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The PM's attendance at the Remembrance
Sunday Ceremony at the Cenotaph.

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HOME SECRETARY

Remembrance Sunday

1. Thank you for your minute of 3 August.

2. I accept reluctantly that we should not pursue Air Vice Marshal Leech's proposal that I and the Commonwealth High Commissioners should attend the March Past after the Cenotaph ceremony. I should be grateful if you would explain to him as you think best why this will not be possible. I imagine however that you will not use the argument about the hardship involved for the "infirm or advanced in years" in having to watch a March Past. The infirm and advanced in years tend to be those doing the marching. As you know, I feel rather strongly about this. It is a pity that we should continue to neglect the March Past in the way that we do. I am sure that the time will come when the question has to be rethought. However there is nothing to be gained from pursuing the matter at present. At least the Royal Family now pays the March Past some attention, even though Ministers do not.

3. I see no point in looking again at the scope for extending FCO responsibility for Remembrance Sunday. I agreed in September last year to take over the ushering arrangements which we have done. We are already responsible for preparing our building for the event and for its security. I do not think it would be right for us to take on wider responsibilities for a major domestic event.



4. I am copying this minute to the Prime Minister and to the Defence Secretary.

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(DOUGLAS HURD)

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

1 September 1993



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Ben

1) - Rod - a masterpiece of Home Off. obfuscation!

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Foreign Secretary

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Your minute of 26 May to Kenneth Clarke invited him to consider putting to The Queen the suggestion that you and the Commonwealth High Commissioners should stand beside the dais in Horseguards Road, when a member of the Royal Family takes the salute of the march past of ex-service personnel which follows the Ceremony of Remembrance at the Cenotaph.

I would not want to give the impression that Ministers in any way ignore the march past. The march is not, of course, part of the Ceremony held annually at The Queen's request which I organise on the Cabinet's behalf. But it is an important and moving event on Remembrance Day. I understand and sympathise with your desire to reinforce its significance.

I know that you have taken a keen interest in this for some time. I have looked carefully at the consideration of proposals for public marks of respect to be paid to the march which you initiated when you yourself were Home Secretary, and with Ken Clarke last year. I have not, however, felt able to have Air Vice Marshal Leech's suggestion put to The Queen, since I do not think that I can commend it to Her, for the various practical reasons which follow. If there are valid answers to these objections, I would be happy to reconsider the matter.

At the heart of the matter lies the difficulty that there seems no evident reason why some only of the dignitaries who participate in the Ceremony should then take a public role in Horse Guards. To re-assemble all the dignitaries there would create a further State occasion. I think that would be difficult to justify.

I understand that Air Vice Marshal Leech gave no reason why the representation in Horse Guards should be confined to the Commonwealth, excluding domestic interests. The High Commissioners comprise about half the number of dignitaries who gather round the Cenotaph for the Ceremony. The others include the Prime Minister, fellow Cabinet colleagues and ex-Prime Ministers, as well as the Speaker, the leaders of the main Opposition Parties, the leaders of the religious denominations, the Chiefs of Staff and representatives of the Civilian Services. They would all feel entitled or obliged to reappear in Horse Guards if the High Commissioners were to do so.

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But the Ceremony at the Cenotaph already exposes the dignitaries to the elements for some fifteen minutes. The march takes about forty minutes to pass any one point. It could seem unreasonable to expect those among the participants who are infirm or advanced in years to remain in the November weather for so much longer, and unfair to put them to the choice of either doing so or appearing to fail to respect the march.

The extended exposure of so many leading national figures would require considerable additional security measures. The Metropolitan Police have previously advised that such exposure would pose too great a security risk.

Other practical questions which would arise include that of how to position the dignitaries. It would probably require the construction of a stand. The prominence which such arrangements would accord to the dignitaries, no doubt with attendant broadcasting coverage, could only add to the impression that the act of respecting the march was being made an occasion on a par with the Ceremony itself. That is an outcome to avoid. The Ceremony focuses thought and emotion throughout the country on remembering the sacrifices of war. The Royal British Legion themselves want to maintain that communal act of remembrance as the central event of the Day. It would be a controversial step to propose to institute a further, formal occasion which could detract from the status and impact of the Ceremony.

If you agree with this assessment of Air Vice Marshal Leech's suggestion, it remains to decide how to reply to him. Perhaps you would let me know if you would like me to arrange this. Either I or my Private Secretary could write to him. Or, to put the matter in a lower key, it could be dealt with in the ordinary liaison about the Ceremony between my officials and Legion staff.

