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Passade visa of President Houphouet-Boigny of  
the Ivory Coast to the UK in 1983.

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October 1982

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

1 August 1983

Prime Minister

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Dear Tim,

Departure of President of Ivory Coast from London on 30 July

I enclose a text, together with an unofficial translation, of a message from the President of the Ivory Coast to the Prime Minister, handed over when the President left London on Saturday. The message does not call for a reply.

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Yours ever  
J E Holmes

(J E Holmes)  
Private Secretary

T Flesher Esq  
10 Downing Street



OFFICIAL TELEGRAM ON DEPARTURE - LONDON 30 JULY 1983  
FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE IVORY COAST  
TO RT. HON. MRS MARGARET THATCHER, PRIME MINISTER OF GREAT BRITAIN  
NO. 10 DOWNING STREET, LONDON

As we leave your great and beautiful country it gives me great pleasure to express to Your Excellency my deepest gratitude, together with that of my accompanying delegation, for the warmth of your welcome and hospitality.

We carry away an unforgettable memory of our stay, which gave us the opportunity of an exchange with Your Excellency of views in depth on the problems currently troubling the world, problems which the West, by an unrelenting search for dialogue, should spare no effort to solve and create a situation of lasting peace.

I am convinced that the discussions which we were able to have both with yourself and the members of your government and those highly placed in the economy and business of Great Britain, will help to strengthen the cooperation - which already shows great promise - between your country and ours.

Together with our warmest wishes for the growing prosperity of the British people, and for you personally, please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration and respect.



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PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE  
SERIAL No. T113/83

TELEGRAMME DE REMERCIEMENTS

A LA TRES HONORABLE MADAME MARGARET THATCHER

PREMIER MINISTRE DE GRANDE BRETAGNE

10, Downing Street - LONDRES

TELEGRAMME OFFICIEL

Départ

Londres, le 30 Juillet 1983

PRESIREPUBLIQUE COTIVOIRE

à

LA TRES HONORABLE MADAME MARGARET THATCHER

PREMIER MINISTRE DE GRANDE BRETAGNE

10, Downing Street

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IL ME TIENT A COEUR, AU MOMENT OU NOUS ALLONS QUITTER VOTRE BEAU ET GRAND PAYS, DE RENOUVELER A VOTRE EXCELLENCE L'EXPRESSION DE MA PROFONDE GRATITUDE AINSI QUE CELLE DE LA DELÉGATION IVOIRIENNE, QUI M'ACCOMPAGNE POUR L'ACCUEIL DE QUALITÉ ET L'HOSPITALITÉ REMARQUABLE QUE VOUS AVEZ BIEN VOULU NOUS RÉSERVER.

NOUS EMPORTONS UN SOUVENIR INOUBLIABLE D'UN SÉJOUR QUI NOUS A PERMIS D'AVOIR AVEC VOTRE EXCELLENCE UN ÉCHANGE DE VUES APPROFONDI SUR LES PROBLÈMES QUI AGITENT ACTUELLEMENT LE MONDE ET POUR LESQUELS L'OCCIDENT, - DONT LA GRANDE BRETAGNE EST UN MEMBRE ÉMINENT - NE DOIT MÉNAGER AUCUN EFFORT POUR L'INSTAURATION D'UNE PAIX DURABLE PAR LA RECHERCHE OBSTINÉE DU DIALOGUE.

J'AI LA CONVICTIION QUE LES ENTRETIENS QUE NOUS AVONS PU AVOIR AUSSI BIEN AVEC VOTRE EXCELLENCE QU'AVEC LES MEMBRES DE SON GOUVERNEMENT ET LES HAUTS RESPONSABLES DE L'ÉCONOMIE ET DES AFFAIRES DE GRANDE BRETAGNE, CONTRIBUERONT À RENFORCER UNE COOPÉRATION - DÉJÀ FORT PROMETTEUSE - ENTRE SON PAYS ET LE NOTRE.

AVEC NOS VOEUX CHALEUREUX POUR LA PROSPERITÉ CROISSANTE DU PEUPLE BRITANNIQUE ET POUR SON BONHEUR PERSONNEL, NOUS PRIONS VOTRE EXCELLENCE DE BIEN VOULOIR ACCEPTER L'ASSURANCE DE NOTRE TRÈS HAUTE ET ADMIRATIVE ESTIME DE MÊME QUE L'EXPRESSION DE NOS HOMMAGES RESPECTUEUX.

FÉLIX HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY  
PRÉSIDENT DE LA RÉPUBLIQUE DE CÔTE  
D'IVOIRE

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10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Private Secretary*

29 July 1983

*Dear Roger*

VISIT OF PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY

I enclose a record of the Plenary Meeting held here at 1215 on Wednesday, 27 July.

I am copying this letter and enclosure to John Kerr (H.M. Treasury) and Robert Lowson (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food).

*Yours ever*

*Willie Rickett*

Roger Bone, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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SUBJECT  
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RECORD OF A MEETING BETWEEN THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE IVORY COAST AT NO. 10 DOWNING STREET AT 1215 ON WEDNESDAY 27 JULY.

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Present:

The Prime Minister	His Excellency President Houphouet-Boigny
Sir Geoffrey Howe	M Ake
Mr. Lawson	M Bra Kanon
Mr. Jopling	M Kone
Sir John Leahy	Governor Nairay
Mr. Willson	M Essienne
Mr. Daly	M Oueguin
Mr. Coles	

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Internationally, he continued, we shared a desire for peace and stability but as he had told President Kennedy, the Ivory Coast could not be an oasis of prosperity in a desert of poverty: what was needed was more oases to spread prosperity throughout the African continent. He wanted to stress the

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importance of Africa to Europe and the West. South of the Sahara Africa had known two main colonisers, Britain and France, who had left their colonies the invaluable legacy of two major languages. Linguistically, Africa should not be Balkanised - the Ivory Coast, with more than 40 indigenous languages, was obliged to adopt French as its official tongue and taught English as its second language (just as the Nigerians used English and taught French). This language barrier must be crossed to encourage cooperation - as was already happening within ECOWAS. The African states were young, but they wanted to go fast. They wanted their English and French friends to focus on the problems of Africa, which in the past had been neglected by the West because of difficulties elsewhere: in the Middle East, Latin America and Asia. But Africa was of importance not only to the West, but to the world. Time was short, there was much to do. The Russians and Qadhafi would profit from errors as their basic wish was to destabilise the continent. So Africa needed help - though not weapons. The West should reaffirm its position and Europe should speak with one voice, calling for Africa to be developed in peace and stability. The continent possessed huge reserves of mineral wealth. Japan had made progress fast without minerals: Africa could go faster and farther than Japan.

Mrs. Thatcher agreed that, as the President had earlier said in private discussion, it was our mutual aim to foster peace and development. But many African countries which had started well with help from the West now had neither stability nor internal unity and were thus ripe for the meddling of Qadhafi and his like, or led to distressing situations like Ethiopia and Somalia. But what could we do to help? As for this appeal to us to recognise the importance of Africa, the President was pushing at an open door. But more than just aid and investment was needed; how could we help practically? What political support should we give?

/President Houphouet-Boigny

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President Houphouet-Boigny said that most African countries faced common problems. But to put the situation in perspective an historical digression would help. After defeating the Axis in the last World War the West thought it could relax. Then came the Korean war, France's loss of Indo-China, then US defeat in Vietnam. Western countries had tried to act alone, and failed, so the West had lost a great deal of influence in Asia: he did not want the same to happen in Africa. He was going to talk to British businessmen and give them the facts. The Ivory Coast was no-one's chasse gardee. Since independence it had sought international co-operation: thus American firms were building dams, British ones Abidjan airport, and American firms exploiting oil resources where the French had failed. But none of the old colonial powers alone could protect their former colonies. A joint effort was needed: the West should concert its policies. Unity was strength: there was a lot in the saying, 'show force, and you won't need to use it'. As he was going to say at the United Nations, we were economically one world. But before North-South dialogue what was needed was concertation of their positions by both sides: not so that the South could better confront the North, but to improve collaboration. The Prime Minister, he said, had mentioned the problem of commodities. The Ivory Coast had signed agreements with the European Community - Yaounde, Lome, etc. But this only engaged them with the Ten: not the other Europeans, nor the United States, nor the Russians. The Community's Stabex plan helped, of course, but it was not enough, so wider agreement was needed before the next round of North-South talks. There were obvious limits to what Europe could do, but Europe must not lose Africa to poverty and let it slide into Soviet hands. We should collaborate, for example, to avoid over-production. Europe should listen to Africa: in the final analysis our interests were common.

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The meeting closed at 1305.

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2. <sup>and</sup> She proposed that the meeting should first deal with bilateral questions, ~~for our side there were no problems: just a desire to strengthen our relationship - and then move to the problems and opportunities of Africa itself. It might be better to leave financial problems on one side since these really lay on the other side of the Atlantic rather than in Africa, though admittedly Nigeria and Zaire were in economic straits.~~

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## 10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Private Secretary*

27 July 1983

Visit of President Houphouet-Boigny

The Prime Minister's talks with the President of the Ivory Coast commenced with a fifteen minute tête-à-tête here today.

In welcoming the President, the Prime Minister described him as an elder statesman of Africa and said she would much like to hear his impressions, both of the current situation in the Ivory Coast and of the situation in the rest of Africa.

The President said that he wished to congratulate the Prime Minister on the example which she had given to the world at a time of grave economic difficulty. Her policies were beginning to bear fruit. The problems confronting Africa were of two kinds, those of economic development and those relating to peace and security. If the Ivory Coast had been able to make better progress than other African States, it was because it had enjoyed peace and stability for twenty-three years - a peace based on justice and not on force.

The fact that his family came originally from Ghana gave him a good understanding of events there. Nkruma had been a personal friend. Ghanaian independence had opened the way for independence and development in West Africa. The country had had the economic and human potential to give a lead. But unfortunately instability had retarded its development.

In West Africa, South of the Sahara, only five countries had not suffered from instability - Senegal-Gambia, Ghana, the Ivory Coast, Cameroon and Gabon. His great fear was that Africa would follow the pattern of South America which had suffered endless coups d'état in the last 100 years. The communist world was always behind instability.

The Prime Minister commented that the Soviet Union indulged both in direct subversion and in proxy subversion through Cuba.

The President said that he hoped that the great powers, and especially the United States, were aware of current dangers in Africa. The Prime Minister said that we were certainly aware of

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the dangers. So much had seemed to depend on the wisdom of those who had governed African States immediately after independence. The President provided one example. Kenya provided another.

President Houphouet-Boigny said that he did not want the Ivory Coast and Kenya to be oases in a desert of instability and underdevelopment. Africa needed more such centres so that the desert receded. The Continent possessed enormous resources. He quite appreciated that the West was distracted by the great problems of relations with the East as well as the problems of Asia and Latin America. But it should consider the Africa of the future. There was enormous potential which needed to be developed. Financial and technical assistance was necessary and it could only come from the West, especially Britain and France.

The Prime Minister said that Britain attached great importance to Africa, because of our historical connections, its significance as a store-house of raw materials and the considerable political implications of African developments.

The plenary session then began and is being separately recorded.

A. J. COLES

Roger Bone, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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PRIME MINISTER

Visit of the President of the Ivory Coast

I attach:

- A The briefs
- B Draft speaking notes for the lunch
- C A note on the reception ceremony in the FCO Quadrangle

Talks

The President has asked for a 15 minute tete-a-tete followed by the plenary.

As he will attach importance to the formal arrangements and to protocol, I have asked the Foreign Secretary, the Chancellor and the Minister of Agriculture to attend the plenary at 1215 to match his own Ministers.

The list of those attending the plenary is therefore as follows:

On Their Side

The President  
Foreign Minister (M. Aké)  
Minister of Economy and Finance (M. Kone)  
Minister of Agriculture (M. Kanon)  
HE M. Le Gouverneur Guy Nairay - Director of Cabinet of the  
Presidency  
HE M. Dieudonne Essienne - Ambassador of the Ivory Coast  
HE M. l'Ambassadeur George Oueguin - Director of Protocol at  
the Presidency

On Our Side

Yourself  
Foreign Secretary  
Chancellor  
Minister of Agriculture  
Sir John Leahy  
Mr. M.F. Daly - Head of West African Department, FCO  
Mr. J.M. Wilson - HM Ambassador to the Ivory Coast

A.S.C.

26 July 1983

PRIME MINISTER

Lunch for the President of the Ivory  
Coast on Wednesday, 27 July

I attach the list of guests attending the lunch tomorrow together with a draft seating plan. The seating plan has been sent by John Coles.

Do you agree please?

