterbury Cathedral service.

The Prime Minister is content with the plan for her to have a tete-a-tete meeting with the Pope during the Reception at Archbishop's House on the evening of Saturday 29 May. The hierarchy have been informed of this (du Boulay's letter to Monsignor Brown of 8 December 1981), but I would be grateful if the Foreign and Commonwealth Office would confirm this, together with the other arrangements for Ministers which the Prime Minister has approved, to Monsignor Brown or whoever is the appropriate contact. (I imagine that it is no particular concern to the Roman Catholic authorities to know which Ministers will be at the Canterbury Cathedral service, as the invitations to that occasion are clearly the responsibility of the Archbishop of Canterbury.)

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I am sending copies of this letter to the recipients of yours.

Yours sincerely,
C. M. P. H. H. H.

F.N. Richards, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.



10 DOWNING STREET

PRIME MINISTER

The Pope's Visit

Papers attached for your
talk with the Foreign Secretary
on Monday morning.

CVP

12 March 1982



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8th March, 1982

Francis Richards Esq.,
Private Secretary to
The Right Honourable
The Secretary of State for
Foreign & Commonwealth Affairs,
Foreign & Commonwealth Office,
London, SW1.

Mr. Peterson

*MR 8.
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The Pope's Visit

Thank you for copying to me your letter of 4th March to John Coles. I have discussed with the Lord Chancellor the question whether he or Lord Carrington should meet the Pope at Gatwick, and he entirely agrees that any departure from normal practice would be unfortunate, and that Lord Carrington rather than he should therefore undertake this duty.

I am sending a copy of this letter to John Coles, and likewise to Colin Peterson at No. 10, since he and I have also discussed this question.

- TPM
- Copy destroyed.
J.

M.H. Collon

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MR INGHAM

MR COLES

PRIME MINISTER

*It would help you in not going to
Canterbury to build up the meeting
at Cardinal Home, novel as something more
substantial than a mere courtesy chat*

*I will have word
with Lord Carrington.*

mb.

The Pope's Visit

A letter is attached setting out the Foreign Secretary's recommendations about the involvement of Ministers at various moments during the Pope's visit. The Pope arrives at Gatwick on the morning of Friday 28 May, and leaves from Cardiff on the afternoon of Wednesday 2 June.

It has been finally agreed that the Pope will call on The Queen on the afternoon of Friday 28 May.

We also have outstanding the Archbishop of Canterbury's informal enquiry whether the Prime Minister would like an invitation to the Canterbury Cathedral service on Saturday 29 May.

Lord Carrington believes his recommendations strike the right balance between too much and too little Government involvement in the visit.

The recommendations are:-

The Pope should be met at Gatwick by Lord Carrington. Certainly, it seems right that there should be a senior Minister there. The choice lies between Lord Carrington and the Lord Chancellor who was, I know, ready to do this if you wanted him. Lord Carrington suggests that he would be the most "usual" senior Minister to do this.

/Agree

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Agree Lord Carrington?

Departure from Cardiff

Agree Secretary of State for Wales?

Scotland

Agree Secretary of State for Scotland both on the Pope's arrival and his departure?

Your meeting with the Pope

This is all arranged, during the reception at Cardinal Hume's house in the evening of Saturday 29 May. (The hierarchy have been informed: Mr du Boulay to Monsignor Brown 8 December 1981, but it might be no bad thing to write again from here as the organisation of this visit has been pretty chaotic.)

Canterbury

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Wayland

18 October 2011

Lambeth Palace tell me that Mr Foot and Mr Healey will be at Canterbury, as will Mrs Shirley Williams. They do not yet know about Mr Steel. Among senior Cabinet Ministers, the Lord Chancellor and the Home Secretary plan to go. Lord Carrington has not decided, but may well not go.

The Canterbury service will get enormous publicity. In favour of going is the interest of the occasion, the courtesy to the Pope and

/the Archbishop

the Archbishop, and the "can you afford not to be there?" argument. Against going is the time involved, the fact that you will be seeing the Pope later that day and the risk, once again, of the visit becoming too much like a State visit.

When you considered this earlier you were disposed not to go to Canterbury; and that would remain my advice.

CVP

5 March 1982



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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London SW1A 2AH

4 March 1982

Dear John,

The Pope's Visit

Now that the itinerary for the Pope's visit looks as though it is approaching finality, the time has come for decisions on the points in which the Government is concerned. Although we understand that the Pope has not yet formally approved the programme submitted to him, it is expected that he will do so, and we understand that the outline is as published in the Roman Catholic Press last week. A copy is attached.

The Hierarchy, in response to The Queen's invitation for the Pope to take family luncheon at the Palace, have proposed to the Palace that His Holiness should call on The Queen between 2.40 and 3.15 pm on the afternoon of Friday 28 May. Her Majesty has now agreed to do this.

ARRIVAL ARRANGEMENTS

The question by whom and where the Pope should be greeted on behalf of The Queen on arrival and by whom he should be seen off has not yet been settled. * ~ ~ ~ ~ *

The Prime Minister's decision is needed as to where and by whom the Pope should be greeted on behalf of the Government. As to location, the Pope will first set foot in the United Kingdom at Gatwick Airport. He will then be taken by special train to Victoria Station. Sir Paul Wright, who has been put in charge of arrival arrangements on behalf of the Hierarchy, appears to be thinking in terms of the main ceremonial welcome taking place at Victoria Station. This would of course be more convenient for Ministers. But it would give substance to the criticism, widely, voiced in Protestant and Free Church circles, that the visit is taking on more and more of the trappings of a State Visit. Lord Carrington's view therefore is that the main arrival ceremony should take place at the airport, as it does for all visits by Heads of State other than State Visits. Similar

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C.W. Dayland, 18 October 2011

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/considerations



considerations apply to the question of who should meet the Pope: Lord Carrington believes that the most readily defensible arrangement would be for him to take this on himself. Anything else could be represented as unusual in the case of a non-State visit by a Head of State.

DEPARTURE ARRANGEMENTS

The final departure from the United Kingdom will be from Cardiff. Departures are customarily in a lower key than arrivals. There will be a big turn out of Bishops and no doubt a large crowd; *

* On this basis the Government could well be represented by the Secretary of State for Wales who is we understand likely to be in Wales for the visit, if a Ministerial presence were thought appropriate, or otherwise by the Secretary of State's Special Representative.

THE PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING WITH THE POPE

The Prime Minister has already agreed in principle that she would have a tete-a-tete meeting with the Pope during the course of the reception at Archbishop's House on Saturday 29 May, under arrangements which the Cardinal has outlined to No 10. I should be grateful for confirmation that the Prime Minister remains content with these arrangements and that the Hierarchy have been informed. You may like to see the forecast of the sort of guest list which Sir Peter Hope, on behalf of the Hierarchy, is currently working on.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES WITHIN THE UNITED KINGDOM

The Secretary of State for Scotland has, we understand, provisionally indicated that he would be ready to be present for the first arrival and probably also the final departure from Scotland if this fits in with the overall pattern of Government representation. The Welsh Office are, we understand, awaiting an indication of the Prime Minister's intentions in this area, before advising the Secretary of State, who stands ready to be involved both in the arrival and in the departure of the Pope if this seems appropriate. If the Pope is met on arrival in Britain by a senior Cabinet Minister, it would seem perfectly appropriate for the Secretaries of State to be present in Scotland and Wales. The Lords Lieutenant, not only in Scotland and Wales, but also in the English counties which the Pope will visit, have sought guidance from the Lord Chamberlain as to the role they should play. We understand that he is likely to indicate to them that they may be present, but as one of the local dignitaries and not in uniform representing The Queen (as for State Visits).