As you may imagine, the need to consider Air Vice Marshal Leech's suggestion has led me to look critically at why I should have overall responsibility for the Cenotaph Ceremony. I am as surprised as Ken Clarke was on his arrival here to learn that it is conceivable that the Home Office should retain any responsibility for a ceremony actually conducted from the Foreign Office.

I have seen last year's correspondence in which you felt unable to accept Ken's proposal that you should take complete responsibility for the arrangements for the Ceremony. Ken accepted, at least for the time being, the offer that from this year onwards your Department will be responsible for more of the ushering within its building. That assistance will be welcome. But the arrangement still leaves the Home Office managing a great deal of practical business which arguably could better be located with the Foreign Office.

Your minute of 14 September 1992 to Ken Clarke expressed the view that Remembrance Sunday, as a domestic event, should remain the constitutional responsibility of my Department. As I understand it, the concept of there being a constitutional aspect to the management of the Ceremony was coined only in the late 1970s, by a Working Party tasked to consider the implications of the transfer of the building from the Home Office to the Foreign Office for the organisation and management of the Ceremony. That Working Party itself nonetheless recommended that the Foreign Office should have overall responsibility for the practical aspects of the event, with the Home Office concerned only with any question of policy which might arise.

I should like to propose that, following this year's Ceremony, our officials should again review the scope for extending the Foreign Office responsibility. They would take the Working Party report as their starting point, and advise us whether any arrangements for dealing with questions of policy need in fact inhibit the extension.

I am copying this minute to the Prime Minister and to Malcolm Rifkind.

N. M.

3 August 1993



1. Stephen
2. File

FOREIGN SECRETARY

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Thank you for your minute of 14 September about the arrangements for Remembrance Sunday.

Although I had hoped you could see your way to assuming a more complete responsibility, I am naturally grateful for your offer that the FCO should at least take on more responsibility for reception and ushering during the ceremony. I understand that our respective officials have now met to settle how this might be done. They have produced a plan for implementation next year but with a 'shadowing' this year by the FCO of those roles which your Department would assume in the future.

My understanding of the position we have now reached is that, broadly speaking, the Home Office will retain the overall responsibility for the ceremony as you suggested. Thus, as now, the Home Office will issue the invitations etc and I would be responsible for greeting the members of the Royal Family when they arrive at the FCO for the ceremony but, except for The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh themselves, whom I would escort through the building to Whitehall and return with them until they leave the building, the Royal Family would be escorted by FCO junior Ministers and senior officials instead of their Home Office counterparts.

It is also accepted that the general ushering duties of guests, now carried out by Home Office volunteers, will become the responsibility of your Department. After this year the most senior ushers will be replaced by Foreign Office staff. Thereafter the composition of the team of ushers will be the responsibility of the FCO though we would facilitate your continuing to draw for a while on experienced Home Office volunteers to assist the transition.

Clearly, we must see how these arrangements work in practice, and we and our successors will want to keep a close eye upon them. No doubt you will understand that, for my part, I feel that the Home Office's degree of involvement remains anomalous and that it may be desirable to return to the question of principle at some future point. Meanwhile, however, I am grateful for the extra help offered.

I am copying this minute to the Prime Minister and Malcolm Rifkind.

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KENNETH CLARKE

3 NOV 1992



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HOME SECRETARY

Remembrance Sunday

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Thank you for your letter of 31 July about arrangements for Remembrance Sunday.

I understand the problems the Home Office face in arranging a ceremony in a building which few of your officials now remember. I agree that it would make sense for the FCO to take on responsibility for the reception and ushering of the Royal Family within our building. I suggest we try a transitional arrangement this year, and take over fully in 1993.

I believe, however, that it is right that Remembrance Sunday, as a domestic event, should remain the constitutional responsibility of the Home Office. I would be reluctant to see this change, although there is perhaps scope for other departments, such as ourselves and the MOD to take on more.

In short, I would be happy to extend FCO involvement in organising Remembrance Sunday but I do not think it right for the FCO to take on wider responsibilities than those arising from the use of our building.

I am sending a copy of this minute to the **Prime Minister** and Malcolm Rifkind.

D.H.

Douglas Hurd

Foreign and Commonwealth Office
14 September 1992

From: THE PRIVATE SECRETARY



*Handwritten note of
(1.2.87)*

HOME OFFICE
QUEEN ANNE'S GATE
LONDON SW1H 9AT

13 AUG 1992

Dear Mark,

REMEMBRANCE DAY: EL ALAMEIN

In my letter to Stephen Wall of 27 May I sought clarification on whether or not any changes in the Remembrance Day Service itself were contemplated. The matter arose from a discussion between The Queen and the Prime Minister about the 50th anniversary of the battle of El Alamein.