Sue Goodchild

26 July 1983

c.c. Mr. Denis Thatcher  
Mr. Mark Thatcher

\* Interpreter

LIST OF GUESTS ATTENDING THE LUNCHEON TO BE GIVEN BY THE PRIME MINISTER AND MR. DENIS THATCHER IN HONOUR OF HIS EXCELLENCY MONSIEUR FELIX HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE IVORY COAST ON WEDNESDAY, 27 JULY 1983 AT 1.00 PM FOR 1.15 PM

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\* The Prime Minister  
\* and Mr. Denis Thatcher

Mr. Mark Thatcher

Ivorian Suite

\* His Excellency Monsieur Felix Houphouet-Boigny President of the Ivory Coast  
His Excellency Monsieur Siméon Aké Minister of Foreign Affairs  
Monsieur Simplicie Zinsou Son-in-law and daughter of the  
and Madame Zinsou President  
\* His Excellency Monsieur Abdoulaye Kone Minister of Economy and Finance  
\* His Excellency Monsieur Denis Bra Kanon Minister of Agriculture  
His Excellency Monsieur le Gouverneur Guy Nairay Director Cabinet of the  
Presidency  
His Excellency the Ambassador of the Ivory Coast  
and Madame Essienne  
Monsieur l'Ambassadeur George Ouégnin Director of Protocol at the  
Presidency  
Colonel Gustave Kouassi Oufoue Military Commander at the  
Presidential Palace and first  
ADC  
Dr. Pierre Vacher President's personal physician  
Monsieur Yves Bini Press Attaché  
Commandant Nicolas Kouakou Konan Second ADC  
Madame Yvonne Plazanet Attaché de Cabinet  
Monsieur Abdoulaye Diallo Attaché de Cabinet

HM Government

Rt. Hon. Sir Geoffrey Howe, MP  
Rt. Hon. Nigel Lawson, MP  
and Mrs. Lawson  
Mr. Malcolm Rifkind, MP  
and Mrs. Rifkind  
Mr. John Selwyn Gummer, MP  
and Mrs. Gummer

Other Organisations

Mr. Robin Leigh-Pemberton  
and Mrs. Leigh-Pemberton

Governor of the Bank of England



Other Organisations - continued

Sir John Burgh Director General, British Council

Sir Woodrow Wyatt  
and Lady Wyatt Chairman, Horserace Totalisator Board

Academics

Professor J.S. Webb Pro-Rector, The Polytechnic of Central London (links with College of Electrical Engineering at Bingerville )

Mr. Arnold Hughes  
and Mrs. Hughes Lecturer and author of articles on Ivory Coast. Centre for West African Studies, University of Birmingham

Media

Mr. D. Muggeridge  
and Mrs. Muggeridge Managing Director, BBC External Services

Commerce

Mr. J.F. Barnes  
and Mrs. Barnes Chairman. Gill & Duffus Ltd. Has met the President. Gill & Duffus active in Ivory Coast

The Lord Kindersley  
and Lady Kindersley Chairman, Commonwealth Development Corporation

Sir Adam Thomson Chairman, British Caledonian Airways

Mr. William Taylor  
and Mrs. Taylor Vice President, Phillips Petroleum Co. Europe-Africa (Phillips Petroleum active in Ivorian offshore oil industry

Mr. J. Louden  
and Mrs. Louden Chairman, UAC International

Rt. Hon. Earl Jellicoe  
and Countess Jellicoe Chairman, BOTB. Former Tate & Lyle Ltd. Visited Ivory Coast in 1981

Mr. Bernard Audley  
and Mrs. Audley AGB Research Ltd.

Other Guests

Major General G.H. Mills  
and Mrs. Mills Resident-Governor and Keeper of the Jewel House, HM Tower of London (which the President is visiting)

Mr. M.R. Uziell-Hamilton  
and Mrs. Uziell-Hamilton Chairman, Anglo-Ivory Coast Society. Chairman, Anglo-African Group, Westminster Chamber of Commerce

Officials

Sir Robert Armstrong  
and Lady Armstrong

Secretary to the Cabinet

Sir John Leahy  
and Lady Leahy

Deputy Under Secretary, Foreign  
and Commonwealth Office

Mr. J.M. Willson  
and Mrs. Willson

HM Ambassador, Ivory Coast

Mr. M.F. Daly  
and Mrs. Daly

Head of West African Department,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office  
(former Ambassador to the Ivory  
Coast)

10 Downing Street

Rt. Hon. Michael Alison, MP

Mr. John Coles

I PRIME MINISTER

I HE MONSIEUR FELIX  
HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY

HE Monsieur Siméon Ake

I MR. DENIS THATCHER

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Mrs. Rifkind

me Essienne

The Lord Kindersley

The Countess Jellicoe

Mr. John Selwyn Gummer

Robert Armstrong

Mrs. Leigh-Pemberton

Sir Woodrow Wyatt

Monsieur l'Ambassadeur Georges  
Ouégnin

Wyatt

Colonel Gustave Kouassi Oufoué

Dr. Pierre Vacher

Lady Armstrong

ieur Yves Bini

Mrs. Selwyn Gummer

Lady Leahy

Sir Adam Thomson

John Leahy

Major General G.H. Mills

Professor J.S. Webb

The Lady Kindersley

Louden

Mr. Douglas Muggeridge

Mrs. Mills

Sir John Burgh

J.M. Willson

Mrs. Hughes

Mr. J.F. Barnes

Mrs. Muggeridge

Barnes

Commandant Nicholas Kouakou Konan  
Madame Yvonne Plazanet

Mr. Mark Thatcher

William Taylor

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Mrs. Willson

Uziell-Hamilton

Monsieur Abdoulaye Diallo

Mrs. Audley

Mr. M.R. Uziell-Hamilton

Bernard Audley

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Mr. J. Louden

Mrs. Taylor

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Rt. Hon. Michael Alison

ENTRANCE

Interpreters

*Mr. Coler*

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MR. THATCHER

IVORY COAST

I attach, as you requested, a set of the briefs for the President's visit tomorrow. You will not want to read them all but I think you will find in them what you are looking for.

As some of these briefs are confidential, could you let me have them back in due course?

AJC

26 July 1983

*Mr. John Coler*

*Reimure with Thanks*

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*Joe Sbar,*

I enclose, as requested, some notes for the Prime Minister's use at the luncheon for President Houphouet-Boigny of the Ivory Coast on Wednesday 27 July.

*Joe Sbar*

(R B Bone)  
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SPEAKING NOTES FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S ADDRESS AFTER LUNCH ON  
27 JULY 1983

Mr President, Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen.

*one of the world's most distinguished statesmen*

It is a great honour to welcome back to this country after a long absence a statesman as distinguished as President Houphouet-Boigny. <sup>1962</sup> When you were last here, Mr President, the Ivory Coast had not long before embarked on its path of national independence. Now, 21 years later, the results of your wise leadership are clear for all the world to see. For two decades the Ivory Coast has enjoyed enviable political stability and unparalleled economic growth and prosperity. It is also a model of harmony between ethnic groups and immigrant minorities. I believe that the Ivory Coast's success may have some important lessons for development theory and practice elsewhere. First, the success has been achieved by the pursuit of liberal economic policies based on proper incentives for the producer. Secondly, you have always rightly insisted, Mr President, on agriculture as the main vehicle for development. And thirdly, with your emphasis on the small farmer, you have ensured that production and prosperity is broadly based. In pursuing these policies from the outset, you have shown a far-sightedness which other developing countries could wisely emulate. Indeed, these policies are now widely recognized by such authorities as the World Bank as the most sensible way forward for developing countries. You yourself, Mr President, have set <sup>an outstanding</sup> a personal example in this and can justly claim with pride the title of 'First Farmer' ('premier planteur').

Nor <sup>have not</sup> have your achievements been confined to the Ivory Coast. You are admired in this country as a force for moderation and a source of wisdom, both in African affairs and in the wide international arena. The discussions which we have had this morning have provided a most useful opportunity to exchange views with a leader who has enormous experience of international affairs.

/Mr President



Mr President, while a long time has elapsed since your last visit, this does not imply that there has been <sup>in fact</sup> a lack of contact between our governments, still less that there has been <sup>not at all any</sup> any coolness or difficulties in our bilateral relations - quite the contrary. In recent years there have been a growing number of visitors in both directions. In this context may I say how grateful we are for the courtesy and hospitality which you and your Ministers have unfailingly extended to visiting British Ministers and dignitaries. We have also seen <sup>welcome</sup> a growth in British investment in the Ivory Coast and improved communications between our two countries.

Nevertheless, I believe that there is scope for broadening and deepening our bilateral relations. Your visit, Mr President, provides both a fresh impetus to this end and an opportunity to discuss ways and means of strengthening our bilateral relations.

We most sincerely welcome you, Mr President, and your suite to this country. I am sure that the other engagements in the programme, including the hospitality of Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Kent, will be as warm and as friendly occasions as this luncheon has been.

This morning we agreed that Britain would make available £ 3.5 million in aid for spending over the next 3 to 4 years. We are also making available a line of credit of £ 10 million. We have also agreed that we should ~~try~~ improve our working for bilateral consultations and have directed our officials to draw up a Memorandum of Understanding covering such matters as investment ~~and commerce~~ to investment, cultural exchange, political exchange and other matters.

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22 July, 1983

*Joe T...*

Visit of the President of the Ivory Coast: 26-30 July 1983

We have already corresponded about the arrangements for the meeting and luncheon between the Prime Minister and President Houphouet-Boigny on 27 July. I enclose three sets of briefs for the Prime Minister for these engagements. *(in attached folder)*

I am sending separate copies to the Private Secretaries to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food who will also be present.

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VISIT BY PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY OF THE IVORY COAST,  
26-30 JULY 1983

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## VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE IVORY COAST: 26-30 JULY

## STEERING BRIEF

## INTRODUCTION

1. President Houphouet-Boigny, who last visited the UK in 1962, is arguably the doyen of African elder statesmen. He is sensible, moderate, pragmatic, the apostle of 'dialogue' and staunchly pro-Western. He has ruled the Ivory Coast since independence in 1960; and thanks mainly to his liberal economic policies, the country is by African standards a model of political stability and economic progress. Although offshore oil was discovered in 1977, and Ivory Coast will reach self-sufficiency this year, the world recession and sharply falling commodity prices over the last three years have hit the Ivory Coast hard and the Ivorians have sought extensive help from the World Bank and the IMF.

2. There are no contentious bilateral issues between us. Although the President is a fervent advocate of better returns for primary producers, he appreciates in private - if not in public - that economic difficulties facing the West make this difficult. He is thus unlikely to press for any firm commitment on commodity prices. The Prime Minister will find him an engaging and unfailingly courteous interlocutor who, with his fifty years' experience of political life, views world affairs in broad perspectives.

3. Despite his age he is mentally very alert; physically he is getting frail and sometimes suffers badly from sciatica.

## OBJECTIVES FOR THE TALKS

4. Ours

- to pay tribute to an elder statesman and friend of the West;
- to deepen our relationship (announce our £3.5m aid programme to the Ivory Coast);
- to encourage more trade (and announce line of credit);
- to seek the President's views on how 'dialogue' might solve African problems, particularly Namibia and South Africa;
- to point out that economic constraints in the Western world inhibit dramatic increases in commodity prices;
- to respond constructively if the Ivorians make proposals for more institutionalized bilateral consultations.

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His (probably)

- to appeal for improved terms of trade for commodity producers (and possibly to seek support for a substantial EC sugar quota);
- to urge greater Western economic support for moderate African states to prevent their falling victims to Communism;
- to discuss the activities in West Africa of the Libyans, whom he sees as the surrogate of the Soviet Union.

#### CONDUCT OF THE TALKS

Tête-à-tête (15 minutes maximum)

5. The Prime Minister may like to stress our pleasure at having the President as an official guest again after so long a gap and congratulate him on his great achievements during more than 50 years in public life. She could add that she regretted that his illness prevented their meeting at the Cancún summit. She might then propose, since time will be short given the need for interpretation (the President speaks no English), that an exchange of views on bilateral and international issues be made in the plenary session.

#### Plenary Session

6. No agenda has been arranged. Three Ministers (Foreign Affairs, Agriculture, and Economy and Finance), the Ivory Coast Ambassador, the Director of the President's Cabinet and the Director of Protocol, will accompany the President. The Prime Minister might first briefly touch on our bilateral relations (Brief No 2) - there are no contentious issues - then raise our interests in developing trade and investment (of which the Ivorians are well aware; but they do not want the visit to have too commercial a flavour). She can announce ECGD's willingness to back a line of credit of £10m and thank the President for the unsolicited public and private assurances he has given that when the new Abidjan airport is built it will be done by British firms. (Briefs No 3(a) and (b)) It would then also be appropriate to announce our new £3.5m aid programme (Brief No 4). After mentioning the possibility of expanding British Council activities (Brief No 5), the Prime Minister could invite the President to give his views on African affairs and how the continent's problems might be solved by dialogue - particularly Namibia and Southern

/Africa

Africa. At the same time she could pay tribute to the President's courage in advocating a dialogue with the South Africans in the seventies - despite criticism at the OAU Summit in 1971 he persevered with high-level contacts until the South African invasion of Angola in 1975 (Brief No 9).