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SECURITY AND CROWD CONTROL

The Hierarchy are in direct touch with Scotland Yard about security and crowd control, particularly in London. A specific problem that has arisen relates to The Mall, which as the main approach to a Royal Palace comes within the interests of the Lord Chamberlain. The police expect a crowd of over two million people and therefore wish to direct the Pope's road journeys in London out of the narrow streets between Victoria Station and Westminster Cathedral and into areas like The Mall where the Pope could be seen in relative safety by a large crowd. The Hierarchy have accordingly sought our help in getting the Lord Chamberlain's approval for The Mall to be used. Here again the problem is to differentiate this visit from a State Visit. But this consideration has to be balanced against the need for adequate crowd control and is thus a matter in which the Home Office and the Department of the Environment are very much involved. We are discussing the request with them.

CANTERBURY

The Prince of Wales's Private Secretary has been in touch with the Archbishop of Canterbury for some months about the possibility of His Royal Highness being present at the ecumenical service in Canterbury Cathedral on Saturday 29 May. Mr Adeane has insisted on complete confidentiality until a decision has been taken and so far there has been no leak. The Archbishop of Canterbury has sent the Palace the Order of Service but it is not yet clear whether it has been agreed by the Holy See. The heart of the Service will be a procession to the Chapel of Twentieth Century Martyrs, where a number of representative figures will individually select a martyr, light a candle for him and say a prayer. The Archbishop has asked if the Prince of Wales would be one of the representative figures; we understand that he may also invite or have invited the participation of a Government Minister in the same capacity.

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18 October 2011*

Lord Carrington believes that it is important to strike the right balance between too much and too little Governmental involvement in the Pope's visit. He considers that the recommendations above strike this balance and hopes the Prime Minister will agree. I should be grateful if you would let me have the Prime Minister's views in due course.

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I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to the Lord Chancellor, the Home Secretary, the Secretaries of State for Scotland and Wales, Sir William Heseltine at Buckingham Palace, Lt Col Sir John Johnston at St James's Palace and Mr de Deney at the Home Office.

Yours ever.

Francis Richards

(F N Richards)
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq
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England's Papal schedule

FRIDAY, MAY 28

Early am:

Arrive Gatwick and welcome

Proceed to London by train

Arrive Victoria

Mid am:

National Mass Westminster
Cathedral concelebrated by the
Holy Father with all the bishops
of England and Wales

Blessing of People in the
Cathedral Piazza

Early pm:

Visit to Her Majesty the Queen,
Buckingham Palace

Visit to Southwark Roman
Catholic Cathedral — service for
sick, disabled and dying

Addresses Bishops' Conference
of England and Wales,
Westminster

Stays at Apostolic Nunciature,
Wimbledon

SATURDAY, MAY 29

Canterbury Visit. Service in
Canterbury Cathedral. Meeting
with Heads of Christian churches
(members of the British Council
of Churches)

Early pm:

Mass at Wembley Stadium

Pm:

Reception Archbishops House,
Westminster

Stays at Apostolic Nunciature

The Pope will also address,
separately, the Polish Com-
munity and Religious men and
women

SUNDAY, MAY 30

Early am: To Coventry

Mid am:

Mass, Coventry Airport

Mid pm:

Proceed to Liverpool

Late pm:

Stays Archbishops House,
Liverpool

MONDAY, MAY 31

Early am:

To Manchester

Mass, Heaton Park

Early pm:

To York

Ceremony at Knavesmire Race-
course

Mid pm:

To Edinburgh

TUESDAY, JUNE 1

All day

Scottish Programme

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

Early am:

To Wales

Am:

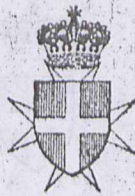
Mass at Pontcanna Fields,
Cardiff

Early pm:

National (England and Wales)
Youth Event at Nipian Park,
Cardiff

Pm:

Depart Cardiff Airport for
Rome



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Notes on a meeting at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Present: Sir Peter Hope
Mr. Adrian Turner ✓
Mr. Peter Drummond-Murray
The Hon. Diana Makgill

1. Reception in Archbishop's House

Sir Peter outlined the arrangements as follows.

Room 1: The Jews

Room 2: Heads of non-Catholic churches in this countries. This includes non-Christians.

Room 3: The Throne Room. Reception for those of civil significance such as Catholic peers, members of Parliament, etc.

Room 4: The Friends of the Cathedral and the Cathedral parish

Room 5: For religious orders and the clergy



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Reception at Archbishops House

Palace, Government, Opposition, Local Government etc.

Government

Leader, Deputy leader or representatives

Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs
Home Office
Scotland
Wales

Opposition

Leader & deputy leader of Labour and Liberal parties
(and ? S.D.P.)

Lord Lieutenant of London

Lord Mayor

Lord Mayor of Westminster,
Chairman of the G.L.C.
Commissioner of Police (see below)

Doyen of the Diplomatic Corps (~~Ambassador~~ of Mauritius and wife)

Pro-nuncio

Marshal and Vice-Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps.

There will be one or two others as the programme develops.

Below are listed Catholic Peers and commoners, leaders in civic, literary and journalistic world, Privy Councillors, holders of Papal and other Orders etc.

Not enclosed

We note that the already overlong list is short on Industry.

~~Mr Peterson~~ CVP.

Vatican

✓ We spoke.

You told me that the FCO were clearing their advice with Lord Longford who is allowed and that it should be with us in the next day or so.

Papal Visit

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MR WHITMORE

The arrangements for the Pope to call on The Queen on the afternoon of 28 May are now finally firm.

We shall have from the FCO today or tomorrow some recommendations about the visit generally, and this can go in the weekend box.

Separately, Bishop Hook has spoken to me today about the Canterbury Cathedral Service on the morning of Saturday, 29 May. He tells me that he has had acceptances from the Speaker, the Lord Chancellor and the Home Secretary, and Mr Foot and Mr Healey have also accepted. A response is awaited from the Foreign Secretary.

I said that we would let him know next week whether a formal invitation would be accepted ~~ed~~. Perhaps we ought to have a word about this, before the weekend advice is submitted.

CVP.

25 February 1982

The Pope's Canterbury visit

Complex compromise stills church storm

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Correspondent

The inter-church storm which seemed to be going to break over the Pope's visit to Canterbury Cathedral in May has been averted by the Archbishop of Canterbury's announcement of details of the ceremonies and meetings, although there are still clouds on the horizon. At one point there was private talk of a boycott of the Canterbury events, in protest at the arrangements.

A complicated compromise has emerged. Dr Robert Runcie, who as leader of the Anglican Communion is official host for the entire Canterbury programme, is to invite all the members of the Free Church Federal Council, but not the members of the General Assembly of the British Council of Churches. He is also inviting several primates of the Anglican Church from overseas, and the whole General Synod of the Church of England.

Behind this pattern of invitations lies much negotiation with interested parties, but some tension still exists. The British Council of Churches has excused itself from the event by indicating that its attendance would have been "inappropriate."

It is being said that some of the Anglican primates, disapproving of the occasion, did not want to be invited, while others felt more should be made of the Anglican Communion aspect, and less of the Church of England's particular role. On the Free Church side, there are apparently two views, one favouring a full turn-out and one inclined to be cooler. It is significant that Cardinal Hume has been invited to address the congress of the Free Church Federal Council in Newcastle next month by its moderator-elect, Dr Kenneth Greet, secretary of the Methodist Conference.

Dr Greet says he intends to be at Canterbury, and knows what he will say to the Pope during the planned "informal

discussion". Dr Runcie had made room on the programme of that day for such encounters, thereby reassuring some of the Free churchmen who had previously been expressing their misgivings. The secretary of the British Council of Churches, the Rev Philip Morgan, has already had discussions with Cardinal Hume, Dr Runcie, and Archbishop Cascardi Torrella, vice-president of the Secretariat for Christian Unity in Rome. Mr Morgan expressed himself "well satisfied" with the arrangements.