I think it is probably worth recording formally that, as a result of advice I received from a Duty Clerk on 6 August, we at the Home Office are now proceeding on the basis that there is to be no change in the Order of Ceremonial at the Cenotaph. Plans for this years Remembrance Day are being worked up accordingly.

I am copying this letter in the Private Secretaries to the Foreign Secretary and the Secretary of State for Defence.

Yours ever

MISS L HELLMUTH

Mark Adams Esq

ARMISTICE DAY : Remembrance
Sunday

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10 DOWNING STREET

Stephen,

Lyn in the Home Office
is chasing a reply to this
letter - the order of service
must be printed next week.

Cristophe.

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QUEEN ANNE'S GATE LONDON SW1H 9AT

31 JUL 1992

Mr Douglas,

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Not having previously engaged in these matters, I have been thinking over our discussion yesterday about whether the formalities might be extended.

I appreciate, of course, your much greater experience in these matters. Indeed, I was surprised on arrival here to learn that it was conceivable that the Home Office should retain any responsibility for a ceremony actually conducted from the Foreign Office. There must be considerable difficulties in practice in continuing in this arrangements which seems to me to give the Home Office responsibility without real authority.

Accordingly, I would like to propose that your Department should assume responsibility from this year onwards. I cannot imagine that anyone would conceive that the Home Office should retain its current responsibilities indefinitely, and the anomaly is only worsened by the length of time since the Home Office vacated the premises. There must, for example, be now fewer Home Office officials who have any recollection of the building. After 16 years you might agree that enough is enough. After all, your Department has much greater expertise in ceremonial matters and could hardly find any difficulty in taking over a ceremony of this kind based on its own premises. I would, of course, be happy to help with the transition in any appropriate way. Home Office officials here could, for example, assist. It would also be appropriate, you might feel, for the Home Office services' contribution to the war effort to be recognised in a continuing courtyard ceremony which I might address. However, that is a tail that need not wag the dog.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Prime Minister and to Malcolm Rifkind.

KENNETH CLARKE

The Rt Hon Douglas Hurd, CBE, MP
Foreign and Commonwealth Office
Whitehall
London SW1

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HOME OFFICE
QUEEN ANNE'S GATE
LONDON SW1H 9AT

27 May 1992

Simon
Probably not a starting, but should we put it at 2.30 pm?
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Dear Simon,

REMEMBRANCE DAY: POSSIBLE CHANGES TO THE CEREMONY

Richard Gozney's letter of 14 January to Colin Walters conveyed the Foreign Secretary's thoughts on changing the procedure at Remembrance Day, so that, after the Service, there should be an opportunity for those Ministers and guests who so wished to remain outside in Whitehall, to pay their respects to the veterans who, organised by the Royal British Legion, march past the Cenotaph. In his reply of 15 January, Colin explained that the previous Home Secretary was sympathetic to the suggestion, and had asked officials to pursue it.

The Home Secretary too shares the Foreign Secretary's sense that the march past should not feel ignored by Ministers and the other dignitaries who, on the current arrangement, follow The Queen back into the old Home Office Building on the conclusion of the Service. But examination by our officials, in consultation with Foreign Office counterparts, the Royal British Legion and the Metropolitan Police have revealed very considerable difficulties with the suggestion.

On reflection, it seems to us that the arrangement, if introduced, would inevitably become formal and, to be properly organised, should probably be made so at the outset. Those currently entitled and invited to stand in line by the Cenotaph during the Service include, of course, not only Ministers but ex-Prime Ministers and Leaders of the main Opposition Parties. Most if not all should be expected to want, or feel obliged, to be seen to pay their respects to the march past if others did so, and therefore should be informed of the arrangement in advance.

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Simon Gass Esq
Foreign and Commonwealth Office
Whitehall
London SW1

This raises a further question as to The Royal Family. Beginning in 1990, a member of the Family, last year and henceforth Prince Philip, takes the salute of the marching veterans, as they pass down Horseguards Road. The suggestion that this salute be taken by the Cenotaph was considered, but rejected for a number of reasons, including the conflict for the marchers, of needing to look to the left, at the Cenotaph, or to the right, to the member of the Royal Family taking the salute. There could be objection to Ministers and others appearing to take precedence over the Prince in respecting the march past.