7. The President is likely to discourse at length on the need for the West to help moderate African states out of their economic difficulties by ensuring better returns for their commodities: his thesis is that Communism's only breeding grounds are poverty and despair and thus it is in the direct interest of Western nations to help Africa and so protect its huge potential from falling into Soviet hands (Brief No 6). He may raise specific commodity issues like coffee and cocoa (Brief No 7(a)) but is unlikely to press for any firm commitments. However, he may seek support for a substantial EC sugar quota (Brief No 7(b)).

8. One aspect of the President's devotion to 'dialogue' worked to our disadvantage: the Ivory Coast voted at the UNGA for negotiations between the UK and Argentina following the Falklands war. It is unlikely that he will abandon this stance, particularly since he has virtually no interest in South American affairs which he knows he cannot influence.

9. If time remains, and if the President has not himself brought them up, the Prime Minister could ask for his views on Libyan activities in West Africa (Brief No 8) and in Chad (Brief No 10(b)). She might also ask for his current opinion on the OAU (Brief No 10(a)).

#### THE PRESIDENT'S PROGRAMME

10. The official programme is, at the Ivorians' specific request, light. It includes luncheons with Her Majesty The Queen at Buckingham Palace and with the Duke of Kent (as Vice-President of the BOTB), a visit to the Tower of London and a river trip. The Anglo-Ivory Coast Society and the Anglo-Afrique Group of the Westminster Chamber of Commerce are giving a joint reception. The President is privately receiving African Ambassadors and some British businessmen.

11. The accompanying Ministers are calling on their opposite numbers: the Minister of Economy and Finance has also meetings with the Governor of the Bank of England and other bankers, and the Minister of Agriculture with businessmen.

West African Department, FCO  
22 July 1985

VISIT BY PRESIDENT OF IVORY COAST, 26-29 JULY 1983

BRIEF NO. 2: BILATERAL RELATIONS

POINTS TO MAKE

1. Our relations excellent. No significant bilateral problems because we share similar political and economic values.
2. Thanks for warm reception given to visiting British dignitaries and Ministers.

REGULAR BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS [If raised]

3. We think it could be useful to establish more formalised arrangements for representatives of our two countries to consult regularly on matters of mutual interest. Suggest our officials pursue the modalities.

## BRIEF NO. 2: BILATERAL RELATIONS

## ESSENTIAL FACTS

## ROYAL AND MINISTERIAL VISITS

1. There have been many of these since the Prince of Wales in 1977, including the Duke of Gloucester (British Consultants Bureau), the Duke of Kent (BOTB), the Foreign Secretary (Lord Carrington). All had a strong commercial flavour. The most recent visit was by Dr. Vaughan, then Minister for Consumer Affairs, last April. All visitors have been warmly received and though no spectacular commercial successes have been recorded recently, without these visits our trade would probably have declined.

## REGULAR BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS

2. During Dr. Vaughan's visit in April the Ivorians raised the question of setting up a mixed commission to thicken our commercial relations. Dr. Vaughan agreed to pursue this.

3. Although the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Department of Trade and Industry have reservations about the usefulness of joint commissions generally, in the case of the Ivory Coast it is evident that the Ivorians see some greater formalisation of our bilateral relations as much the best way to deepen our relationship in the political, commercial and cultural fields. They already conduct their relations in this way with France, Germany, Belgium, Canada and Spain, and have a similar arrangement with the United States in the agricultural sector. Further UK resistance to the Ivorian proposal could be counter-productive in terms of our trade. The President is likely to attach importance to a positive response.

4. The DTI have therefore agreed that some concession in the direction of bilateral consultative machinery would be prudent. They propose that we show willingness to hold discussions on a range of subjects to be mutually agreed, and to charge officials of both governments with drawing up a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) covering such matters as incentives and disincentives to investment, cultural exchanges, political consultations, as well as careful references to aid and commodity agreements. In addition both Governments should attempt to identify industrial and commercial sectors for particular attention for inclusion in the MOU. When the MOU is prepared and agreed, the intention would be to use it as an agenda to enable some more formal discussions to take place

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between the two Governments, preferably at official level  
(although the MOU may have to be signed by Ministers).

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BRIEF NO. 3(a): TRADE

POINTS TO MAKE

1. Despite the level of bilateral trade being more modest than we would like, Ivory Coast is the UK's largest trading partner in francophone West Africa. We are confident that trade will grow to our mutual advantage. We should like to make available a £10m line of credit backed by ECGD which could be used separately for projects in those same sectors identified for aid.
2. Thanks for assurances that when economic conditions improve, the new Abidjan airport will be built by British firms. But might the eventual transfer of the Ivorian capital from Abidjan to Yamoussoukro affect the project? In any case we also hope to make a substantial contribution to any work needed at Yamoussoukro to enlarge the facilities there.
3. We have heard that a decision has now been taken on the go-ahead for the Man hospital project. Can the President confirm this? (NB. A UK consortium led by Wimpey is pursuing this contract).



## VISIT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE IVORY COAST, 26-29 JULY 1983

### TRADE/ECONOMIC RELATIONS BRIEF

#### ESSENTIAL FACTS

- 1 The Ivory Coast is the most developed of the French - speaking countries in West Africa, and enjoys considerable prosperity by African, and other developing world, standards. This has been achieved largely through free enterprise in the guise of state capitalism and a liberal foreign - investment regime; the underlying factor, which has made this possible, being a sound and diversified agricultural base. (The country is the world's largest exporter of cocoa, and the third largest for coffee).
- 2 Offshore oil was discovered in 1977. Total production for 1983 is estimated at some 1.3m tons, thus reaching self-sufficiency for the first time with the Ivory Coast expected to become a small net exporter by 1985.
- 3 The country has not escaped the world recession; and in 1978/79 it became apparent that foreign indebtedness was straining the economy. The problem was augmented by the decline in export receipts for coffee and cocoa, because of low world prices. As a result the debt service ratio is projected to rise to an average of 43 per cent in the period 1983-85 before declining to 31% by 1990.
- 4 Tighter monetary controls have been introduced, in conjunction with the IMF/World Bank, and there has been an attempt to cut back on imports generally.
- 5 Despite its current lean spell, the economy is still expected to grow by 2% per annum during 1983-85 before moving to a higher growth rate in the second half of this decade. There is no reason why the UK should not significantly increase its share of the market, which is currently around 2.6%.
- 6 Although Ivorian official policy is to diversify its trade links, France remains the dominant partner. The Ivory Coast is nevertheless traditionally the UK's largest export market and bilateral trading partner in francophone West Africa: the balance of trade is in favour of the Ivorians. (Detailed figures at Annex A).

7 ECGD cover is available for short and medium/long-term business and they are also willing to back a £10m line of credit. It is now up to banks to come forward with proposals for specific projects. Credits should be used for separate and identifiable components of projects in those same sectors identified for aid.

8. A summary of projects of interest to the UK is at Annex B .

9. Defence Sales prospects are slight. Possible openings are described at Annex C.

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21 July 1983

## VISIT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE IVORY COAST, 26-29 JULY 1983

## TRADE BRIEF

UK/Ivory Coast Trade

	<u>£ Millions</u>						Jan-May	Jan-May
	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>1983</u>
UK Exports to Ivory Coast	25.2	24.6	24.0	27.9	30.1*	28.2	13.1	10.5
UK Imports from Ivory Coast	79.5	58.0	73.6	53.6	63.1	56.1	29.5	34.0

\* NB In 1981 export figures for March-August (inclusive) had to be estimated, and are therefore not guaranteed as accurate.

(SOURCE: Overseas Trade Statistics of the United Kingdom)

UK exports to Ivory Coast in 1982 - Machinery specialised for particular industries (£3.0m); tobacco (£2.7m); beverages (£1.9m); power generating machinery and equipment (£1.9m); general industrial machinery and equipment (£1.3m) paper and paperboard (£1.0m)

UK imports from Ivory Coast in 1982 - Coffee and cocoa (£27.3m); cork and wood (£9.4m); fish (£4.1m); vegetable oils and fats (£2.6m); vegetables and fruit (£1.5m); oil seeds and oleaginous fruit (£1.1m); sugar (£1.0m)

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21 July 1983

## IVORY COAST

Projects and Contracts of Interest to the UK

- 1 The contract signed in 1977 with Plessey, and valued at £26.3m for work on the extension of Abidjan International Airport was the first major contract awarded to the UK. However the Ivorians have subsequently deferred, largely because of a lack of finance but also because of further consideration of the form such an airport would take. A further complication affecting the project could be the transfer of the Ivorian capital from Abidjan to Yamoussoukro.
- 2 In 1981 Wimpey were awarded a contract to build a road from Dimbokro to Kotobi, worth approximately US \$33 millions. This has recently been completed. Wimpey have now been awarded a \$2 millions contract for re-surfacing and drainage work in Dimbroko and Bongouanou.
- 3 Wimpey are leading the UK consortium pursuing the contract for a 500/600 bed hospital at Man. Unfortunately the Ivorian economic climate has meant a considerable delay on the project, although agreement on its go-ahead is now rumoured.
- 4 Adidjan's Lagoon area, plus some 20 km of coastline, is heavily polluted through oil and other industrial waste. Wimpey, Oil Mop International Ltd and Salvesen are hopeful of securing business in this sector but face strong competition from the French, Americans and Danes.
- 5 Wimpey have prequalified for the civil works of the Soubre hydro-electric power scheme, viewed as the Ivory Coast's most important development project.
- 6 Rolls Royce hope Air Afrique will purchase a Boeing B757 for which the RB 211-535 is the launch engine.

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26-30 JULY 1983

DEFENCE SALES BRIEF

DEFENCE SALES PROSPECTS

1. The exploitation of the offshore oil has stimulated interest in maritime surveillance and protection. British Aerospace have submitted proposals which include credit and an offer of RAF training for both HS125 and HS748 in the maritime surveillance role. Vosper Thornycroft, who visited in mid-1982, were asked to submit budgetary proposals for Mk 3 Corvettes and fast patrol craft. However, both firms have been told by the Ivorians that, due to the present economic difficulties, money is not likely to be found before 1984.

DEFENCE SALES ACTIVITIES

2. The 1983 Defence Sales Operating Plan envisages the allocation of more time and resources to the promotion of defence sales business in Francophone West Africa. The British Embassy in Abidjan are not optimistic that the Ivorian Armed Forces will break with the French, with whom they are closely linked by Defence Treaties, or that the Ivorian defence budget will allow major new procurement decisions to be taken in the near future. A visit is, however, being made in July by a member of the Defence Sales Organisation as part of a short West African tour.

Defence Sales Organization  
Ministry of Defence  
July 1983

VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE IVORY COAST: 26-30 JULY

BRIEF NO 3(b): INVESTMENT  
POINTS TO MAKE

INVESTMENT PROMOTION AND PROTECTION AGREEMENT (IPPA)

1. We remain anxious to conclude IPPA with Ivory Coast. Our Embassy handed over our response to Ivorian draft in August 1982. Hope that reply will be received soon, so that negotiations can begin.

DOUBLE TAXATION CONVENTION (IF RAISED)

2. The conclusion of a satisfactory Double Taxation Convention should encourage and increase United Kingdom-Ivory Coast trade and investment.

3. The United Kingdom has an unrivalled network of tax treaties which makes London particularly suitable for international trading.

4. HMG hopes that the technical problems can be overcome quickly, so that the economic benefits of the Convention can be obtained. The United Kingdom will shortly be suggesting that negotiations should be resumed this year or early next year.

## BRIEF NO 3(b): ESSENTIAL FACTS

## INVESTMENT PROMOTION AND PROTECTION AGREEMENT (IPPA)

1. IPPAs are intended to stimulate the flow of new investment between the two signatory states; to protect existing and future investments under the law of the host country; and, in the event of expropriation by a host government, to ensure that prompt, adequate and effective compensation is paid. They also provide for the independent settlement of investment disputes. IPPAs can act as an incentive to potential investors and as a reassurance for existing ones.

2. In response to our model IPPA which we presented to the Ivorians a few years ago, they have given us their own version of a draft agreement. It is an encouraging start but there are a number of points which are unacceptable to us. A full list of our comments was passed to the Ivorians in August 1982, but we have yet to receive a reply.

## DOUBLE TAXATION CONVENTION

3. There have been two rounds of negotiations (in 1979) and subsequent exchanges of correspondence on the possibility of a Convention. Substantial agreement has been reached on the terms of a Convention which would be broadly in line with our usual OECD-based treaties.

4. The Ivorians have been very reasonable except on one main issue. This has become the main stumbling block in the way of an agreed Convention.

5. They have insisted on retaining the right to impose income tax on what they see as the profit attributable to goods purchased in the Ivory Coast by the purchasing offices (situated in that country) of a UK business, even though the goods are not resold or processed in the Ivory Coast.

6. This is completely contrary to OECD and UN tax principles. The UK has never conceded this right in any of its treaties. But the Ivory Coast has insisted on it in all its treaties.

7. Present position. The Inland Revenue has just completed its consultations with the CBI about the implications of conceding this right under a Double Taxation Treaty. The CBI's members are divided: those with substantial interests in the Ivory Coast are in favour of a Treaty even if it concedes this point, but a majority of all those who expressed a view are opposed.