Meanwhile, Lord Carrington, the Foreign Secretary, is understood to have replied to the letter of criticism he received from Free Church leaders over the establishment of full diplomatic relations with the Holy See. The text was not released by the Foreign Office, but he is understood to have explained that diplomatic relations were a political matter rather than religious, and full relations with the Holy See were in Britain's diplomatic interests. Dr Greet, one of the signatories of the letter, said he would not take the matter further.

Two bishops of the Church of England have responded to misgivings in their church over the papal visit, with messages in their diocesan newsletters.

The Bishop of Guildford, the Rt Rev David Brown, stated that the "sincere and wholehearted welcome" he expected the Church of England to give the Pope should not be misinterpreted as acceptance of Roman Catholic teaching.

The Bishop of Chichester, the Rt Rev Eric Kemp, says in his diocesan newsletter that the papacy of today is quite different from that of the sixteenth and seventeenth century.

Prejudices from the past should be set aside.



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Monsignor Ralph Brown
The Papal visit to England and Wales
Central Co-ordinator's Office
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Dear Monsignor

Thank you very much for your letter of 15 February about the routes the Pope is likely to follow on Friday 28 May when driving through London. I note that you are now thinking in terms of proposing to the Palace that there should be a call on Her Majesty The Queen in the very early afternoon of the Friday, although I understand that nothing has yet been decided. I should be grateful if we could be told when the decision about the time of the call has been taken and agreed by the Palace, because it seems to me that nothing can finally be worked out about routes until the details of the call have been approved.

Subject to that, I note the problems which the police foresee about controlling the expected crowds, especially in the congested area around Westminster and Victoria Station. These are matters on which the Foreign and Commonwealth Office is not the only, or even the leading, Department interested, and I am therefore copying your letter to Mr Geoffrey de Deney in the Home Office who has undertaken also to consult his opposite number in the Department of the Environment which has responsibility for Royal Parks.

This letter is therefore to assure you that the problem you have raised is now receiving attention and that one or other of us as appropriate will be in touch with you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely
Roger du Boulay

R W H du Boulay
Protocol and Conference Department

cc:

G I de Deney Esq, Home Office (2 copies with ref letter)

bcc:
Lt Col Sir J Johnston KCVO MC
Sir William Heseltine KCVO CB
Colin Peterson Esq, 10 Downing Street
WED
Lord N Gordon Lennox

PRIME MINISTER

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The Pope's Visit and UK/Vatican Relations

The Pope will be here at the end of May. Last month's announcement of the upgrading of our diplomatic relations with the Vatican has triggered off some of the disquiet about the visit which has been lying not far below the surface. This has taken a number of forms; the leaders of the Free Churches wrote to the Foreign Secretary to protest about the decision (and the lack of consultation with them), arguing that what was described as a pastoral visit was beginning to take on political proportions. There were some Questions in the House, and there have been quite a number of letters of protest to you and the Foreign Secretary from individuals and from the various Protestant societies. Given the Government's stance that the upgrading was a diplomatic step, without constitutional and ecclesiastical implications, we have been asking the FCO to handle all of these. I am, however, submitting separately a letter to you from Mr Michael Morris MP, who says that several of his constituents have protested to him about the visit.

Lord Carrington has assured the Free Church leaders that the upgrading was an exclusively diplomatic matter, which the Government do not regard as having any religious significance at all. He said that his consultations had been confined to the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Moderator of the Church of Scotland in recognition of the special position of the two established Churches.

You may have seen that the Archbishop of Canterbury and Cardinal Hume, both obviously worried by the way things have been going, have

/been speaking

been speaking this week to try to allay some of the anxiety and to improve the atmosphere for the visit.

Much of this protest was to be expected. It has to be acknowledged that the Government's attempt to disassociate the upgrading from the visit did not wholly succeed. Some of the protesters, however, have simply been using the upgrading as a pretext for their dislike, often bigoted, of the Papacy. The ecumenical side of the visit does not look very promising, with the Free Churches restless and feeling threatened. Enthusiasm in the Church of England is limited to the Anglo-Catholic wing, although the Archbishop of Canterbury told me this week that he is reasonably happy with the agreed arrangements for the Pope's visit to Canterbury on Saturday 29 May. He said that he would be writing to invite you to Canterbury for the service - Mr Whitmore doubts whether you should go, but you may think that one senior Minister ought to be there for the Government.

I think this would be unwise

I am not well placed to judge how far the Catholics are looking forward to the visit. Quite a lot of them seem to have reservations, but no doubt they will turn out in force and affection when the time comes.

Mr Coles and I do not think there is any scope or need for the Government to change its stance towards the visit; the need to balance courtesy and warmth with caution not to be too forthcoming has not changed. Hopefully, the immediate flurry of protest caused by the upgrading will soon die down; and one can only hope that the

/Pope and

Pope and his officials will be sensitive about his visit to a country which, for them, has a very unusual Church history both past and present.

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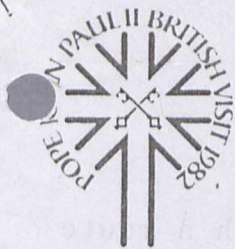
Prime Minister.

It is precisely because of the need to maintain the balance which Mr Pakenham talks of in his last paragraph above that I have reconsidered now your going to Canterbury for the same time. You will of course be attending the reception at Archbishop's House later the same day and, in effect, having an audience with the Pope on that occasion. I am inclined to think that that is enough, given that the visit is a pastoral one.

John

19 Feb

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The Papal visit to England and Wales

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15th February 1982

Dear Mr de Boulay

We have been considering the details of the Holy Father's itinerary next May together with Commander Cree at Scotland Yard.

One particular matter concerns two routes on Friday 28th May. As you know it is hoped that the Holy Father may be able to call upon Her Majesty the Queen on the first day of his visit here; and it would appear that the appropriate and possible time for this would be in the very early afternoon of the Friday.

The Holy Father would have been at Archbishop's House, Westminster; and would probably leave there at approximately 1415 hours. Commander Cree's considered advice is that the crowds will be very large. Consequently the matter of controlling the crowds actually concerns the Police to a high degree. In view of this, it is considered that the shortest and most direct route (Palace Street and Buckingham Palace Road) would not be adequate to spread out the people who are likely to be present. Hence, it is thought wiser and would assist the Police considerably if the route could be through the Royal Park by way either of Victoria Street and then Birdcage Walk; or better by Victoria Street, Approach Road, and the Mall.

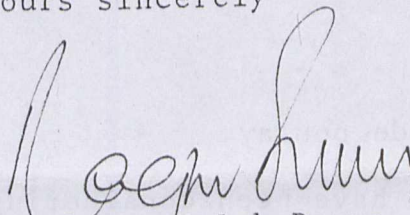
In addition since the plan is for the Holy Father to proceed from Buckingham Palace to Southwark Roman Catholic Cathedral, after the visit to the Palace the route would also have to be along Birdcage Walk or the Mall, and Great George Street towards Westminster Bridge.

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I am, of course, aware of the fact that such a route could only be followed with the permission of the Lord Chamberlain. Could I ask for your help here? Perhaps you would be so good as to let me know how to proceed in this matter.

I would be grateful for your help. With good wishes and kind regards,

Yours sincerely



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Mr Whitmore - ^{had}
to see ³ⁱⁿNOTE FOR THE RECORDVaticanThe Pope's Visit

I spoke to Michael Collon, the Lord Chancellor's Private Secretary, today about the tentative proposal that the Lord Chancellor might represent the Government at the Pope's arrival at Gatwick - wanting at least to make sure that Friday May 28 was kept clear in the Lord Chancellor's diary. I explained that this had not yet been considered by the Prime Minister, and indeed we were still waiting for definite confirmation of all the details of the Papal visit.