There would also be serious security considerations. The reaction we have had from the Metropolitan Police, whose security arrangements are already elaborate (and costly), given the evident target that the Service presents and the need to keep their arrangements at once discrete but strong, is that the prospect of Ministers and other distinguished participants remaining in Whitehall for a further 30 minutes or more would pose too great a security risk.

Further, it seems that there must be doubt that the arrangements would be properly understood, and so welcomed, by those marching. The proposal has been floated informally with our customary contact, a senior representative of the Royal British Legion. His view is that, at this stage in its progress, the march past is essentially for the participants to pay their respects to the Cenotaph and the memory of their fallen comrades, and that the presence of distinguished guests in the immediate vicinity (on whom media attention might focus) could detract from that act of remembrance.

The final area of difficulty identified is that of space. As Richard Gozney's letter recognised, those remaining to pay their respects would need to move from the road to the pavement, to clear the way for the march. The numbers potentially involved could be difficult to accommodate on the pavement outside the old Home Office Building in ordinary circumstances (and to provide them with that space could require denying it to members of the public earlier, or removing them at the time). But the already-limited pavement area will be reduced by half, this year and for a number thereafter, by scaffolding along the whole left side of the Building, required for its refurbishment for the Foreign Office.

Richard Gozney's letter of 14 January explained that the Foreign Secretary was not wedded to the idea of Ministers and others remaining outside on the conclusion of the Service. The Home Secretary would be grateful to know if, in light of this letter, the Foreign Secretary shares his view that the difficulties identified in it mean that, regrettably, the proposal cannot be proceeded with.

I am copying this letter to Stephen Wall and Simon Webb (Ministry of Defence).

Yours
by HELLMUTH

MISS L M HELLMUTH

REMEMBRANCE DAY

25/10

- ① Stephen (for info)
- ② p.a.

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NOT OK

Note for file

Spoke to Ian Jandine (Home Office) who organises the Ceremony, & explained that we would be putting Foreign Secretary's suggestion that Ministers watch March-Past after Ceremony to PM in the time.

Mr Jandine said the idea was under discussion between Home Office & FCO. It would raise a number of problems - particularly this year, when FCO refurbishment on Whitehall side could in any case rule it out completely.

If any changes were envisaged, the Home Office would submit. I think, therefore, we can wait and see.

Sasha Phillips

3/3/92

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REMEMBRANCE DAY

The Defence Secretary has seen Richard Gozney's letter of 14th January about the Remembrance Ceremony.

The Defence Secretary very much supports the main point that the Government should pay proper respect to former Service personnel present. He and the Chiefs of Staff make it their practice to stay behind to watch the march past. He very much agrees that delaying the Reception for Commonwealth High Commissioners would be useful though his impression was that 1145 would be sufficient rather than 1200.

I am copying this letter to Stephen Wall (No.10) and Richard Gozney (FCO) and to Sonia Phippard (Cabinet).

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John Webb

(S WEBB)
Private Secretary

Colin Walters Esq
PS/Home Secretary



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SECRETARY OF STATE

NO 13740

John
14 February 1957

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John

REMEMBRANCE DAY

The Defence Secretary has seen Richard Gossney's letter of 14th January about the proposed changes to the Remembrance Day service. The Defence Secretary is very much in favour of the proposals and the Government would be glad to accept the proposals. It is a very important matter and the Government will be glad to accept the proposals. It is a very important matter and the Government will be glad to accept the proposals. It is a very important matter and the Government will be glad to accept the proposals.



I am copying this letter to the Secretary of State (Mr. Gossney) and to the Secretary of State (Mr. Gossney).

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Foreign &
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London SW1A 2AH

14 January 1992

Dear Sir,

Remembrance Day : Possible Changes to the Ceremony

The Foreign Secretary has been giving thought to the Remembrance Day Ceremony.

In his view, the fact that a member of the Royal Family now takes the salute on Horse Guards Road after the veterans have passed through Parliament Square is an improvement on the previous practice. But he wonders whether it is right that, immediately the service finishes and The Queen and Members of the Royal Family have left, the Home Secretary and he should leave to hold a reception for the Commonwealth High Commissioners. By doing so, they miss an important and moving part of the ceremony - the march past by former Service personnel.

The Foreign Secretary entirely understands that the Home Secretary himself and his Home Office colleagues have to escort The Queen and the Royal Family away from the ceremony and take leave of them. He would like to enable those who so wish to remain and pay their respects to the veterans. He hopes that the Home Secretary might be ready to consider the following proposals:

- a. the reception to start at 12 o'clock (instead of 11.20 am);
- b. those attending the reception to be given the option of first remaining on the pavement to watch the passing parade;
- c. those remaining (perhaps standing on either side of the FCO Door), to go to the reception at the end of the parade;
- d. a room to be set aside in the FCO, so that those who did not wish to stand outside could watch the march-past on a TV screen.