8. The Inland Revenue are now considering how to proceed and will shortly be suggesting further discussions with the Ivorians.

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18 July 1983





VISIT BY PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET - BOIGNY  
IVORY COAST 26 - 29 JULY 1983

Brief No. 4: UK AID TO IVORY COAST

Points to Make

1. Glad we can make capital aid offer of £3.5m for spending over next 3 to 4 years.
2. Project identification mission to Ivory Coast planned for later this year.
3. ECGD medium-term cover available for Ivory Coast. May be possible to associate this with aid-financed projects.
4. Technical cooperation programme will be modestly increased to support new capital aid.

Defensive (If President asks about continuation of aid after present tranche)

5. Too early to say. We shall have to take account of circumstances then prevailing.



## Essential Facts

### Bilateral Aid

1. Ivory Coast is relatively prosperous by African standards with a Gross National Product per capita of US \$1,150. It has therefore been a country of minor aid interest to the UK. The present small bilateral technical cooperation programme is concentrated exclusively on English Language Teaching and related scholarships. There are three English Language lecturers in the Ivory Coast: one at the University, one at the Ecole Normale Supérieure (ENS) and one at the Institut National Supérieur de L'Enseignement Technique (INSET). Total estimated expenditure in the current financial year will be about £205,000.

### Commonwealth Development Corporation (CDC)

2. CDC began operations in the Ivory Coast in 1974 and its total investment (so far) of £14.5m is in rubber, oil palm, coconut and forestry projects. With ODA's approval CDC are now negotiating a further investment of £21m with the Ivorian authorities.

### Multilateral Aid

3. The United Kingdom contributes indirectly to the development of the Ivory Coast through institutions such as the World Bank (IBRD) and its International Development Association (IDA) and the European Development Fund. Our subscription to the IBRD represents 6.58 per cent of the total shareholding and our contribution to the IDA VI Replenishment is 10.1 per cent of the total. Ivory Coast has received IBRD loans worth US \$1,056.1m and IDA credits worth US \$7.5m. The United Kingdom contributes approximately 18% of the EDF budget. The EDF V programme for Ivory Coast (1981/85) will be £27m to £37m. The notional United Kingdom share is about £4.8m to £6.6m.

### New Aid

4. A £3.5m allocation of capital aid for Ivory Coast (for projects) has been agreed by Ministers, but not yet formally offered to the Ivory Coast Government. (A possible offer of £2m was mentioned informally to the Government of the Ivory Coast by Dr Gerard Vaughan during an official visit in April but was not well received) This aid will be provided on soft loan terms.

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QUOTED



5. Because of the constraints on the aid programme we cannot plan to spend the money quickly. The proposed phasing is:-

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TO BE  
QUOTED

<u>1983/84</u>	<u>1984/85</u>	<u>1985/86</u>	<u>1986/87</u>
£0.5m	£1.0m	£1.0m	£1.0m

However, because of likely further adjustments in the Aid Framework, this phasing has not yet been finalised.

6. The aid offer can be made known to the President during his visit. A Government to Government loan agreement covering all the details (including terms) will have to be negotiated. Instructions on this will be sent to our Embassy in Abidjan. The President's attention can also be drawn to the availability of ECGD medium-term export credit cover for Ivory Coast and to the possibility of employing some of this on projects for which an element of British aid is agreed.

7. The ODA and DTI propose to send a project identification mission to Ivory Coast later this year to identify suitable projects for implementation under the agreement.

8. The small existing technical cooperation programme will be expanded modestly to support the new capital aid programme. This has been allowed for in the draft Aid Framework.

Eastern and Western Africa Department  
Overseas Development Administration  
19 July 1983

VISIT BY THE PRESIDENT OF IVORY COAST: 26-29 JULY 1983

BRIEF NO 5

CULTURAL RELATIONS

Points to Make

1. Pleased to see the contribution we are making to development of English Language Teaching in Ivory Coast.
  
2. We are looking at ways in which this might be expanded, perhaps through a direct teaching operation in Abidjan organised by the British Council in consultation with the Ivorian Ministry of Education.

CULTURAL RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

14 JULY 1983

VISIT BY THE PRESIDENT OF IVORY COAST: 26-29 JULY 1983

CULTURAL RELATIONS

Essential Facts

General

1. Our cultural relations with Ivory Coast are at present limited to modest support for English Language Training under the Technical Co-operation Training Programme (TCT). There is no British Council representation in Abidjan and the educational aid is administered by the Embassy with the support and guidance of the Council Headquarters in London.

Current Programme

2. The £200,000 allocated in 1983/84 for the TCT programme provides for three British lecturers in English at higher educational institutions, including the University of Abidjan; eighteen awards to Ivorian students for various English language courses in Britain; and books to the value of £2,000 for presentation to Ivorian institutions.

Future Prospects

3. An ODA Education Adviser visited Ivory Coast earlier this year recommending a possible increase in our local support for English Language Teaching through:

(a) provision of an adviser to the Ministry of National Education;

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(b) the establishment of a Direct Teaching of English operation supervised by the British Council (whose representative in neighbouring Ghana has already visited Abidjan with a view to overseeing the educational aid programme).

4. The cost of setting up a direct teaching operation and its prospects of becoming self-financing would need to be carefully considered. If a teaching operation could pay its way and eventually produce a working surplus, the British Council might be persuaded to open a resident representation. At the present time the Council lacks the financial resources for this.

Is there  
anything you  
need to raise?

## VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE IVORY COAST, 26-30 JULY

BRIEF NO 6: DEVELOPING COUNTRY ISSUES  
POINTS TO MAKE (IF RAISED)

1. I understand the great hardships which primary producers have been suffering. Best hope for everyone lies in economic recovery of developed countries, to which our policies are directed. Williamsburg Summit most recently recognized this. Recovery now under way.
  2. UK has firmly resisted protectionist pressures at time of recession. Continued free access for the developing world's products one of the most practical ways we can help.
  3. Some modest progress at UNCTAD VI. Hope that future UNCTAD conferences can achieve more.
  4. [If it is suggested that developing countries' products should be subject to a CAP-type regime.] Fear that cost would be prohibitive. Likely to lead to unsaleable surpluses.
- AID
5. Western countries devote very considerable resources to bilateral and multilateral aid programmes. Of course it never seems enough. British aid programme is in excess of £1 billion annually.

West African Department, FCO  
22 July 1983



## BRIEF NO 6: ESSENTIAL FACTS (UNCTAD VI ONLY)

## UNCTAD VI (BELGRADE 6-30 JUNE)

1. A difficult conference. G77 (the developing countries' group) failed to obtain progress towards the ambitious programme which they put forward at their Ministerial Meeting in Buenos Aires (28 March-9 April). Despite rumours of a walk-out by G77 the Conference did finally adopt more than 20 resolutions by consensus, after the President (Yugoslavia) had struck out all the contentious passages from the texts, and presented them to the G77 on a take-it-or-leave-it basis.
2. Although some developing countries are likely to be disappointed with the outcome of UNCTAD VI, it was less confrontational than UNCTAD V, and may well prove to be a more realistic basis for further work on developing country issues than previous UNCTAD Conferences. UNCTAD procedures have proved to be quite unworkable: they must bear part of the blame for any disappointment over the outcome of the Conference. The UK delegation took the lead at Belgrade in suggesting more flexible working methods on the lines set out in a report by a Commonwealth Expert Group.
3. The Ivory Coast played no significant role.

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BRIEF NO 7(a)

COMMODITIES: (A) COCOA AND COFFEE

Points to Make

1. Recognise importance of commodities to the Ivory Coast. Sympathise with many producers facing problems as a result of low commodity prices.
  
2. UK supports UNCTAD Integrated Programme for Commodities (IPC) and participates in a number of International Commodity Agreements (ICAs). Important that members should make these operate as effectively as possible in the interests of both producers and consumers. Hope Ivory Coast will join the present International Cocoa Agreement and any successor Agreement.
  
3. (If raised) Important also to bring Common Fund into operation as soon as possible. UK has already signed and ratified Common Fund Agreement. Does Ivory Coast intend to do so?

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## ESSENTIAL FACTS

1. The Ivory Coast is the world's largest exporter of cocoa and third largest of coffee, with world market shares of 23.9% and 6.9% respectively in 1978-80. Also a major exporter of tropical timber. These three commodities represented 63.4% of total exports in 1978-80 (cocoa 25.1%, coffee 25.1% and tropical timber 13.2%).
2. Despite a small recent upturn, commodity prices are still generally very low. Until recent weeks the cocoa price has been well below the current range set in the Third International Cocoa Agreement (106-146 US cents/lb). The average price of coffee has held up somewhat better: currently around 124 US cents/lb, ie within the range set by the International Coffee Agreement (120-140 US cents/lb).
3. Cocoa, coffee and tropical timber are among the 18 products covered by the Integrated Programme for Commodities (IPC) agreed by UNCTAD IV in 1976. The IPC provides for the establishment of International Commodity Agreements, and a Common Fund which is designed to provide finance for these Agreements. The Agreements may either include price stabilizing measures (such as buffer stocks) and/or simply provide for 'other measures' (such as research and development). But progress on the IPC has been slow. Apart from agreements on cocoa, coffee, sugar and tin, which were in place before 1976, new Agreements have been concluded in only two commodities: rubber and jute (though an Agreement on Tropical Timber appears to be close). The Common Fund not yet ratified by sufficient countries to bring it into operation.
4. United Kingdom supports the IPC and is a member of 5 of the 6 existing commodity agreements (excluding sugar, but including the two commodities of primary interest to the Ivory Coast: cocoa and coffee). UK policy is to work to make these agreements operate as effectively as possible in the interests of producers and consumers, and to look at proposals for new ICAs very carefully on their merits. The UK has also signed and ratified the Common Fund Agreement, and UK policy is to urge others to do so in order to bring the Fund into operation as soon as possible.

5. The Ivory Coast is a member of the Coffee Agreement, but refuses to join the Cocoa Agreement. This factor, together with the absence of the USA (the major consumer), has not helped this Agreement to work. The Ivory Coast's objections were the price range (too low) and the principle of automatic reduction in times of surplus. UK view remains that the price is too high to defend in current market conditions. Discussions about a possible new agreement are scheduled to start later this year. Ivory Coast (and US) participation will be necessary if any new agreement is to have any chance of working.

6. Ivory Coast has neither signed nor ratified the Common Fund Agreement. The period for ratification now extended to 30 September 1983, but the chances of the Fund coming into effect seems remote: only 53 of the 90 countries required to ratify it have done so, and the US seems unlikely to do so.

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BRIEF NO 7(b): SUGAR

POINTS TO MAKE (If raised)

1. We understand the Ivory Coast's concern for an allocation under the Sugar Protocol.
2. The Commission have proposed that the Ivory Coast should accede with a quota of 2,000 tonnes. We and a number of other Member States support this proposal.
3. (If necessary) Realise that this may be a disappointingly low quota. But only very limited amount of sugar is currently available for reallocation and there are other claimants, all of whom (unlike the Ivory Coast) are traditional suppliers.
4. (If asked about the possibility of increasing the 1.3 million tonne figure for preferential sugar) Other Member States have made it quite clear that there can be no question of an increase.

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## ESSENTIAL FACTS

1. The Sugar Protocol to the Lomé Convention guarantees access to the European Community market for 1.3 million tonnes of sugar, which is divided up into quotas for each of the members of the Protocol.
2. The Ivory Coast applied to join the Sugar Protocol over a year ago; they are, we understand seeking a quota of around 25,000 tonnes. (The Ivorians began sugar production only in 1975 and were thus not exporters at the time the Protocol was drawn up). As there is no prospect of any increase in the overall figure of 1.3 million tonnes they are essentially competing for a share of the 12,000 tonnes of sugar which is at present available for reallocation as a result of certain ACP countries' failure to deliver. The other main bidder in the running is India (which was given access for sugar on similar terms to members of the Sugar Protocol under a separate trade agreement, but lost its entitlement because of a failure to deliver in 1980/81).
3. After much deliberation (and heavy lobbying from both the Indians and Ivorians) the Commission have recently proposed that the 12,000 tonnes be split 10,000: 2,000 for India: Ivory Coast. Although we have been resisting the claims of the Ivory Coast because it is a new producer and supplier we would be prepared to go along with this proposal, as it is the best result we are likely to obtain. The French however (who have substantial commercial interests in the Ivory Coast - including in the sugar industry) have argued in Brussels that the Ivorians should get the full 12,000 tonnes and that the Indian case should be looked at in

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slower time.

4. The matter is due to be discussed again in Brussels in the course of July, although it is not yet clear whether before or after the President's visit. We shall support the Commission's proposal as a package and resist French attempts to squeeze out the Indians. We shall however wish to avoid a position in which we are identified by the Ivorians as the Member State which opposes a fair allocation for their country.