Mr Collon, who told me that the Lord Chancellor had an audience with the Pope when he was in Rome last autumn, thought that the Lord Chancellor would be most willing to do this if the Prime Minister wished. He later telephoned me to say that he had mentioned it to the Lord Chancellor, who would indeed be ready to go to Gatwick if the Prime Minister invited him to do so.

CVP

3 February 1982



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Dear du Boulay,

My Police Department colleagues tell me that they have sent you a copy of the minutes of a meeting held here on 18 December about the forthcoming Papal visit. As you will have observed, it was attended by representatives of those police forces in England and Wales whose areas are to be covered by the visit, by Mgr Brown and by representatives of the Ministry of Defence and of the Scottish Office. The main purpose of the meeting was to discuss in general terms the implications of the visit for the police, and it threw an interesting light on some of the details of the plans and of the problems which will be involved.

Mgr Brown's account of the arrangements for the Pope's reception on arrival at Gatwick Airport does not reflect our latest understanding of these and I take it that what he said then has since been overtaken.

It seems fairly clear that, as the plans crystallise further, other problems will emerge needing attention. It is also manifest that all concerned will need to keep closely in touch to try to prevent the possibility of any misunderstandings arising. To this end I should be glad to have further information about the arrangements which you are making in connection with the visit as and when these become more definitely settled.

Yours sincerely,

Anthony Hewitt

for (G I de DENEY)

cc Mr C Peterson (No.10)
Mr J Pilling (F4)

R WHITMORE

Mr Colby spoke to Mr Whitmore. I have heard about the Archbishop's
reputation.
To see
MJ Whitmore CVP. 24/12. This is a copy. The original has been extracted
and closed, 40 years.
Thank you.
On XI, we can control the future of the world when we get the FCO's

The Pope's Visit

Proposed. I think we had the meeting and to a good end.
I was on 7/12/81. *

I attended a meeting yesterday which Mr du Boulay of the FCO held with some of his officials and with Monsignor Brown, who is in charge under Cardinal Hume of the arrangements for the English part of the Pope's visit.

You may like to be aware of two things:

(1) Mr du Boulay gave Monsignor Brown a robust message

* with the comment that if this were not better handled a good opportunity could be missed. I doubt if poor Monsignor Brown can do very much about this, as the issue is now at Rome for a decision. According to du Boulay, the reason why Roman officials are making such heavy weather of this is a fear of precedent, ie, that on other overseas visits the Pope might, if he had lunched with one Head of State, find it difficult to refuse invitations which might be embarrassing.

(2) There was some discussion of the various points during the visit when the Government might wish to be represented, and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office will be putting forward proposals to us for the Prime Minister's decision. It now looks as if the Pope will arrive at Gatwick and go from there by rail to Victoria; the FCO recommendation will be for a senior Minister to be at Gatwick and to make a short speech of welcome on behalf of the Government. Perhaps, if he is willing, the Lord Chancellor might be a good choice for this?

The Home Office, who were at yesterday's meeting, continued to be worried about the timing of the announcement about up-grading diplomatic relations with the Vatican, *

* Nothing for us to do, I think, until the Foreign Secretary makes his recommendation about this.

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23 December 1981

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18 October 2011

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NOTE OF A MEETING ON 22 DECEMBER 1981 BETWEEN MONSIGNOR RALPH BROWN, NATIONAL COORDINATOR FOR THE POPE'S VISIT AND MEMBERS OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, THE HOME OFFICE AND THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE.

Present:

Mr R W H du Boulay - Protocol and Conference Department, FCO, (Chairman)

Monsignor R Brown - National Coordinator for Papal Visit

✓ Mr C V Peterson - Prime Minister's Office

Mr G I de Deney - Home Office

Lord N Gordon-Lennox - Information Dept, FCO

Mr J E Tyrer - Information Dept, FCO

Mr D A S Gladstone - Western European Department, FCO

Mr R P Osborne - Western European Department, FCO

Mr P K C Thomas - Republic of Ireland Dept, FCO

Mr G Copcutt - News Dept, FCO

Hon Diana Magkill - Protocol and Conference Dept, FCO

Mr A G L Turner - Protocol and Conference Dept, FCO

Mr D L S Coombe - Protocol and Conference Dept, FCO

1. The meeting had been called to enable as many as practicable of those officials involved in Governmental aspects of the Pope's visit (other than security) to meet Monsignor Brown and review the progress of arrangements for the visit.

PROGRAMME

2. The Chairman thanked Monsignor Brown for sending him the latest draft programme, which, though still tentative, had been put to the Pope for consideration. The meeting then discussed the following aspects:-

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18 October 2011*

b) Governmental involvement

Mr du Boulay identified four main areas of Governmental involvement in the visit:-

- No. i) First arrival in the United Kingdom - It was agreed that though the visit was pastoral it was also a major and historic occasion. Monsignor Brown said that after due consideration it was probable that the Pope would arrive at Gatwick Airport and entrain to Victoria Station. This would avoid problems of using helicopters to reach Central London and would allow large crowds to see the Pope, both at the airport and at Victoria, which was especially desirable since the proposal to hold an open air Mass at Richmond Park had been cancelled and was acceptable to British Airways and its police. The main reception for His Holiness would be at the airport where, after the Cardinal had conducted him from the aircraft, the Pope would be greeted by representatives of The Queen and of Her Majesty's Government (who would be decided nearer the time, probably in March, but Mr Peterson confirmed that the Prime Minister would not attend). It was thought that a Guard of Honour would be inappropriate for such an occasion. There would be a dais and a welcome speech, probably from Her Majesty's Government's representative, to which the Pope would respond.

The reception at Victoria would be of secondary importance. The Pope would be greeted by more Churchmen and London and Westminster civic dignitaries. From Victoria the Pope would drive to the Cathedral where the entrance would be lined by the vested Bishops.

Diplomatic Corps

The meeting then considered whether the Heads of all Missions in the United Kingdom and their spouses, or only the Doyen and his wife, should be invited to attend the Pope's arrival. It was felt that it would be enough for the Corps to be represented by the Doyen, for instance at the Reception on day 2 at the Archbishop's House. However it would be practicable to invite the whole Corps to attend the Gatwick arrival, occupying a stand, or to line the route out of Victoria Station. Monsignor Brown said he would give this matter further thought.

- ii) Final departure - Monsignor Brown said that this would be as big an event for the church as the arrival, though not

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of the same symbolic importance and all the Bishops would attend the Pope's departure from Cardiff. Mr du Boulay said that from the State's viewpoint however departures of VIPs from the United Kingdom were traditionally in a lower key than arrivals and he expected that the Pope would be seen off by Representatives of The Queen and of Her Majesty's Government.

iii) Meeting between the Pope and the Prime Minister

Mr Peterson said that Lord Hunt was in contact with the Cardinal about a meeting during day 2.

iv) Involvement of local and regional dignitaries during the Pope's progress through the United Kingdom

It was noted that the Lord Chamberlain's Office had received many queries and would be issuing advice direct or through Monsignor Brown. Some matters would have to be settled locally and the Home Office was ready to offer advice. The Scottish and Welsh Offices were expected to follow the lead of Whitehall.

c) Press

Monsignor Brown said that his Information Officer, Father Pat Olivier, would be in touch with Mr Bruce Hannaby, FCO in due course about press arrangements. Mr Donald Kerr had been engaged to manage the St James' Press Centre and satellite press centres would be set up at other events (two at Liverpool) are to be manned by someone familiar with the locality. Accreditation would be handled on a central basis in England and Wales and Scotland with the help of the police.

d) Further planning

Monsignor Brown said that the programme was virtually agreed except for the following:-

- i) involvement of the Polish community;
- ii) the family lunch with The Queen;
- iii) a possible lunch at Canterbury (where the question of a possible precedent arose);
- iv) ceremonial at the Anglican Cathedral in Liverpool

He added that Archbishop Marcinkus was currently discussing the programme with the Pope and was expected to return to the United Kingdom in mid-January with the agreed itinerary, which would then be circulated.