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The Foreign Secretary is not wedded to this idea. but thinks it is worth considering.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Stephen Wall (10 Downing Street) since the Prime Minister is invited to the Reception for High Commissioners, and to Simon Webb (Ministry of Defence).

Yours ever,

R. Howard Gozney
(R H T Gozney)
Private Secretary

Colin Walters Esq
Home Office

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D/S of S/PS 10

3rd March 1988

Dear Colin,

I enclose a letter the Prime Minister has received from Mrs Glenis Wildish concerning the wreath laying ceremony at the Cenotaph and why the South Africans are excluded.

However, as the matter raised is the responsibility of your Department, I would be most grateful if you could comply with No 10's wishes for a draft letter.

A copy of this letter goes to Janice Richards in the Garden Rooms, No 10.

Yours sincerely
Navin Patel

(NAVIN PATEL)
Parliamentary Clerk

Colin Miller Esq
PS/Home Secretary

16 pm



SCOTTISH OFFICE
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Private Secretary
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13 October 1987

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE AT THE CENOTAPH

Thank you for your letter of 7 October inviting my Secretary of State to be present at the Cenotaph in Whitehall on 8 November. My Secretary of State proposes to attend the Remembrance Sunday Service in Edinburgh and will not therefore be available to attend the Whitehall ceremony.

I am copying this letter to **Andy Bearpark** for information.

Lynn Shankland

PP **ANDY RINNING**
Private Secretary

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10 DOWNING STREET

LONDON SW1A 2AA

From the Principal Private Secretary

9 October 1987

Dear Philip,

THE CENOTAPH CEREMONY

The Prime Minister has seen the Home Secretary's minute of 8 October about future attendance at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday by the leaders of the political parties.

The Prime Minister agrees with the approach suggested by the Home Secretary in his minute; namely that the Prime Minister and the leaders of the Labour Party, the Liberal Party and the Official Unionists will lay wreaths and the leaders of the SDP, SNP, Plaid Cymru, OUP, DUP and SDLP will be invited to attend but not to lay wreaths. She agrees too that the same criteria should be used when it comes to inviting party leaders to certain functions at Buckingham Palace in particular State Banquets and The Queen's Evening Reception for the Diplomatic Corps. You should know that I have already told the Palace that they should follow these new arrangements for the State Banquet for President Cossiga on Tuesday 17 November and that they should not invite the SDP. The Palace will say if asked by the SDP that they have acted on the advice of Ministers.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Tony Galsworthy (Foreign and Commonwealth Office) and to Trevor Woolley (Cabinet Office).

Nigel Wick

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(N. L. WICKS)

Philip Mawer, Esq.,
Home Office.

PRIME MINISTER

If you agree the Home Secretary's advice, the Palace will not invite the SDP to the State Banquet for President Cossiga. If the SDP ask why, the Palace will say it is on the advice of Ministers.

Agree the Home Secretary's advice?

N.L.W.

NLW

8 October 1987

Yes



Faxed to Blackpool 8/10
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PRIME MINISTER

THE CENOTAPH CEREMONY

It was agreed in 1984 that in future wreaths should be laid at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday by Leaders of only those parties with six seats or more in the House of Commons after the preceding general election. Leaders of parties with more than one seat are invited to attend but not to lay a wreath.

2. On this basis it follows that the SDP Leader, Mr MacLennan, will not be invited to lay a wreath during this Parliament. You, and the Leaders of the Labour Party, the Liberal Party and the Official Unionists will lay wreaths. The SDP Leader, together with the Leaders of the SNP, Plaid Cymru, OUP, DUP and SDLP, will be invited to attend, but not to lay wreaths. Dr Owen will not be invited to attend.

3. I understand from Sir Robert Armstrong that the practice is to follow the same criteria when it comes to inviting party leaders to certain functions at Buckingham Palace, in particular State Banquets and The Queen's Evening Reception for the Diplomatic Corps. If it is agreed not to invite the Leader of the SDP to lay a wreath at the Cenotaph on Armistice Day, he will be omitted from the list of guests for the Reception for the Diplomatic Corps later in November, and for State Banquets.

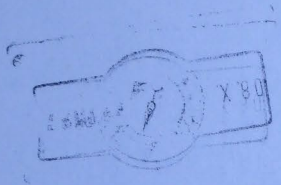
4. With regard to the Reception for the Diplomatic Corps, there is a slight awkwardness in that Dr David Owen will receive an invitation as a former Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, but I do not think that this should affect the main decision. The Palace will need to be able to say, if asked, that the decision not to invite the Leader of the SDP was taken on the advice of Ministers.