5. It will also be important not to leave Houphouet-Boigny with the impression that it is the UK which is the prime barrier to Ivorian accession to the Protocol. Although we have, for good reason, been a reluctant supporter of the Ivorian case we are now prepared to agree to their accession, in line with the Commission proposal.

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BRIEF NO. 8: LIBYAN ACTIVITIES IN WEST AFRICA [If raised]  
POINTS TO MAKE

1. Main focus of Libyan activity is Ghana, Upper Volta and Niger. (Chad is covered in Brief No. 10(b)). Welcome President's views on Libyan activities in Upper Volta and Niger, where our own interests are slight.
2. We can speak more fully on Ghana. Concerned at increased Libyan activity there. Her influence should not be exaggerated. Apart from radicals in the PNDC leadership, few Ghanaians feel any political or ideological affinity with Libya. Ghanaians have sought aid from whoever may be prepared to give it.
3. The UK has continued its development aid, technical co-operation and military assistance to the present Ghanaian government. We believe that moderate elements in Ghana welcome this. UK military assistance also helps deny the field to other less benign influences (eg Libya).
4. Welcome more regular dialogue with Ivorians on this subject.



## ESSENTIAL FACTS

1. Since the present Ghanaian government under Flight Lieutenant Rawlings assumed power, there has been a rapprochement with Libya. Diplomatic relations have been restored. Libya has supplied oil on concessionary credit terms, and may shortly conclude a further oil/credit agreement for supplies to Ghana in 1983. Libya has also provided military assistance in the form of arms and equipment as well as training of Ghanaian personnel in Libya. But there is some evidence of Libyan frustration with Ghana's performance so far. Significantly, Ghana was not included in Colonel Qadhafi's tour of West Africa in April/May 1983. The Libyans, like the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe generally, may have concluded that the future of the present Ghanaian leadership is too uncertain to justify a more substantial investment.
2. UK military assistance to Ghana (which costs some £400,000 per annum) now consists of two loan service personnel at the Ghana Armed Forces Staff College, one of whom is the Deputy Commandant of the College. We have also recently sent out a 4-man infantry training team on a 6 month attachment. The decision to provide this team reflects a shift in emphasis in favour of training at unit level where the need for restoring discipline and morale is greatest. Last year we also provided a quantity of non-lethal equipment (uniforms, boots, groundsheets etc) to enable the armed forces to get out of the towns (where they were a potential source of trouble) and into the field for (British designed) training exercises.
3. In recent weeks, Libya has been making major efforts to destabilize the moderate government in Upper Volta. In May President Ouédraogo of Upper Volta announced the arrest of his radical Prime Minister Captain Sankara who had developed close links with Libya. This led to a temporary rebellion among pro-Sankara army units in the south of the country to which the Libyans supplied arms via northern Ghana. Tripoli radio broadcast appeals to support Sankara and denounced President Ouédraogo. The rebellion petered out in June after the release of Sankara who was dismissed from the government. President Ouédraogo has since strongly criticised Libyan interference

in Upper Volta's internal affairs.

4. Niger shares a common border with Libya. Relations with Libya are uneasy and President Kountché has frequently expressed concern at Libyan intentions.

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BRIEF NO 9  
SOUTHERN AFRICA

(i) South Africa

POINTS TO MAKE

Constitutional Developments/Internal Change

1. You have had contact with the South Africans. How do you see prospects for change in SA and for avoiding bloodbath which President Kaunda has been predicting? Do you consider that dialogue with Pretoria can be helpful? Would you like to see the West and/or Africa doing more to engage the South Africans and to try to convince them of the need for new policies?
2. For people of South Africa and South African Government to decide on current proposals. But these are flawed by absence of any provision for role for blacks. We are ready to welcome and encourage progress towards a form of government acceptable to all the peoples of South Africa.
3. As you know, P W Botha had great difficulty in gaining white approval for even present inadequate proposals. Politically he has to move gradually. Some hope that change will generate its own momentum. But social and economic advancement of the blacks in South Africa may well provide the real motor for change. We will use our links and such influence as we have to encourage reform. Sanctions and external pressures will not be effective.

Destabilisation

4. We view growing insecurity in the region with considerable concern. We strongly believe each country must be allowed to decide its own future and that relations between States should adhere strictly to the principles of non-use of violence and non-intervention in internal affairs.

5. We have condemned South Africa raids into neighbouring states (most recently raid on Maputo in May). We have also condemned terrorist violence.

6. South Africa's internal policies are central to the problem. But the South Africans have legitimate security concerns. These must be recognised. We must also try to understand their perceptions of the threat they face.

7. It is essential that other African states talk to South Africa. Dialogue need not involve the sacrifice of principle. The problems of Southern Africa must, in the last resort be solved by the countries of the region. As a first step to reducing tension, cross-border attacks, in either direction, must be ended.

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SOUTHERN AFRICA

(i) South Africa

ESSENTIAL FACTS [May be used freely, except where otherwise indicated].

M. Houphouet-Boigny's Attitude Towards South Africa

1. President Houphouet-Boigny is interested in and knowledgeable about South Africa. He also has experience of dialogue and contact with the South Africans. In 1970 Mr Vorster (then South African PM) invited other African states to enter into non-aggression pacts with South Africa. President Houphouet-Boigny (with subsequent support from several other African states) called publicly for a dialogue with South Africa; but his initiative was rejected by the OAU's summit meeting in 1971.
  
2. The Portuguese coup in 1974 and subsequent changes in Angola and Mozambique prompted South Africa to a fundamental appraisal of its own attitude towards black Africa which resulted in a new South African initiative and a policy of détente. In 1974 Vorster visited Ivory Coast for talks with Houphouet-Boigny. In 1975 the Ivory Coast Minister of Information made an official visit to South Africa. However the period of détente came to an abrupt end with the South African invasion of Angola in October 1975.

Constitutional Developments/Internal Change

3. South African Government are pressing ahead with their constitutional reform proposals to bring Coloured and Asian communities into the central government process in a tricameral parliamentary system. Proposals will not be put into affect until late 1984.
  
4. Proposals are so designed that whites will still retain control over all important decisions. They are flawed by absence of any role

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for 21 million blacks who are still expected to satisfy their political aspirations within the homelands system. Coloured and Asian communities are also deeply divided in their attitudes. But in white South African terms, proposals represent a radical step. They have already caused splits in ruling National Party. Black leaders in South Africa regard Government's whole programme of reform as irrelevant to their advancement.

5. Limited nature of Government's proposals and international suspicion of them make it inappropriate for us to offer any public welcome. We have therefore emphasised our wish to see progress towards a form of government acceptable to all the people of South African and pointing out that proposed changes are flawed by absence of any provision for role for blacks in central government process.

#### Destabilisation

6. South Africa's policies towards its neighbours increasingly aggressive. They are aimed at: the elimination of, and the ending of facilities for, the ANC; the reduction of communist influence; and, apparently, the maintainence of neighbouring states in a condition of weakness and dependence. South African forces are regularly engaged in cross-border operations against the ANC (they attacked targets in Lesotho in December 1982 and in Maputo, Mozambique in May)

[NOT FOR USE]: There is considerable evidence of direct covert acts of destabilisation and of support for dissident movements in Mozambique, Lesotho and Angola. South African forces occupy part of Southern Angola.

7. South African policies have increased tension. Some short term results, eg both Angola and Mozambique negotiating with the South Africans on a range of issues including the ANC, but long term effects certainly damaging to Western and South African interests. Recent attacks have led to increased Communist assistance and influence in the region as well as the introduction of more sophisticated weaponry.

8. It is in Western interests to encourage direct contacts/negotiations between South Africa and her neighbours as the best way of resolving regional problems peacefully. But we do not seek or see advantage

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in a rôle as intermediaries in the process.

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(ii) Namibia

Points to Make

Security Council

1. Grateful for constructive role played by African Group at recent Security Council Meeting. Adoption of SCR 532 a positive step. Hope that FLS and other moderate Africans agree that Contact Group initiative offers only realistic prospect for peaceful settlement in Namibia.

The Five

2. Five still very much in business. Have offered Secretary-General full support for his Mission. Stand ready to help in any way we can.

US/Angola

3. US and South Africa must have understanding on Cuban troop withdrawal for implementation of SCR 435 to proceed. Do you think Angolans will deliver? How else could South Africans be persuaded to accept UN Plan? A settlement cannot be imposed.

South Africa/Angola

4. We understand both parties mean to continue their exchanges. Dialogue the only way to solve problems of the region.



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ii) Namibia

Essential Facts  
Security Council

1. SCR 532 adopted on 31 May mandated Secretary General to consult parties with a view to speedy implementation of the UN Plan for Namibia. He must report back to the Council by 31 August. Difficult to see what positive development he will be able to report. Five have pledged support for his Mission. SG disposed to be helpful and willing to meet South African Government (SAG).

US/Angola

2. In practice, progress stalled until US receive from Angolans proposal for withdrawal of Cuban troops. Americans still optimistic, but no sign of time table as yet. Angolan government divided on Cuban withdrawal and Dos Santos probably too unsure of his position vis-a-vis MPLA hardliners to take risk at present.

Linkage

3. Introduction of linkage caused friction within the Five and open hostility from the non-aligned, particularly from Front Line States (FLS), who attack it as ploy by SAG, with US connivance, to delay implementation of SCR 435. In private, moderate Africans and UN Secretary General recognise it represents only way of securing US influence and South African co-operation in achieving a settlement. All parties accept that US/Angola dialogue must be given time to reach a conclusion.

UK Position

4. UK have taken line that while deal on Cubans is not pre-condition for Namibia settlement, it is a political necessity, and would also contribute to stability of the region as a whole. We are concerned to keep Five together ( - so are others. Even the French, who are most opposed to linkage, wish the Five to continue).

South African Attitude

5. Until US have a deal on Cubans, SAG can avoid final decision on UN Plan. Even then would be likely to temporize:reluctant to permit Namibia settlement until they have successfully launched new constitutional proposals within South Africa (in late 1984). Meanwhile, SAG still trying within Namibia to create viable opposition groups to contest elections against SWAPO. Little success so far.

African Attitude

6. Moderate Africans routinely denounce linkage, but accept there is no alternative at present. The FLS were helpful during Security Council debate when their constructive and 'non confrontational' approach made possible adoption of moderate resolution. But they will find it hard to resist tougher line if there has been no visible progress by 31 August. Ivory Coast have not played prominent part in discussion on Namibia.

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BRIEF NO. 10(a): OAU

POINTS TO MAKE [If raised]

1. Pleased that the OAU was successful in holding 19th Summit at Addis Ababa in June: demonstration of ability of African states to discuss their problems in a spirit of unity.
2. But problems remain. Will the referendum in the Western Sahara be carried out before the summit in Conakry next year? What are the chances of a permanent Secretary-General being elected?
3. How will the OAU develop? Does the Addis Summit reflect real cohesion, or will the moderates versus radical divide reopen?

BRIEF NO. 10(a): OAU

## ESSENTIAL FACTS

1. After more than a year when the OAU was in disarray following the contested admission of the SADR (Saharan Arab Democratic Republic, ie the Polisario Movement in the Western Sahara) as 51st member of the Organisation, it succeeded in June in holding its 19th Annual Summit. Two previous attempts to hold the Summit in Tripoli in July and November 1982 had failed to achieve a quorum as a result of disputes over the SADR and the representation of Chad. These disputes reflected a more fundamental division between the radicals led by Libya and the more moderate pro-Western states such as the Ivory Coast who do not recognise the SADR and/or opposed Libyan backing for ex-President Goukouni of Chad.
2. The Summit at Addis was a success for the Organisation and for the moderates within it. The latter refused to accept the presence of the SADR in the conference chamber. The pro-SADR states conceded defeat and persuaded the Polisario representatives to withdraw 'voluntarily and temporarily'. Only Libya refused to accept this, and Col Qadhafi left Addis prematurely, isolated even from his former supporters. He thus lost the chance to become Chairman and Ethiopia's Chairman Mengistu was elected to the post.
3. The resolution adopted on the Western Sahara called inter alia for an immediate ceasefire, and for a referendum to be held before December 1983 under the joint supervision of the UN and the OAU. It seems unlikely, however, that this will be achieved so quickly (there is little agreement even on who should be entitled to vote). The SADR issue may still disrupt the next Summit planned for May/June 1984 in Conakry.
4. The Addis meeting failed to reach agreement on the appointment of a new Secretary-General. Deadlock of the moderate Gabonese candidate and the radical Malian. The Acting Chairman (until next year) is the former Deputy Chairman, Peter Onu (Nigerian).

UK ATTITUDE TO OAU [NOT FOR USE]

5. We support the OAU as a forum for discussion and resolution of exclusively African problems. We do not want to become directly involved in the OAU's internal affairs, nor to see institutional links with the EC as some of our Community colleagues would like.

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BRIEF NO 10(b): CHAD

POINTS TO MAKE [If raised]

1. UK interest in Chad minimal. But concerned by recent renewal of hostilities. Would like to see lasting peace, without any malign external interference, to allow for essential reconstruction and development.