Protocol and Conference Department
FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE

31 December 1981

Vatican

NOTE FOR THE RECORD

Diplomatic Relations with the Vatican

When Bishop Hook was here yesterday talking with Mr Whitmore and myself, we raised the subject of the Pope's visit. Bishop Hook said that the planning for this was proving pretty sticky as far as the Church of England was concerned, with Roman Catholic officials from Rome making difficulties about the visit to Canterbury - whereas Cardinal Hume was being extremely helpful. Mr Whitmore said that this was exactly the Government's experience with regard to the secular side of this visit.

Bishop Hook said that Lambeth were getting quite a lot of letters of complaint about the visit, although most of these so far seemed to be part of an organised lobby rather than spontaneous. But it was surprising how quickly anti-Papal feeling could be aroused, and things would not be made any easier by certain developments envisaged for January (by which he of course meant the up-grading of the Vatican's representative in this country). Bishop Hook seemed to regard this as inevitable, and spoke more in sorrow than in anger.

CYP.

11 December 1981



administrative regions of England, would probably be a matter for the local authorities.

I look forward to discussing these matters further, and any others which may arise, on your return.

Yours sincerely
Roger du Boulay

R W H du Boulay
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Vatican

10 Downing Street
Whitehall

7 December 1981

You wrote to me on 4 November about the Pope's visit. I am sorry not to have replied before now but, as I mentioned, we have been in contact through Lord Hunt with the Catholic authorities about the arrangements; this took a little time, and it has only now been possible to report fully to the Prime Minister.

Her views are as follows.

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The Prime Minister has noted the latest information we have that, although Cardinal Hume and Archbishop Heim are still hoping for a lunch, it looks as if Vatican ideas of protocol will prevail and that the Pope will seek to meet The Queen by calling on her during the first afternoon of his visit. * ~~~~~ *

The Prime Minister is content with the plan that she should meet the Pope at the reception which is being given for him at Archbishop's House, Westminster, in the evening of Saturday, 29 May. We have been anxious, as you were, that it would in practice be difficult for the Prime Minister to have an adequate meeting with the Pope in the margins of a conventional reception. Lord Hunt, however, has now told us that the occasion will be rather different; the great majority of the guests will be in one large room and the Pope will process through them, blessing them and stopping for the occasional brief word. He will then go immediately to a smaller side room where he will see the Prime Minister alone for 15 or 20 minutes. Thereafter he will have similar separate meetings, but with groups such as representatives of other Churches.

The Prime Minister is content with an arrangement of this kind.

The Prime Minister has decided that she will not herself go to Gatwick to meet the Pope when he arrives. (This had been a possibility when we were looking at the arrangements some time ago.) I expect that you will be considering how the Government might be appropriately represented at Gatwick.

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R W H du Boulay Esq CMG CVO

18 October 2011

Mr Peterson.

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The former Minister accepts the arrangements for his reception which as they affect him. Can you shed any light on his comment

PRIME MINISTER

or the end of my remarks? I did not know she had been asked to go to London. JMS 4xii

THE POPE'S VISIT

When you saw Mr Peterson's minute below, which indicated that, * ~~~~~ *, the planning of the Pope's visit was going awry, you agreed that I should have a word with Lord Hunt in an attempt to get things back on the rails.

I have now had three conversations with him over the past two or three weeks. He took my point entirely that if the Pope's programme went ahead on the lines which the Catholic authorities appeared to be contemplating there was a real risk that he might be appearing to snub The Queen and to be giving his meeting with you a lesser priority than would be expected by the British public. Following my first conversation with him, he has spoken a number of times to his brother-in-law, the Cardinal. The present position, which he reported to me today, is that it now seems more probable that the Pope will seek to pay a formal call on The Queen rather than have lunch with her. Cardinal Hume has throughout been personally in favour of a lunch at the Palace rather than a call by the Pope, but Vatican officials have taken the line that the Pope and his predecessors have never been entertained to a meal by another head of state and that it would therefore be impossible for The Queen to give him lunch. There were indications a fortnight ago that the Pope would come down on the side of Cardinal Hume and of Archbishop Heim, who shares the Cardinal's views on this matter, and decide to ignore tradition. But Lord Hunt told me this morning that it now looks as though protocol will triumph and that although the Cardinal is still fighting hard for a lunch, the Pope will seek to meet The Queen by calling on her during the first afternoon of his visit.

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As regards your own involvement in the Pope's visit, the Cardinal has told Lord Hunt that because the Pope's programme

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is so very crowded, he would find it difficult to call on you at No 10 and that those planning the visit would find it very helpful if you would agree to meet him, as has already been suggested, at the reception which is being given for him at the Archbishop's House in the evening of Saturday 29 May. We had at first feared that it would in practice be very difficult for you to have an adequate meeting with the Pope in the margins of a conventional reception; but Lord Hunt has now established that the occasion will be rather different from an ordinary reception. What will happen is that the great majority of the guests will be in one large room, and the Pope will process through them, blessing them and stopping for the occasional brief word. He will then go immediately to a small side room where he will see you alone for fifteen or twenty minutes. Thereafter he will have similar separate meetings but with groups such as representatives of other churches.

I think that this arrangement should mean that your meeting with the Pope will be set up appropriately and will be given the right priority by the church authorities. May I say that you are content to go ahead on this basis? Earlier on you said that you would like to be at Gatwick airport when the Pope arrives. I have not taken the advice of the Home Office and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on this but I wonder whether it would be right for you to meet the Pope in this way. His visit is a wholly pastoral one, and he is not a guest of the Government. It is, I know, true that President Giscard went to meet him when he arrived in Paris, but France is of course a Catholic country (however nominally). Here, on the other hand, it might be misunderstood in some quarters if you not only called upon the Pope at Archbishop's House but went to the lengths of going all the way to Gatwick to meet him on arrival. Do you wish to pursue this idea? If you do, I will seek advice.

1 December 1981

JAW.

Not at all -

I was asked
to do it.!

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26 November 1981

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Dear Miller

PAPAL VISIT

I am replying to your letter of 22 September to Hayden Phillips about the appropriate response to requests for military assistance in making arrangements for the visit of the Pope to this country next year. I am sorry that you have not received an earlier reply. As I believe you know, we were waiting to receive new information about the visit which we understood would be forthcoming from the Roman Catholic Church authorities.

I understand that officers from a number of Army Districts have been invited to meetings around this time organised by people responsible for events during the visit who have requested various forms of military assistance. Our latest information is that the Pope is still likely to make the visit, but that his itinerary is almost certain to be severely curtailed. I enclose for your confidential information a copy of the latest (30th) draft of the possible itinerary for the Pope. The Church authorities would prefer this not to be made public, since it would invite questions, for example from the press, to which by definition answers cannot be given. They recognise, however, that it offers a potential for the expenditure of misdirected or unnecessary effort on planning events. They have therefore agreed that Army representatives may say they understand that, in the light of the injuries which the Pope incurred from the attempt on his life in May, the current itinerary is provisional, and have accepted that they must refrain from any commitments entailing actual resource or manpower costs before the revised itinerary has been arranged.