5. I am copying this minute to Geoffrey Howe and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

Glin R. Miller

Approved by the Home Secretary
and signed in his absence.

8 October 1987





PRIME MINISTER

THE CENOTAPH CEREMONY

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Chin R. Miller

Approved by the Home Secretary
and signed in his absence.

8 October 1987

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MR NICKS
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CABINET OFFICE
70 Whitehall London SW1A 2AS
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From the Secretary of the Cabinet and Head of the Home Civil Service
Sir Robert Armstrong GCB CVO

Ref. A087/2798

5 October 1987

Dear Brian,

Representation at the Cenotaph Ceremony *will request if required*

Thank you very much for your letter of 21 September, with a draft minute for the Home Secretary to send to the Prime Minister.

I should like to suggest that the third paragraph of your draft should be amended to read:

"3. I understand from Sir Robert Armstrong that the practice is to follow the same criteria when it comes to inviting party leaders to certain functions at Buckingham Palace, and in particular State Banquets and The Queen's Evening Reception for the Diplomatic Corps. Accordingly, if it is agreed not to invite the leader of the SDP to lay a wreath at the Cenotaph on Armistice Day, he will likewise be omitted from the list of guests for the Reception for the Diplomatic Corps later in November, and for State Banquets. You should be aware that, in relation to the Reception for the Diplomatic Corps, there is a slight awkwardness, in that Dr David Owen will receive an invitation as a former Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary; but I do not think that this should affect the main decision. The Palace will, however, need to be able to say, if asked, that the decision not to invite the leader of the SDP was taken on the advice of Ministers."

Yours ever
Robert

Sir Brian Cubbon GCB



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From the Secretary of the Cabinet and Head of the Home Civil Service
Sir Robert Armstrong

1 October 1987

Ref: 1007/1199

John Brown

Representation of the Ecotroph Campaign

I should like to suggest that the third subject of your
draft should be amended to read:
I understand from Sir Robert Armstrong that the
position is to follow the same criteria when it comes to
inviting party leaders to certain functions at Whitehall
Palace, and in particular State banquets and the Queen's
Birthday Reception for the Diplomatic Corps. Accordingly,
it is agreed not to invite the leader of the UK for
any occasion at the moment on either day, as will
likewise be omitted from the list of invitees for the
Reception for the Diplomatic Corps later in November, and
for State banquets. You should be aware that the relevant
arrangements for the Reception for the Diplomatic Corps
are being discussed in that it has been agreed to have
invitation to a certain number and to have the same
but I do not think that this should affect the main decision
the British will, however, need to be able to say,
that the decision can be made the leader of the
UK and based on the advice of Ministers.



file 10

10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

16 July 1986

CENOTAPH CEREMONY IN 1986

The Prime Minister has seen the Home Secretary's minute of 14 July in which he recommends that there should not be a replacement for the GLC Chairman in the wreath-laying party at the Cenotaph.

Subject to the agreement of the Secretary of State for the Environment, the Prime Minister agrees with this recommendation.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Brian Leonard (Department of the Environment).

N. L. WICKS

William Fittall, Esq.,
Home Office.

PLC



Prime Minister

CENOTAPH CEREMONY 1986

Prime Minister

Agree no replacement for the G.L.C. at the Cenotaph?

N.L.W.
15.7

As one result of the abolition of the GLC I have been looking at whether there should be a replacement for the GLC Chairman in the wreath-laying party at the Cenotaph. I have decided that there should not be any replacement and I shall shortly be writing to Tony Banks to fulfil an earlier commitment to inform him of any decision. I thought that you and Nicholas Ridley would be interested to know the background to this.

As you know, the official Ceremony at the Cenotaph concludes with the return to the Whitehall building of the Royal wreath laying party and the other participants. Although not officially recognised as a participant, the chairman of the GLC and formerly the LCC have since 1926 been afforded viewing facilities from one of the windows of the Whitehall building and the opportunity to lay a wreath on behalf of the Council immediately after the return to the building of the official participants. We have always resisted any attempts to incorporate the laying of the GLC wreath into the official ceremony on the grounds that to allow one local authority this honour would lead to calls for similar representation from other local authorities.