2. UK has contributed substantial humanitarian relief, both directly and through international agencies.

3. Is OAU likely to play an important role in bringing internal stability to Chad?

4. [If asked]

No question of UK offering military support. We would consider joining any appeals for restraint, if we thought it useful.

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ESSENTIAL FACTS

1. Renewal of fighting in Chad in the last month. Forces of former President Goukouni Weddeye, using Libya as a base and with Libyan logistic support, captured towns of Faya Largeau in the North, and Abeche in the East. But rapidly-supplied French equipment allowed President Hisseine Habré's forces to mount a counter offensive, recapturing Abeche and moving towards Faya. The fighting is the most serious threat to Habré's government since he expelled Goukouni from Chad in June 1982.

2. There is no firm evidence of direct Libyan involvement in the fighting, but Habré produced a captured Libyan corporal at a press conference.

3. France has been airlifting military equipment to the capital Ndjamena since the end of June. President Houphouet-Boigny flew to Paris in early July with the Presidents of Togo and Niger to ask France to intervene directly on Habré's behalf. But France declined to send troops to fight in Chad on the grounds that the 1976 bilateral agreement between the countries is a cooperation rather than defence agreement. (French troops were in the country from Independence in 1960 until 1980, however, with interruptions). Zaire has sent over 1,000 troops, 3 Mirage fighters and 2 Hercules transporters to help defend Ndjamena.

4. An emergency meeting of the bureau of the 19th OAU summit has called for a cessation of hostilities and an end to foreign interference. But Habré has refused to consider any appeals until all Libyan support had ceased. The USA announced on 19 July plans to send non-military aid worth \$10m to Ndjamena to 'help stop destabilizing Libyan influence spreading.' Ethiopia (in the OAU Chair) has denounced this involvement as exacerbating 'the already existing tense situation in the region'.

UK INTERESTS

5. UK interests in Chad are minimal. There is no consular angle. We would be concerned however at the effect any Libyan supported regime in Chad would have on the stability of the whole area (neighbouring Sudan, Cameroon, Nigeria, Niger). If Libyan troops or aircraft become directly involved in the fighting we would

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consider associating ourselves in any joint appeal for restraint, eg by the Ten.

6. Chad survives largely on aid from governments and NGO's. UK contributed nearly £400,000 in 1981 and 1982 on humanitarian relief, and about £50,000 this year for medical supplies, plus blankets and spare parts. Also contributes to EDF and other agencies.

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IVORY COAST

BACKGROUND BRIEF

Internal

1. The Ivory Coast has gained a unique reputation since independence in 1960 for political stability, and remarkable and sustained economic progress. Under the patriarchal rule of President Houphouet-Boigny ('le vieux') the country has been run as a one-party state without manifest tribal divisions. Executive power is vested in the President to whom a Council of Ministers is responsible.

The President, now at least 78, intends, health permitting, to see through his present 5-year term to 1985, preparing a team from which his successor would be chosen. He is now the unrivalled, elder statesman of West Africa. In the Ivory Coast his present political position appears unassailable.

2. The country's considerable prosperity by African and other developing world standards has been achieved through free enterprise under the guise of state capitalism, and a liberal foreign investment regime. French commercial interests still predominate but Ivorian policy is to diversify.

3. The President's efforts since 1980 to overhaul the Party (PDCI) and to bring greater democracy have paradoxically concentrated even more power in his own hands. He was returned to office that year for a fifth 5-year term (having been the sole candidate). A constitutional amendment in November 1980 removed the article providing for the automatic assumption to the Presidency of the Republic by the President of the National Assembly, and created

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the post of Vice-President of the Republic, which will be an elective office from 1985. Houphouet-Boigny resolutely refuses to be drawn as to the identity of his successor. Whoever finally succeeds to the Presidency seems likely to pursue much the same general policies as Houphouet-Boigny.

#### Economy

4. Agriculture has been the motive force behind the Ivory Coast's impressive economic growth up till 1980. With a production in excess of 400,000 tons per year, the country is now the world's largest producer of cocoa. But in the last three years, earnings from Ivorian primary products have fallen by 50% (the low level of prices is the principal reason why the Ivory Coast has refused to join the International Cocoa Agreement). Diversification into sugar and rice has proved disappointing, but there have been a number of success stories, notably rubber, pineapples, bananas, cotton and copra. The discovery of substantial offshore oil and gas supplies has brought self-sufficiency and an exportable surplus is likely to be available after 1983. It has been predicted that the Ivory Coast will become Black Africa's second largest oil producer by the end of this decade. The wealth generated by oil will be used chiefly for investment in agriculture and infrastructural products. Meanwhile, good progress is being made in implementing an IMF structural reform programme.

#### External

5. President Houphouet-Boigny's foreign policy has been one of independent initiative, although the French connection remains the central pillar. He is robustly anti-Soviet; he threw the Soviet Ambassador out in 1969 for subversion and has not re-established relations. But he criticises the West for not paying enough for the

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raw materials of stable developing countries, risking their slide into conditions where Communism thrives.

6. Houphouet-Boigny was a founder signatory to the OAU Charter but has been sceptical about the organization and has stayed away from its Summits. Nevertheless, the Ivorians play a major role in African regional groupings, especially the francophone Communauté Economique de l'Afrique de l'Ouest (CEAO), the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and also the smaller Conseil de l'Entente set up in 1959 as a political and economic association of French West African states. The Ivorians were horrified at the coup in 1980 in neighbouring Liberia; and relations with Rawlings' Government in Ghana have lacked warmth. The President has long favoured dialogue with South Africa, meeting Vorster in 1974 and 1977 and Pik Botha also in 1977. Following a visit to Peking by the Ivorian Minister of Foreign Affairs, the People's Republic of China and the Ivory Coast concluded an agreement on 1 March to establish diplomatic relations. The Ivorians intend to open a resident mission in Peking as soon as practicable.

#### The Special Relationship with France

7. The traditional economic, cultural and military ties with France remain, though the special relationship has not been without strains, especially in the last years of President Giscard's administration. For some years Houphouet-Boigny has sought both to Ivorianize administration and commerce and to diversify external and economic links from dependence upon France. Houphouet-Boigny was the first African head of state to call on President Mitterrand at the Elysée in 1981. He has been a personal friend of President Mitterrand for over 30 years, and shares with him a political viewpoint described

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by 'Le Monde' as 'liberal in the British sense of the term.' However, the close personal relationship with Mitterrand has not so far led Houphouet-Boigny to show any greater flexibility on such issues as membership of the International Cocoa Agreement (which the Ivory Coast refuses to join). President Mitterrand paid a state visit to the Ivory Coast in May 1982.

#### Bilateral Relations

8. The increasing prosperity of the Ivory Coast and the President's express wish to do more business with us (as part of his policy of loosening his country from the French commercial straitjacket) led the UK in 1977 to take a more active interest in the country. The Prince of Wales paid a very successful visit to the Ivory Coast that year. Lord Carrington's brief (12 hour) visit to the Ivory Coast in February 1981 was the first ever by a British Foreign Secretary. It was followed that year by visit by Lord Trefgarne and by the Duke of Kent. Mrs Fenner, Parliamentary Secretary at the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, also led a team of businessmen to the Ivory Coast in June 1982. The most recent outward visit was that of Dr. Vaughan, Minister for Consumer Affairs, in April 1983.

9. Inward visits from the Ivory Coast have been less frequent, but M. Brou Tanoh, the Minister of the Environment, paid a successful visit to the UK in November 1982 to study marine pollution control equipment and techniques. The programme for President Houphouet-Boigny's visit will include talks at No 10 and lunches given by the Prime Minister, The Queen and the Duke of Kent. The President last visited the UK in 1962. Last month he paid state visits to the United States and to Canada.

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Trade

10. British business is taking an increasing interest in trade and investment in the Ivory Coast. British direct exports totalled £28.2 millions in 1982. An unquantifiable volume of British exports also reaches the Ivory Coast via France. The Ivory Coast is Britain's largest market and bilateral trading partner in francophone West Africa, but our market share (2.6%) remains small. Ivorian exports to the UK in 1982 were worth £56.1 millions, of which cocoa and coffee amounted to two-thirds by value.

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## IVORY COAST

Area	127,000 sq miles (cf UK 94,000)
Population	8.3 million (1981 estimate)
Population growth 1975-79	4.2% per annum
Life Expectancy	46 years
Expatriate French population	45,000
Religion	65% animist; 23% Muslim; 12% Christian
Currency	CFA franc (583 CFA francs = £1 sterling)
GNP per capita	Approximately US\$ 1100
GNP growth 1975-79	8.0% (real) per annum
Inflation rate	12.1% (12 months to July 1982)
Debt service ratio	Approximately 40%
Principal products	Cocoa (the world's largest producer - approx. 400,000 tons per annum), coffee, timber, palm products, sugar, cotton.
Oil production	18,000 barrels per day (320,000 BPD forecast towards the end of this decade).
Principal trading partner	France (supplies around 40% of imports)
UK exports (1982)	£28 million (2.6% of total Ivorian imports).
Ivorian exports to UK (1982)	£56 million (mainly cocoa and coffee)
Political Party	Parti démocratique de la Côte d'Ivoire (PDCI)

FÉLIX HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY, GCMG

First President of the Republic from 1960, re-elected in 1965, 1970, 1975 and for a further five-year term in October 1980.

Born 1905 at Yamoussoukro.

Member of the Baoulé Tribe, a branch of the Ashanti who immigrated from what is now Ghana in the 18th Century.

Educated at secondary school at Dakar, Senegal (where many French African leaders were educated), and at Ecole de Médecine, Dakar. He spent fifteen years as a senior dispenser.

In 1940 Houphouet-Boigny was appointed Chef de Canton at Yamoussoukro where he inherited landed estates. In 1945 he created the Parti Démocratique de Côte d'Ivoire (PDCI) and made himself President. In the same year he was elected to the French Constituent Assembly and became Deputy in the French National Assembly in 1946. He went on to hold a series of French ministerial posts between 1956 and 1960 and as Minister of State under de Gaulle he played a leading part in forming the Constitution of the French Community, which he conceived as an association of states linked federally with France. He returned to West Africa in 1959, installing himself as Prime Minister of the Ivory Coast Republic. He finally led the Ivory Coast out of the Community in 1960, together with the other states of the Conseil de l'Entente he had formed with Niger, Upper Volta and Dahomey. (Togo joined later.) The independent Constitution of the Ivory Coast gave complete executive power to the Head of State, limiting the functions of the unicameral single-party National Assembly. Houphouet-Boigny was elected President on 27 November 1960.

Houphouet-Boigny has travelled extensively. He came to London in 1962 and was invested with the GCMG. In 1963 opposition to his regime flared up but was effectively crushed. Since then he has

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concentrated on domestic political management and on the country's economic development. Houphouet-Boigny speaks of leaving a well-prepared team behind him, but he refuses to be drawn on the identity of a successor.

Houphouet-Boigny is persuasive, pragmatic and excels in political management. He is authoritarian and paternalistic, but accessible and is regarded with great respect by Ivorians, not least because of his financial acumen, which he has applied to the benefit of himself and his country. His attitude to political opposition has been to conciliate and absorb rather than to repress. However, he has frequently shown concern for the problem of student unrest. He has stressed the incompatibility of Communism with African religion, realism and his attachment to the soil.

The President is believed to have married three times. His present wife, Thérèse, is sophisticated and self-willed, and the marriage is now one of convenience. The President is believed to have had three daughters and a son by his first wife, who is still alive.

He is sentimental about his home and family. In the last twenty years he turned his birthplace Yamoussoukro into a remarkable model village and country retreat. In 1983 Yamoussoukro, by now a town, was decreed the political and administrative capital of the country, though the actual transfer is unlikely to take place for some time.

AKÉ, SIMÉON

Minister of Foreign Affairs since 1977. Comité Directeur (1975-80). Bureau politique (1980).

Born at Bingerville 1932.

Graduated from Grenoble University in law. Having gained a diploma in public administration, he joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and served as Counsellor to the UN (1961-3) and Director of Protocol (1963-4), before being appointed, in 1963, Ambassador to the UK and concurrently Ambassador to Denmark (1964). From 1966 to 1977 he was Ambassador to the UN.

Plump and friendly, he is a competent Minister with good access to the President. He speaks very good English.

Married, with six children. His wife, a practising midwife, is friendly and charming.



MME MARIE ZINSOU

Daughter of President Houphouet-Boigny (by his first marriage).

Born 1943.

Studied law in France.

Married to the Director-General of SIVOMAR, one of the Ivorian shipping lines. She has two children, a daughter aged 15 and a son aged 13.

KONÉ, Abdoulaye

Minister for the Economy and Finance 1981. Comité Directeur (1980).

Born 1933 at Ségénéla; a Senoufo.