This leaves, of course, your questions about whether requests for military assistance should be met. This will be the first visit to this country by a Pope, and on the whole decisions have to be taken on particular issues as they arise. No one Department is invariably responsible for advising on responses to the visit, though we certainly welcome your consulting the Home Office in case we have anything to contribute. Within the Home Office, questions other than those relating to law and order and security fall to me but the Foreign and Commonwealth Office also has a general interest. In broad terms I think it may be said that requests for assistance should be treated entirely normally; that is, without the fact that they relate

to events of a Papal visit influencing either a positive or a negative response. If a particular request satisfied the ordinary requirements for assistance, it may be met and, if not, not. I think it follows from that that the fact that the assistance would be military is, in the context, without significance.

I understand that you are particularly concerned about the high cost of some of the assistance which the Army has been invited to provide. The Church authorities recognise that they cannot be given special financial treatment, and expect to be billed in the same way as would any other recipient of assistance.

I am copying this letter and yours to Colin Peterson at No 10, Roger du Boulay at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Mr Last, Deputy Central Co-ordinator of the Papal visit to England and Wales.

Yours sincerely,

Geoffrey de DENEY

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22 September 1981

Dear Hayden,

PAPAL VISIT

With the approach of the Pope's visit to this country next year Army Districts are now receiving a scattering of requests for military assistance. For example a request was made by the Coventry Authorities for a Service Helicopter equipped with a life-support system to be held on standby during the Pope's visit to the city. Inquiries have also been received from Cardiff concerning assistance with bridging equipment, tentage, decking etc. It seems likely that further similar requests will also be made in the coming months.

We have dealt with the Coventry request by pointing out that if there is a need for such a facility it will be required throughout the visit and should be organized on that basis. The Cardiff request, however, (or indeed the Coventry request if it is renewed) cannot be quite so easily disposed of and we have therefore been considering how we should respond. I understand from the FCO that you are the appropriate contact for advice on HMG's official line with regard to the visit.

I understand that the Pope's visit is unofficial. Nevertheless there is a degree of HMG interest in making sure that it goes well. I can see, however, that assistance provided by the Army or other Services might well be a matter of political sensitivity. I would therefore be most grateful to know whether any general policy has been formulated on the subject of any possible Government or official assistance in connection with the visit.

Yours, sincerely,

DAY I, FRIDAY 28th MAY, 1982

07.30 Dpt. Rome
09.20 Arr. Gatwick
10.00 Dpt. Gatwick for Vincent Square
10.30 Arr. Vincent Square.
11.00 Concelebrated Mass at Westminster Cathedral
13.00 Lunch at Archbishop's House.
15.00. Dpt. for Buckingham Palace (motor)
15.15. Arr. Buckingham Palace.
15.45 Dpt. Buckingham Palace (motor)
16.15 Arr. Southwark Roman Catholic Cathedral.
16.30 Service at Southwark Roman Catholic Cathedral
for sick, handicapped, disabled and dying.
17.30. End of Service.
17.45 Dpt. Southwark Roman Catholic Cathedral (motor)
18.15 Arr. Westminster.
19.00 Addresses Episcopal Conference.
20.30 Supper.

DAY II, SATURDAY 29th MAY, 1982.

09.15-10.15 Addresses Religious men and women Westminster
Cathedral.
10.30. Dpt. Westminster for Lambeth (motor)
11.00 Leave Lambeth Palace (helicopter)
11.300 Arr. Canterbury.
15.30 Dpt. Canterbury (helicopter)
16.15 Arrive Wembley Manor School, East Lane, Wembley;
and proceed to Wembley Stadium.
16.30 Concelebrated Mass for 100,000 laity of the
nine dioceses of the two provinces.
18.45 Leave Wembley Stadium by motor to join helicopter
at Wembley Manor School.
19.15 Arr. Vincent Square.
19.30 Arr. Archbishop's House, Westminster.
20.00 Reception, Archbishop's House.
21.30 Supper.

DAY III, PENTECOST SUNDAY, 30th MAY, 1982

08.15 Dpt. Archbishop's House (motor)
 08.30 Arr. Vincent Square
 08.45 Dpt. Vincent Square for Coventry
 09.40 Arr. Coventry Airport.
 10.00 Concelebrated Mass at Coventry Airport.
 12.00 End of Mass.
 12.30 Meal.
 14.00 Meet Ecclesiastical and Civic Dignatories.
 15.00 Dpt. Coventry Airport.
 15.45 arr. Speke Airport; event for handicapped,
 event for Poles (one and a half hours).
 17.15 Dpt. Speke Airport (motor)
 17.45 Arr. Anglican Cathedral; brief visit; presentation
 of Civic Dignatories.
 18.00 Dpt. Anglican Cathedral along Hope Street
 18.15. Arr. Metropolitan Cathedral; service and major
 address.
 19.00. Walk about Piazza.
 19.15 Dpt. Metropolitan Cathedral, down Brownlow Hill
 to Archbishop's House (motorcade)
 20.00 Arr. Archbishop's House and supper.

DAY IV, MONDAY 31st MAY, 1982 (Bank Holiday)

08.15. Dpt. Archbishop's House, Liverpool.
 08.45 Arr. Speke Airport.
 08.50 Dpt. Speke Airport (Helicopter)
 09.15 Arr. Heaton Park, Manchester (Nazareth House)
 09.30 Mass at Heaton Park.
 11.30 End of Mass: drive around.
 12.00 Return to Nazareth House.
 12.15. Lunch.
 13.30. Dpt. Nazareth House for York (helicopter)
 14.00 Arr. Knavesmire Racecourse, York.
 14.15 Knavesmire Event.
 15.30 Dpt. Knavesmire for airstrip: Fixed wing
 flight to Scotland.
 16.30 Arr. Turnhouse R.A.F. Airport, Edinburgh: formal
 welcome.
 Dpt. Turnhouse (motorcade)

Arr. Edinburgh Cathedral: solemm reception.
 Addresses Priests and Religious of Scotland.
 Meets East of Scotland Civic Dignatories in
 Cathedral House.
 Dpt. Edinburgh Cathedral (motorcade)
 Arr. Murrayfield Rugby Football Stadium at the
 end of a Youth Rally.
 Dpt. Murrayfield (motorcade)
 Arr. Cardinal Gray's residence.
 Dinner with Scottish Bishops at Cardinal Gray's House.

DAY V, TUESDAY 1st JUNE, 1982

08.30. Meet representatives of the Press.
 09.00 Meet Moderator of the Church of Scotland and
 representatives of other Scottish Churches and
 Religious Communities.
 10.00. Dpt. Cardinal Gray's residence (helicopter).
 10.15. Arr. St. Joseph's Hospital, Rosewell.
 10.30 Meet severely handicapped at hospital and give
 address.
 11.15 Dpt. Rosewell (helicopter)
 11.50. Arr. Carfin Grotto.
 12.00 Prays at Carfin Grotton: meets and addresses
 representative workers from principal Scottish
 Industries.
 12.30. Dpt. Carfin Grotton (helicopter)
 12.50. Arr. Notre Dame College of Education, Glasgow
 13.00. Meet West of Scotland Civic Dignatories in Notre
 Dame College.
 14.00 Lunch and rest period.
 15.30 Dpt. Notre Dame College (helicopter)
 15.45. Arr. Bellahouston Park, Glasgow.
 16.00 Concelebrated Mass at Bellahouston Park.
 19.00. Dpt. Bellahouston Park, (helicopter)
 19.30 Arr. Cardinal Gray's residence.
 20.00 Meal.