I have delayed a reply to Tony Banks, partly to wait until the local elections after abolition were over and partly to see what other representations, if any, might be made. We have received no other correspondence on the matter and Tony Banks himself has not pressed the issue; but Sir Godfrey Taylor, the Chairman of the London Residuary Body has expressed a view. He feels strongly that the Ceremony at the Cenotaph is a national occasion in respect of which it would be invidious to single out

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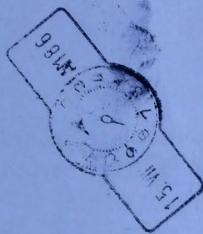
individual local authorities; that there should therefore be no substitute for the GLC Chairman for this purpose; and that the laying of the wreath should cease.

The invitation has always been to the Chairman to lay a wreath on behalf of the Council itself and not in a wider representative capacity. The GLC has not been succeeded by a comparable body as was the case when the LCC was abolished and on the merits of the case I consider that there is no longer a requirement for this facility even if it were possible to find a suitable alternative body to undertake it. I do not think we could identify an alternative without running into further difficulties.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Nicholas Ridley.

Douglas Hurd.

14 July 1986



From: THE PRIVATE SECRETARY



HOME OFFICE
QUEEN ANNE'S GATE
LONDON SW1H 9AT

16 November 1983

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Dubs
16/11*

Herr Jurgen von Alten,

Thank you for your letter of 14 November apologising for the appearance of a German army helicopter during the Remembrance Ceremony on Sunday.

We are not at the moment sure how the pilot came to be there at that time but the Civil Aviation Authority is carrying out an enquiry. In the meantime I am sure that, whatever the outcome, no-one regarded the incident as other than an unfortunate error of timing.

I am grateful to you for writing, and I have informed His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales of your letter.

I can assure you that only the most momentary disturbance was caused - as such accidents can always occur, as is well understood.

Yours sincerely,

Lord Birtles

Herr Jurgen von Alten

PRIME MINISTER

cc. Mr. Thatcher

I attach:

Flag A: an admission pass

Flag B: an Order of Service

Flag C: an Order of Ceremony

You are asked to arrive at the FCO via
the Quadrangle by 10.15 a.m.

You are having lunch afterwards at London
House (1.15 p.m.). The guest list is at
Flag D,

Dub

11 November 1983

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Home Office
Oct 19
Remembrance



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HOME OFFICE
Queen Anne's Gate
8th November 1983



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

13th November 1983

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THE PRIME MINISTER

TO THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE, WHITEHALL

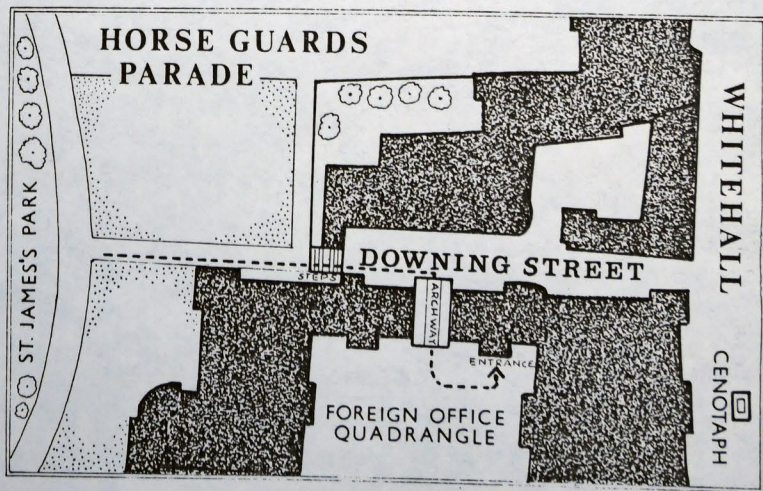
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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
13th November 1983

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MR THATCHER

TO THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE, WHITEHALL

Room 116

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ORDER OF CEREMONY

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At 11 o'clock **SILENCE** will be kept for two minutes, beginning at the first stroke of Big Ben

Suggested subject of thought and prayer during the Silence:

We remember those who made the great sacrifice during the two World Wars;
We remember those who have given their lives in the service of their Country in other conflicts;
We pray for those who suffer at this time;
We pray for those who have been bereaved;
We pray for peace;
We pray that we may be worthy of the sacrifice made on our behalf.