Attended Ivory Coast (1943-54) and French (1954-8) schools, and took a French licence in law. Passed out of the French Ecole Nationale du Trésor and did a year in the Inspection Général des Services Financiers. Returned to the Ivory Coast in 1963 and became Assistant Director of Financial Control (1963-67), Regional Director and Municipal receiver at Bouaké (1967-71), Director of the Budget Spécial d'Investissement et Equipment (1971), State Secretary (1971-76), Minister for the Budget (1976-77) and Minister for the Economy, Finance and Planning (1977-81). (Note: in 1981 a new Planning Ministry was created). President of Committee for Financial Coordination and Control of Public Investments; of the Caisse autonome d'amortissement de C.I.; and President of the Board of Governors of the African Development Bank (since 1979, re-elected 1980).

An immensely hard-working technocrat, he listens carefully to the many French advisers in his Ministry but most of his decisions are ruled by the Presidency. Considered personally incorruptable.

His sight is very poor and there have been rumours from time to time that his health is not good.

Friendly, but difficult to contact because of overwork. Understands a little English but does not speak it.

A Muslim.

BRA KANON, Louis Denis

Minister of Agriculture since 1977. Bureau politique (1975)

Comité directeur (1980)

Born at Daloa 1936; a Bété.

Graduated in Agricultural Engineering from ENSA, Toulouse (1957-61) and Montpellier (1962). On his return from France, he was posted to BONDOUKOU as Chef de Secteur Agricole before, in 1963, being appointed a Departmental Head of the company SATMACI (Société d'Assistance Technique pour la Modernisation Agricole de la Côte d'Ivoire), the aim of which is to develop coffee and cocoa production. From 1966 until his present appointment as Minister he was Director-General of SATMACI. Also President of a number of other companies in the agricultural sphere. (eg Mutuelle Agricole, SOCATCI, APROMA, MOTORAGRI, etc).

Personable and friendly yet capable of robustly defending the Ivory Coast's national interests, he is considered an able and enterprising technician in his crucial and demanding Ministerial responsibilities.

A frequent visitor to the world's major commodity capitals, including London.

Married, with four children.

NAIRAY, GUY

Directeur de Cabinet to the President.

Born Guadeloupe 1914; of mixed race.

After studying at the French School of Oriental Languages and graduating in law, he joined the French Overseas Service, holding appointments at Dakar and in Mauritania in 1945-7. He was then attached to the Ministry of France Outre-Mer for about two years, after which he spent five years as Commandant du Cercle at Gagnoa, Ivory Coast.

In 1955 he was appointed Chef de Cabinet to Mr Jean Medecin, Under-Secretary in the French Prime Minister's Office. From 1956-1958 he was Chef de Cabinet to M. Houphouet-Boigny when the latter was Ministre-Délégué in the French Prime Minister's Office and later Minister of Public Health in France. Promoted to be Directeur de Cabinet and appointed in that capacity when M. Houphouet-Boigny became Prime Minister of the Ivory Coast Republic in 1959. Retained the post when M. Houphouet-Boigny became President of the Ivory Coast in 1960.

He has become President Houphouet-Boigny's right-hand man in the Presidency. He writes all the President's speeches. The furnishing of his office is a deliberate expression of the epicurean austerity which he regards as his own character. He can be depended upon to be helpful as he was during the President's visit to the UK in June 1962, when he was awarded the CBE (honorary). He pays for his devotion and efficiency by being constantly overworked.

A bachelor.

ESSIENNE DIEUDONNÉ

Ambassador to the Court of St James's since October 1978.

Born at Grand-Lahou 1938.

He has a degree in law and diplomas in political studies, public law and diplomatic studies.

He began his administrative career in 1963 as chef de cabinet to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, and was directeur du cabinet to the Minister from 1964 to 1970, when he acquired the personal rank of ambassador. He was ambassador to Canada from 1973-78.

Although he has complained of overwork, he does not seem to have exerted himself to any great extent as ambassador here, and he may be leaving soon. He seems poorly informed on many subjects and his interventions are seldom helpful. His English is limited, but he can be gracious on social occasions.

He is married, with seven children. His wife is lively, well-dressed and generally makes a much more positive impression than him.

OUÉGNIN, Georges

Chef du Protocole at Presidency.

Born at Alexandretta 1934.

Son of M. François Ouégnin, former Deputy and Comité Directeur member, and his Lebanese wife of that time. Has been Chef du Protocole at the Presidency since early 1961, after coming to Abidjan from Senegal to work as a Renault salesman. Made an Honorary CBE during President Houphouet-Boigny's visit to London in 1962.

Saturnine and balding, he is feared by many Ivorian Ministers (and ambassadors) who seem unable to distinguish whether he is speaking personally or with full Presidential authority. Nevertheless, he is invariably helpful to the Diplomatic Corps, and a notably vigorous Chef du Protocole; usually having to attend to every detail himself, he is not to be blamed if occasionally his vigour fails to discriminate between Ambassadors and waiters. Whilst his intellectual talents may not run deep, he is urbane and an easy linguist (very fluent in English). His ambitions appear to be in his chosen career of diplomacy rather than in politics; but he has made himself so indispensable to President Houphouet-Boigny that his long-rumoured appointment as Ambassador to Beirut has never come off. Embassies profit from his capacity as a fixer, and it would be unnatural if his Lebanese friends and relations did not profit too; but not scandalously. Accorded the rank of Ambassador in 1968. His fortunes seem likely to fade when Houphouet dies.

He made an advantageous marriage - many said socially above himself - to the daughter of Joseph Bilé, a wealthy Ivorian (Agni) importer.

Claims he was offered post of Chief Protocol Officer at the UN by Dr Waldheim in 1973, but declined.

GUARD OF HONOUR - Procedure

1. A Guard of Honour found by 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards under the command of Major N E Emson MC with the Regimental Colour, the Band of the Scots Guards and the Corps of Drums of the Battalion will be formed in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office Quadrangle on Wednesday 27 July at 1145 hours to greet His Excellency Monsieur Felix Houphouet-Boigny, President of the Republic of the Ivory Coast. Embassy staff and other spectators are requested to arrive not later than 1100 hours.
2. At 1135 hours the Rt Hon Sir Geoffrey Howe, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, will arrive in the Quadrangle; he will be met to the left of the dais by Major-General James Eyre, Major-General Commanding the Household Division. He will be accompanied by the Brigade Major, Lt Col R J S Wardle, Brigade Major of the Household Division. At 1138 hours the members of the official suite will arrive at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office Quadrangle by car via King Charles Street. They will alight from their cars just beyond the dais (ie to the east of the latter) where they will be received by The Rt Hon Sir Geoffrey Howe. They will remain near the Colour points on the east side of the Main Archway (see diagram attached). The cars will proceed to the east of the King Charles Street Archway and await the arrival of the President and his party. As soon as these cars have entered the Quadrangle the cars of the official suite should proceed to park in the south west corner of the Quadrangle.
3. At 1142 hours the Prime Minister will arrive at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office Quadrangle through the Main Archway; she will be met at the Archway by Major General James Eyre. The Major General will then escort the Prime Minister to the right (west) of the dais where she will receive the President.
4. At 1145 hours the President will arrive at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office via King Charles Street.
5. The Prime Minister will welcome him and present Major General Eyre who will escort the President to his place on the dais. The Prime Minister will then take up a position on his right and behind the dais, and the Major General will take up his position on the left and behind the dais. After the Guard Commander has presented his Guard of Honour to the President the Major General will accompany the President and the Guard Commander on the inspection. The Prime Minister should remain in the vicinity of the dais with the Brigade Major until the inspection is completed and the Major-General has accompanied the President back to the dais. The President will introduce his Ministers to the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister will then escort the President to No 10 Downing Street. Those participating in the plenary talks will follow.
6. Meanwhile the Major-General and the Brigade Major will have taken their leave of the President and will authorise the dispersal of the Guard of Honour once the President has departed for No 10 Downing Street.

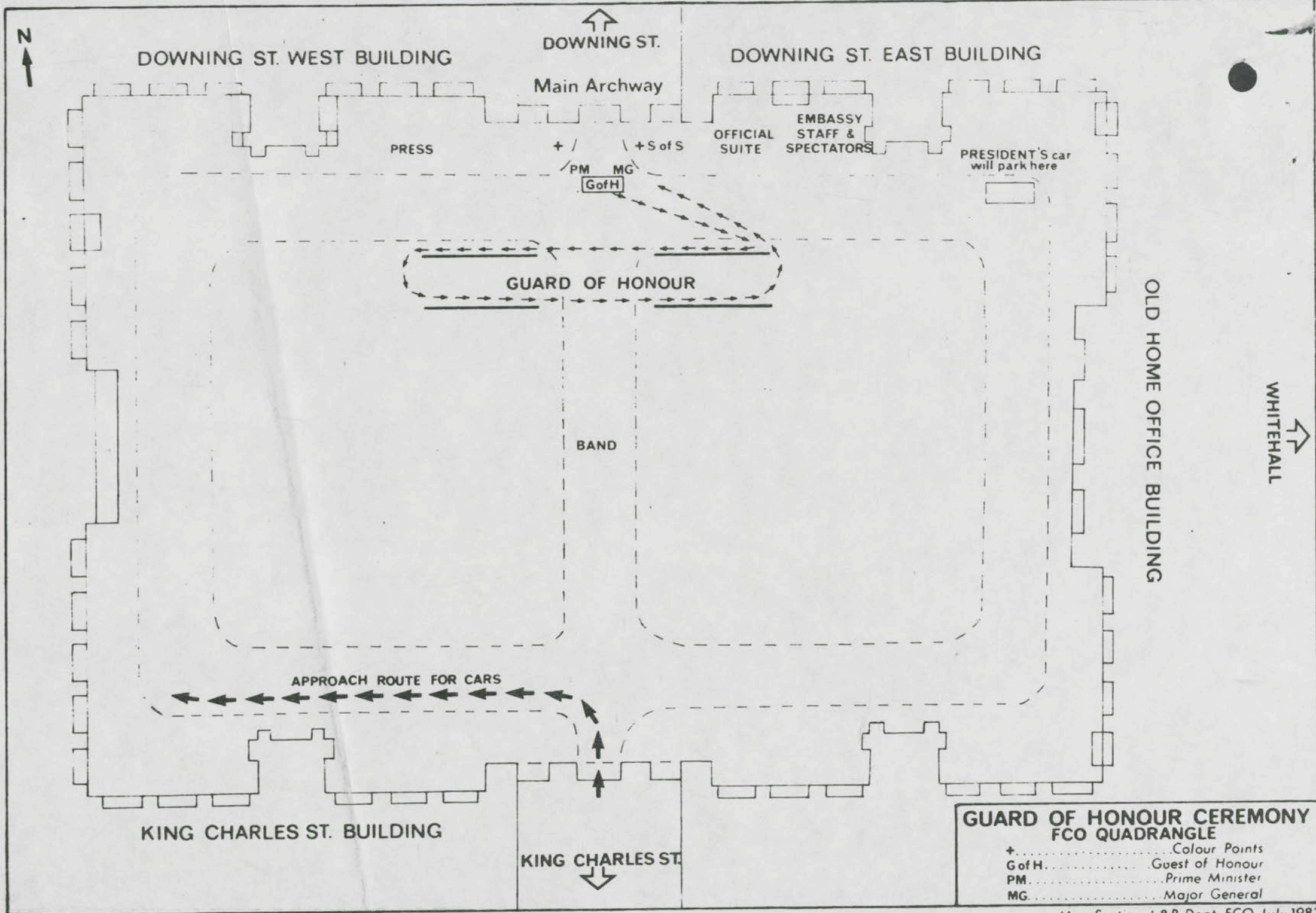
Wet Weather Programme

In the event of wet weather the Parade will not be cancelled. The prog-

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ramme will continue as scheduled up to the point where the inspection of the Guard of Honour should begin. If there is heavy rain at that point in the programme and the President does not wish to inspect the Guard of Honour, the Prime Minister should lead the President to No 10 Downing Street.





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Main Archway

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EMBASSY STAFF & SPECTATORS

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PM MG  
GofH

GUARD OF HONOUR

BAND

OLD HOME OFFICE BUILDING

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APPROACH ROUTE FOR CARS

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KING CHARLES ST.

**GUARD OF HONOUR CEREMONY  
FCO QUADRANGLE**

- + ..... Colour Points
- GofH..... Guest of Honour
- PM..... Prime Minister
- MG..... Major General



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

22 July, 1983

*Jan Jones*

Thank you for your letter of 20 July about the arrangements for the talks with President Houphouët-Boigny on 27 July.

On our side, we propose that the following officials should attend:

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Sir John Leahy KCMG	Deputy Under-Secretary, FCO
Mr M F Daly	Head of West African Department, FCO (and formerly HM Ambassador to the Ivory Coast)
Mr J M Willson	HM Ambassador to the Ivory Coast

The Ivorian officials, also in order of precedence, will be:

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His Excellency Monsieur Le Gouverneur Guy Nairay	Director of Cabinet of the Presidency
His Excellency Monsieur Dieudonné Essienne	Ambassaodor of the Ivory Coast
His Excellency Monsieur l'Ambassadeur Georges Ouéguin	Director of Protocol at the Presidency

The interpreter on the UK side will be Mr Piers Carter, and on the Ivorian side M. Pierre Aka.