DAY VI, WEDNESDAY 2nd JUNE 1982

07.45 Dpt. Cardinal Gray's residence.
08.00 Arr. Turnhouse R.A.F. Airport Edinburgh
Dpt. Turnhouse (Boeing 707)
09.00 Arr. Cardiff, (motorcade to Cardiff Castle)
09.30 Meet Ecclesiastical and Civic Dignatories.
10.00 Mass
12.00 End of Mass and drive around.
12.30 Meal
14.00 Further meeting with Civic Leaders.
14.45-16.00 Youth Event at Ninian Park.
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He has the reputation of being a good administrator. Often accompanies the Pope as interpreter and general "fixer" on his tours abroad and helps to prepare the way. He is rumoured to have been responsible for quite serious losses on Vatican investments in 1974.



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19 November 1981

Dear Sir

PAPAL PRIVATE VISIT: 24 MAY-4 JUNE 1982
 ST JAMES'S CONFERENCE TRAINING & PRESS CENTRE

1. I refer to your letter to my Regional Director Mr Coates of 5 August 1981 concerning the possibility of PSA granting the Roman Catholic Information Services (RCIS) a temporary furnished use for the above period on repayment terms for use as a Press Centre during the above Papal Private visit to the United Kingdom.

2. It has now been cleared to my satisfaction that there are no objections from protocol constitutional or security aspects and consequently I am now seeking the clearance of PSAs Landlords, as required under our lease, to enter into formal negotiations with you.

3. To give an idea of the likely costs involved, using our current repayment charges the whole centre as currently furnished and equipped including the use of power, gas, water and sewage services and PSAs permanently stationed staff for the period 23 May to 4 June 1982 inclusive ~~the~~ charge of at least £22,500 would be expected. We review our charges every March so we expect some difference will occur between now and then.

4. The present staff located at St JCT&PC are one clerical officer, 2 messengers and 4 cleaners. During their normal conditioned hours of work (0900 to 1800 hours Mondays to Fridays inclusive,) their salary costs are included in the basic hire charge. Should the centre be open outside these hours then for every hour or part hour it remains open all the staff will be charged for at the following hourly rates, or the equivalent hourly rate at the time of the visit:-

Staff Member/Grade	Mondays to Fridays (outside conditioned hours only)	Weekend Working (All hours Centre Open)
Clerical Office	£28.95	£38.60
Senior Messenger	£27.05	£36.05
Messenger	£25.25	£33.65
Cleaner (1)	£20.75	£27.65

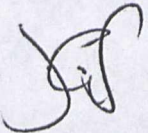
PSA Staff must be on site during all hours the centre is open.

5. It is understood that you have retained the services of Mr Donald Kerr as RCIS Press Centre Manager for this period. Mr Kerr is well known to us.

6. RCIS will be expected to also meet the cost of all metered British Telecom Telephone & Telex Services on billing by PSA after the event and to secure and pay for any telephone and telex operators, radio and television operators, translators and day security guards to vouch for/control all access to the Centre. PSAs own night security staff patrol the closed premises. The matter to be formally documented by an exchange of letters.

7. I will let you know if we can take the matter further or not as soon as I hear from our lessors.

Yours sincerely



GILBERT-SUTTON ARICS
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Date

19 November 1981

Dear Douglas

PAPAL PRIVATE VISIT -24 MAY-4 JUNE 1982
ST JAMES'S CONFERENCE TRAINING & PRESS CENTRE

1. Thank you for your letter of 12 November confirming that there are no objections on protocol constitutional or security grounds from FCO Home Office and Metropolitan Police to PSA granting a furnished user licence of the above mentioned premises to the Roman Catholic Information Services for use as a Press Centre during the Papal visit next year. I confirm I received a copy of Peter Honour's letter to you of 12 November confirming the constitutional and Met Police position.

2. I am now only awaiting formal clearance from PSAs Landlords for their formal permission to enter into this temporary arrangement under the terms of our lease. I did not raise this matter with them until I was sure the protocol and constitutional aspects were clear.

3. I am copying this letter to all addressees as in the final paragraph of Peter Honour's letter to you. I will let you know the outcome of my discussions with both PSAs Landlords and RCIS assuming that all will be well.

Yours sincerely

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NOTE FOR THE RECORD

The Pope's Visit

I told Mr du Boulay today that I was still waiting for the Prime Minister's instructions on his recent letter.

Mr du Boulay said that he had had some further informal contacts with Monsignore Brown who seems to be the main organiser of the programme, and was urging him not to close the options yet if possible. Mr du Boulay said that the Vatican were trying to establish a firm "policy", apparently endorsed by the Pope, that his only "official" call in a country he visited would be on the head of state. Cardinal Hume appears to be thinking of making special arrangements for the Pope to meet senior members of the Government at his Westminster reception, and Mr du Boulay mentioned "a separate private room" which would be available for this.

I said that I would convey the Prime Minister's wishes to him as soon as I knew what these were.

CVP

18 November 1981



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Date 12 November 1981

Dear Douglas

PAPAL VISIT - ST JAMES CONFERENCE TRAINING AND PRESS CENTRE

I am replying to your letter of 21 August to Hayden Phillips covering a copy of one from Gilbert-Sutton in PSA about the use of the St James Conference Training and Press Centre during the Papal visit next year. I also have copies of Gilbert-Sutton's further letters of 5 and 27 October on this. I am sorry that you have not received an earlier reply. As you know, we had to consult the Metropolitan Police about this, and unfortunately there was some confusion in the handling of our approach.

I should explain that the interest of the Police Department in the Papal visit is in security and public order arrangements. We understand that the revised and lesser itinerary which is being finalised makes no provision for the Pope to hold a press conference in the Centre or otherwise to use it. Questions of his security there do not, therefore, seem to arise.

This leaves Gilbert-Sutton's question whether there might be a 'constitutional' point in making the Centre available to the Roman Catholic Information Services. As you know, within the Home Office issues arising from the Papal visit on matters other than those of law and order and security fall to our General Department. This is not, however, to say that the Home Office has general oversight of or responsibility for the visit or issues arising from it. It is our view, therefore, rather than authoritative advice, that the question of the use of the Centre by the RCIS should be determined without regard to the fact that the service would be covering a Papal visit. If the RCIS comes within the criteria usually applied, let them use the Centre (for example paying whatever any other organisation would pay); and if not, not.

I am copying this to Peterson at No 10, Gilbert-Sutton, Chief Inspector Harland (A8 Metropolitan Police) and Hewins in E1 Division here.

Yours sincerely

Peter Howes

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Dear Mr Gordon

PAPAL PRIVATE VISIT - 24 MAY - 4 JUNE 1982
 ST JAMES CONFERENCE TRAINING AND PRESS CENTRE

1. Further to our telephone conversation on 11 November I confirm that we noted there was no objection from the Metropolitan Police, the Protocol and Conference Department of FCO or from No 10. However we did await a final clearance from F4 Division of the Home Office before I could seek my Department's authority to offer the above premises on a commercial basis to Roman Catholic Information Services as they have requested.
2. I also confirm that following an approach from RCIS today I have told them the omens look good so far but one or two formal clearances are still needed before I can negotiate with them.
3. Can you please press Home Office F4 Division to say formally and very quickly if they object or not.

Yours sincerely

D GILBERT-SUTTON, ARICS
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DAY I, FRIDAY 28th MAY, 1982

07.30 Dpt. Rome
09.20 Arr. Gatwick
10.00 Dpt. Gatwick for Vincent Square
10.30 Arr. Vincent Square.
11.00 Concelebrated Mass at Westminster Cathedral
13.00 Lunch at Archbishop's House.
15.00. Dpt. for Buckingham Palace (motor)
15.15. Arr. Buckingham Palace.
15.45 Dpt. Buckingham Palace (motor)
16.15 Arr. Southwark Roman Catholic Cathedral.
16.30 Service at Southwark Roman Catholic Cathedral
for sick, handicapped, disabled and dying.
17.30. End of Service.
17.45 Dpt. Southwark Roman Catholic Cathedral (motor)
18.15 Arr. Westminster.
19.00 Addresses Episcopal Conference.
20.30 Supper.