We shall let you have some speaking notes for the Prime Minister's use at the lunch: the briefing is being sent over separately.

*[Signature]*  
(R B Bone)  
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq  
10 Downing Street



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From the Private Secretary

20 July 1983

Official Visit of the President of the Ivory Coast

In your letter of 14 July you said that President Houphouet-Boigny would like to have a short tete-a-tete with the Prime Minister at noon on Wednesday 27 July, followed by a plenary session until 1.00 pm.

I think we should envisage the tete-a-tete discussion taking about 15 minutes. The plenary session would begin shortly thereafter. Since the President will be accompanied by the Ministers in his suite (your letter of 6 July), the Prime Minister would be most grateful if the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Minister for Agriculture could be available at No.10 from 1215 onwards to attend the plenary session.

There will be further places for about three senior officials per side. I should be grateful if you would let me have the names of the Ivorian officials and all those British officials who you propose should attend. I should also be grateful to know the name of the interpreter whom you are providing.

BK/ In addition to the usual briefs, would you please let me have by Monday, 25 July some speaking notes for the informal remarks which the Prime Minister will wish to make at the lunch for President Houphouet-Boigny.

I am copying this letter to John Kerr (HM Treasury) and Robert Lowson (MAFF).

A. J. COLES

Roger Bone, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.



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14 July 1983

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Mr. Fletcher

for diary purposes let us  
say (a) 12.00 - 12.20 tete a  
tete  
(b) 12.20 - 13.00 plenary.

Dear Sir,

MR 15/7.

Thank you for your letter of 7 July about the format for the talks between the Prime Minister and President Houphouet-Boigny on Wednesday 27 July.

The Ivorians would prefer option (b), that is, a short tete-a-tete followed by a plenary session; the whole to occupy the time between noon and 1.00 pm.

(R B Bone)  
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11 July 1983

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*Dear Tim,*

Visit of the President of the Ivory Coast 26-29 July

Caroline Stephens wrote on 30 June requesting our suggestions for a reciprocal gift for President Houphouet-Boigny.

This is not an easy task, the President's only known interests being tropical agriculture and women. We have consulted Michael Daly, former Ambassador at Abidjan and it is his opinion that the President would appreciate an object d'art that is 'flashy' rather than in good taste. Glass is not recommended. Porcelain, and antique or modern silver would be acceptable but the latter may be too expensive.

It may be helpful for you to know what the Secretary of State is giving the President and I shall inform you as soon as this has been agreed.

*Yours ever  
Helen Fonesker*

*for* (Alison Walters)  
Assistant Private Secretary

T Flesher Esq  
10 Downing St

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10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Private Secretary*

7 July, 1983

Visit by the President of the Ivory Coast

Thank you for your letter of 6 July.

As regards the format of the talks before the lunch, I suggest that you offer the President two alternatives:

- a) A plenary session of one hour from 1200-1.00 p.m.
- b) A short tete-a-tete, with just note-takers and interpreters present, followed by a plenary session, the whole to occupy the time between noon and 1 p.m.

Could you please let me know what the Ivorians would like.

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6 July 1983

*Jan T. J.*

Official Visit of President Houphouet-Boigny of the Ivory  
Coast: 27 - 29 July

I enclose a list of suggested guests and reserves for the luncheon to be given by the Prime Minister in honour of President Houphouet-Boigny on 27 July.

We have just heard that Madame Houphouet-Boigny will not be accompanying her husband to London. We nevertheless think it would be appropriate for the luncheon to be a mixed function. There are precedents for this for West African visitors, for example when President Stevens of Sierra Leone came in November 1980 without his wife. The Duke of Kent's luncheon (under DOT/BOTB auspices on 29 July) is likely to be stag. We have included those British Ministers whose Ivorian counterparts (ie the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Economy and Finance, and Agriculture) will be members of the President's suite.

The President's own personal interests and hobbies appear to be very few, and since there is no large, influential or interesting Ivorian community in this country, it has been more difficult than usual to draw up a wide spectrum of guests. We have tried to include representatives from business and academic circles who are known to have an interest in the Ivory Coast.

We shall welcome guidance in due course on the format of the talks before the lunch. The President would doubtless welcome a short tete-a-tete with the Prime Minister, followed perhaps by a short plenary session at which the Ministers, the Ivorian Ambassador and one or two of his senior officials could be present. We shall also need to provide an interpreter (the President has no English).

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We have told the Ivorians that the lunch at No 10 will not be the occasion for a major speech. The President will have an opportunity to address a wide audience, in public, at the Duke of Kent's luncheon.

We shall of course prepare briefing nearer the time.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R B Bone', written in a cursive style.

(R B Bone)  
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq  
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GUEST LIST FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S LUNCH

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE IVORY COAST:

27 JULY 1983

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HE M. Félix Houphouet-Boigny GCMG	President of the Republic of the Ivory Coast
HE M. Siméon Aké	Minister of Foreign Affairs
HE M. Abdoulaye Koné	Minister of Economy and Finance
HE M. Denis Bra Kanon	Minister of Agriculture
HE M. le Gouverneur Guy Nairay CBE	Directeur de Cabinet to the President
HE M. l'Ambassadeur Georges Ouégnin CBE	Directeur de Protocole to the President
HE M. Dieudonné Essienne and Mme Essienne	Ambassador of the Ivory Coast
HE Mr. J M Willson	HM Ambassador to the Ivory Coast

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The Rt. Hon. Sir Geoffrey Howe QC MP  
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Secretary of State for  
Foreign and Commonwealth  
Affairs

The Rt. Hon. Nigel Lawson MP  
and Mrs Lawson

Chancellor of the  
Exchequer

The Rt. Hon. Michael Jopling MP  
and Mrs Jopling

Minister for Agriculture,  
Fisheries and Food

Mr and Mrs Malcolm Rifkind MP

Minister of State  
Foreign and Commonwealth  
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Lord Carrington PC KCMG MC  
and Lady Carrington

(Visited Ivory Coast as  
Secretary of State in  
February 1981)

Rt. Hon. Edward Heath MBE MP

(Visited Ivory Coast in  
October 1982. Met  
President)

Rt. Hon. Mr Michael Foot MP  
and Mrs Foot

Rt. Hon. Roy Jenkins MP  
and Mrs Jenkins



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Secretary to the  
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Sir John Leahy KCMG  
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[ Mr and Mrs M F Daly

Head of West African  
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Lord and Lady Trefgarne

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Secretary, Ministry of  
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Mr and Mrs Giles Shaw MP

Parliamentary Under-  
Secretary, Department of  
Energy (hosted reception  
for Ivorian Minister in  
November 1982)

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Minister of State for Trade



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If Mr Foot unavailable



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President would visit them)

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to Ivory Coast 1975-78)

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30 June 1983

Visit of the President  
of the Ivory Coast  
Wednesday 27 July

We have heard from your Protocol and Conference Department that the President of the Ivory Coast is bringing a token gift for the Prime Minister.

Could you let us know what suggestions you have for a reciprocal gift.

CAROLINE STEPHENS

Mrs. Alison Walters,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office



AJC  
Do we need  
to reciprocate  
C.I.

10 DOWNING STREET

C.S.

Yes.

CAROLINE

Am 27/6

Lunch for the President  
of the Ivory Coast  
Monday, 27 July

The President will be  
bringing a token gift for the  
Prime Minister.

(June Reid P & C. Department)

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27 June 1983



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*From the Private Secretary*

30 March, 1983

Ivory Coast

Thank you for your recent undated letter about the visit of President Houphouet-Boigny. The Prime Minister agrees to receive the President in the FCO Quadrangle at 11.45 a.m. on 27 July. She further agrees that the ceremonial arrangements should be the same as those for King Hussein, which the Prime Minister found very satisfactory.

A. J. COLES

R. B. Bone, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Prime Minister

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

Were you content with  
the arrival ceremony for  
King Hussein?

A. J. C. 29/73

Yes  
not 29/3

Yes John,

Ivory Coast

President Houphouet-Boigny of the Ivory Coast has now accepted our invitation to visit the United Kingdom as a guest of Her Majesty's Government from 26 to 29 July. The Prime Minister has agreed to receive the President for talks followed by lunch on 27 July.

We propose that the Prime Minister should welcome the President with a Guard of Honour immediately before the talks and that this should take place in the FCO Quadrangle, the arrangements being the same as those for King Hussein.

If this proposal is acceptable to the Prime Minister, would you let me know, please, whether it would be convenient for her to receive President Houphouet-Boigny in the FCO Quadrangle at 11.45 am on 27 July?

Yes  
R B Bone

(R B Bone)  
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq  
10 Downing Street



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Visit by President

29 MAR 1983





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Ivory Coast

10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Private Secretary*

9 March, 1983

OFFICIAL VISIT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
IVORY COAST

BF

Thank you for your letter of 8 March. The Prime Minister would be glad to receive President Houphouet-Boigny for talks followed by lunch on Wednesday, 27 July.

A. J. COLES

R.B. Bone, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

Prime Minister

The dates are possible for you  
but it is of course a very busy time in  
the parliamentary calendar.

8 March 1983

Content:

*[Handwritten signature]*

A.S.C. 9/3

*[Handwritten signature]*

Official Visit by President Houphouet-Boigny

The Prime Minister wrote last October to President Houphouet-Boigny of the Ivory Coast to invite him to pay a visit to the United Kingdom in the spring or summer of 1983, as a guest of the British Government.

Following consultations with the Ivorians, it looks as though the most convenient time for both sides might be late July. The President has told us that the week beginning 25 July would in principle be possible for him. Subject to the Prime Minister's views, we would therefore propose to go firm on 26-29 July inclusive.

Would you let me know whether these dates would be convenient for the Prime Minister? Would it, for example, be possible for the Prime Minister to receive President Houphouet-Boigny for talks followed by luncheon, perhaps on Wednesday, 27 July?

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*[Handwritten signature]*

(R B Bone)  
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq  
10 Downing Street

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Ivory Coast  
JD

15 October 1982

OFFICIAL VISIT  
BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE IVORY COAST

Thank you for your letter of 11 October.

The Prime Minister agrees to extend an invitation to President Houphouet-Boigny to visit the United Kingdom in the spring or summer of 1983. I enclose a letter of invitation, signed by the Prime Minister, and should be grateful if you would arrange for its delivery.

AJC

Roger Bone, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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SUBJECT.



PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE

10 DOWNING STREET

SERIAL No. T 193/82

THE PRIME MINISTER

15 October 1982

Dear Mr. President.

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My colleagues and I would be most honoured if you could agree to accept this invitation to pay a visit to the United Kingdom in the spring or summer of 1983, as a guest of the British Government.

If you are able to come and if Her Majesty The Queen is in London at the time, I have no doubt that Her Majesty would be delighted to receive you. I myself should very much like to have official talks with you and whichever Ministerial colleagues might accompany you, and benefit from your vast experience of African affairs; and also to entertain you at No. 10 Downing Street. The Lord Mayor of London would no doubt be most honoured to meet you; and we could also arrange other meetings, calls and visits by mutual agreement.

Before we take the planning any further, I thought that I should extend this invitation in order to ascertain whether you might be able to visit us next year. If you are able to accept, we could explore mutually convenient dates through our Ambassadors in Abidjan and London. I much look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely  
Raymond Whelan

His Excellency Monsieur Felix Houphouet-Boigny, G.C.M.G.



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

Prime Minister

If you agree, you may care to

sign the attached letter of  
invitation to the President of the  
Ivory Coast. "Dear Mr. President".

11 October 1982

Dear John,

A.J.C. <sup>12</sup>/<sub>10</sub>Official Visit by President Houphouet-Boigny of Ivory Coast

At the last Royal Visits Committee in May, it was agreed that President Houphouet-Boigny should be one of six Guest of Government visitors in 1983. We wished to invite him because of his position as the leading elder statesman in Africa, who has for over two decades been Head of State of a stable, well-governed, economically-viable and potentially oil-rich country. We have devoted considerable ministerial attention to the Ivory Coast over the past two years. There have been outward visits by Lord Carrington, the Duke of Kent, Lord Trefgarne and Mrs Fenner (all leading delegations of businessmen); and by Mr Luce. Among inward visitors have been the Ministers of Defence, and of Commerce; and the Minister of the Environment is expected shortly (there is the prospect of sales of equipment and technology to prevent oil pollution).

There remains, however, the possibility that Houphouet-Boigny might decide that, because of his advanced age (he is 77) he would prefer not to undertake such a visit. Nevertheless, we have every reason to believe that he would be flattered to be invited, even if in the end he declines. In order to ascertain whether he will come or not, we should be grateful if the Prime Minister could agree to extend an invitation to him which will go no further than to identify next spring or summer as the time for such a visit, with dates to be mutually explored thereafter if he agrees to come.

I attach a draft letter along these lines. If this is agreed, the letter would best be delivered personally by HM Ambassador in Abidjan.

Yours ever,  
R B Bone

(R B Bone)  
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq  
10 Downing Street

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