DAY II, SATURDAY 29th MAY, 1982.

09.15-10.15 Addresses Religious men and women Westminster
Cathedral.
10.30. Dpt. Westminster for Lambeth (motor)
11.00 Leave Lambeth Palace (helicopter)
11.300 Arr. Canterbury.
15.30 Dpt. Canterbury (helicopter)
16.15 Arrive Wembley Manor School, East Lane, Wembley;
and proceed to Wembley Stadium.
16.30 Concelebrated Mass for 100,000 laity of the
nine dioceses of the two provinces.
18.45 Leave Wembley Stadium by motor to join helicopter
at Wembley Manor School.
19.15 Arr. Vincent Square.
19.30 Arr. Archbishop's House, Westminster.
20.00 Reception, Archbishop's House.
21.30 Supper.

DAY III, PENTECOST SUNDAY, 30th MAY, 1982

- 08.15 Dpt. Archbishop's House (motor)
08.30 Arr. Vincent Square
08.45 Dpt. Vincent Square for Coventry
09.40 Arr. Coventry Airport.
10.00 Concelebrated Mass at Coventry Airport.
12.00 End of Mass.
12.30 Meal.
14.00 Meet Ecclesiastical and Civic Dignatories.
15.00 Dpt. Coventry Airport.
15.45 arr. Speke Airport; event for handicapped,
event for Poles (one and a half hours).
17.15 Dpt. Speke Airport (motor)
17.45 Arr. Anglican Cathedral; brief visit; presentation
of Civic Dignatories.
18.00 Dpt. Anglican Cathedral along Hope Street
18.15. Arr. Metropolitan Cathedral; service and major
address.
19.00. Walk about Piazza.
19.15 Dpt. Metropolitan Cathedral, down Brownlow Hill
to Archbishop's House (motorcade)
20.00 Arr. Archbishop's House and supper.

DAY IV, MONDAY 31st MAY, 1982 (Bank Holiday)

- 08.15. Dpt. Archbishop's House, Liverpool.
08.45 Arr. Speke Airport.
08.50 Dpt. Speke Airport (Helicopter)
09.15 Arr. Heaton Park, Manchester (Nazareth House)
09.30 Mass at Heaton Park.
11.30 End of Mass: drive around.
12.00 Return to Nazareth House.
12.15. Lunch.
13.30. Dpt. Nazareth House for York (helicopter)
14.00 Arr. Knavesmire Racecourse, York.
14.15 Knavesmire Event.
15.30 Dpt. Knavesmire for airstrip: Fixed wing
flight to Scotland.
16.30 Arr. Turnhouse R.A.F. Airport, Edinburgh: formal
welcome.
Dpt. Turnhouse (motorcade)

Arr. Edinburgh Cathedral: solemn reception.
Addresses Priests and Religious of Scotland.
Meets East of Scotland Civic Dignatories in
Cathedral House.
Dpt. Edinburgh Cathedral (motorcade)
Arr. Murrayfield Rugby Football Stadium at the
end of a Youth Rally.
Dpt. Murrayfield (motorcade)
Arr. Cardinal Gray's residence.
Dinner with Scottish Bishops at Cardinal Gray's House.

DAY V, TUESDAY 1st JUNE, 1982

08.30. Meet representatives of the Press.
09.00 Meet Moderator of the Church of Scotland and
representatives of other Scottish Churches and
Religious Communities.
10.00. Dpt. Cardinal Gray's residence (helicopter).
10.15. Arr. St. Joseph's Hospital, Rosewell.
10.30 Meet severely handicapped at hospital and give
address.
11.15 Dpt. Rosewell (helicopter)
11.50. Arr. Carfin Grotto.
12.00 Prays at Carfin Grotton: meets and addresses
representative workers from principal Scottish
Industries.
12.30. Dpt. Carfin Grotton (helicopter)
12.50. Arr. Notre Dame College of Education, Glasgow
13.00. Meet West of Scotland Civic Dignatories in Notre
Dame College.
14.00 Lunch and rest period.
15.30 Dpt. Notre Dame College (helicopter)
15.45. Arr. Bellahouston Park, Glasgow.
16.00 Celebrated Mass at Bellahouston Park.
19.00. Dpt. Bellahouston Park, (helicopter)
19.30 Arr. Cardinal Gray's residence.
20.00 Meal.

DAY VI, WEDNESDAY 2nd JUNE 1982

07.45 Dpt. Cardinal Gray's residence.
08.00 Arr. Turnhouse R.A.F. Airport Edinburgh
Dpt. Turnhouse (Boeing 707)
09.00 Arr. Cardiff, (motorcade to Cardiff Castle)
09.30 Meet Ecclesiastical and Civic Dignatories.
10.00 Mass
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Date 12 November 1981

Dear David

PAPAL PRIVATE VISIT - 24 MAY - 4 JUNE 1982
ST JAMES'S CONFERENCE TRAINING AND PRESS CENTRE

In your of 27 October you asked for early confirmation that there would be no objection on protocol or constitutional grounds to the St James's Conference Training and Press Centre being made available to the Roman Catholic Information Services for use as a press centre during the Papal visit next year.

I have now heard from the Home Office and can confirm that there is no objection to the Press Centre being offered to the Roman Catholic Information Services on full repayment terms.

Yours sincerely

R D Gordon

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Protocol and Conference
Department

cc: ✓ Mr Peterson, No. 10 Downing Street
Mr P Honour, HO/F4
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MR WHITMORE

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has been extracted and
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The Pope's Visit

Mr du Boulay of the FCO wrote to me last week about the
latest thinking about the programme for this visit.*

The letter gives the impression of a good deal of confusion
in Rome about the programme, and there are probably far too
many people trying to organise it and to reconcile the differing
claims. *

It looks as if the Pope's officials in Rome (the Pope's own
views do not seem yet to be known) are trying to reduce to a
minimum any contacts the Pope may have with The Queen and
with the Government. And this seems to be a matter of policy,
rather than to arise from concern for the Pope's health and
keeping his engagements very much reduced. Thus it is suggested,
according to du Boulay, that there may be no lunch engagement
with The Queen, and no opportunity for a talk between the Pope
and the Prime Minister except at a quite general and very crowded
reception at Cardinal Hume's house on the afternoon of the first
day of the visit.

Cardinal Hume himself seems to be worried about this
thinking in Rome, and to be particularly keen that the Pope
should go to Buckingham Palace for lunch. Generally, I share
du Boulay's anxiety about the way Rome seems to be planning
this visit. Everybody accepts that the visit's main purpose
is a pastoral one, to the Pope's Roman Catholic flock in this
country, and there will be the very significant visit to Canterbury
too. But the atmosphere of the visit will be damaged if the
Pope's contacts with The Queen and the Government are so minimal
that an impression of churlishness is created - which would
force the Government to explain that these minimal contacts
were what the Pope himself wanted.

My advice is that we warn the Catholics, through the various
channels open to us, that the visit can be damaged if there are

not proper contacts between the Pope on the one hand and The Queen and the Prime Minister on the other. When the Prime Minister last considered this she was disposed to be at the airport herself when the Pope arrives (but not to make a speech), and to have a private talk with the Pope, preferably here but possibly at Cardinal Hume's house as an alternative.

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CVP

Prime Minister.

The way this is developing is worrying. If the programme for the visit turns out to be as the Church wish, it will appear to the public that it is the Government that is holding off - now, though the truth is the reverse.

I suggest that I have a word with John Hunt to tell him that you are not at all happy about what you hear about the visit. May I do so?

10 November 1981

Yes please - To see ^{John}
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The Queen is the most
important thing.

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under FOI Exemptions.

@Wayland
18 October 2011

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