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The Last Post

after which wreaths will be laid on the Cenotaph

The following prayer will then be offered

by The Lord Bishop of London

O Almighty God, grant, we beseech thee, that we who here do honour to the memory of those who have died in the service of their country may be so inspired by the spirit of their love and fortitude that, forgetting all selfish and unworthy motives, we may live only to thy glory and to the service of mankind through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

②

The following hymn will then be sung: it will be accompanied by the Bands of the Guards Division, and the public are requested to join in the singing

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Beneath the shadow of thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

②

The following prayer will then be offered

by The Lord Bishop of London

Teach us, good Lord, to serve thee as thou
deservest; to give and not to count the cost; to
fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not
to seek for rest; to labour and not to ask for any
reward, save that of knowing that we do thy will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

The Lord's Prayer To be said by all present:

Our Father
Which art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name
Thy kingdom come
Thy will be done
In earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive them that trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom
The power and the glory
For ever and ever
Amen.

The Blessing

The Reveille

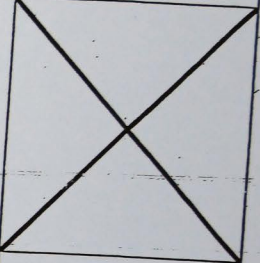
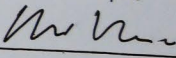
God Save The Queen

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

13th November 1983

Order of the Ceremonial at the Cenotaph

A The National Archives

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MRS GRAHAM LEONARD

requests the pleasure of the company of

The Prime Minister and Mr. Thatcher

for *Luncheon following the Service of Remembrance*

on *Sunday, 13th November* at *1:15 p.m.*

RSVP

LONDON HOUSE
8, BARTON STREET,
WESTMINSTER, S.W.1

The Prime Minist

The Rt. Hon. The

Air Chief Marshal Sir Keith and Lady Williamson

Admiral Sir John and Lady Fieldhouse

Field Marshal Sir Edwin and Lady Bramall

General Sir John and Lady Stanier

Major-General James and Mrs. Eyre

General Sir Patrick and Lady Howard-Dobson

The Revd. Canon Anthony Caesar

The Venerable Raymond Roberts

Lord and Lady Swann (Mrs. Leonard's brother and his wife)

Dr. and Mrs. James Leonard (The Bishop and Mrs. Leonard's eldest son and his wife, Halcyon, their two children, Peter and Sarah will also be present)

The Rt. Revd. the Bishop of Fulham

The Revd. John Shepherd (The Bishop's Chaplain)

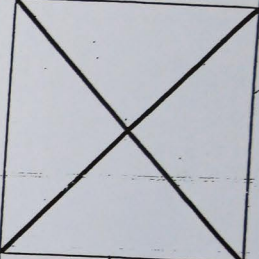
The Revd. Norman and Mrs. Hood (The Bishop's Press Secretary and his wife, Margaret)

Miss Carola Hickling (The Bishop's Personal Secretary)

Miss Katharine Wedgbury (The Bishop's Assistant Secretary)

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Mr. Michael Kerton (Personal Staff)

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see Home Office to PS
21.10.83

Mr Thatcher

re: Remembrance Sunday 13.11.83

re: the attached. Do you wish to attend
and watch the ceremony from one of the
first floor windows of the FCO?

Jy

Yes, please

to

Confirmed with Home Office by phone.

DAB
28/10

From: THE PRIVATE SECRETARY



HOME OFFICE
QUEEN ANNE'S GATE
LONDON SW1H 9AT

Joy: The PM will
of course attend and
lay the wreath. Would
Mr Thatcher like to 21 October 1983
watch from the FCO?

Mr. Barclay

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26/10

Dear Private Secretary,

RE:RB

25.10

... I am writing on behalf of the Home Secretary to send the enclosed official invitation to the Prime Minister to attend the Remembrance Sunday ceremony at the Cenotaph on 13 November. As you will observe, the ceremony will again be mounted from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office building in Whitehall under the direction of the Home Office.

I should be grateful if you would let me know, as soon as possible, whether the Prime Minister will attend and lay the usual wreath on behalf of the Government and, if so, whether you would like us to make the customary arrangements for the Royal British Legion to supply the wreath.

As the same time, I should be glad to know whether Mr Denis Thatcher would like to attend and watch the ceremony from one of the first floor windows of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

Yours sincerely
M J Gillespie

M J GILLESPIE

THE
OFFICE
OF THE
SECRETARY



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File
Annex Day
14 October 1982

Thank you for your letter of 12 October about arrangements for the Remembrance Sunday ceremony at the Cenotaph on 14 November.

I confirm that the Prime Minister will attend and would be grateful if you could make the arrangements for the Royal British Legion to supply the wreath. I also confirm that Mr. Thatcher will be attending and will watch the ceremony from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

CAROLINE STEPHENS

Mrs. L. Pallett,
Home Office

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HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

have the honour to invite

The Prime Minister

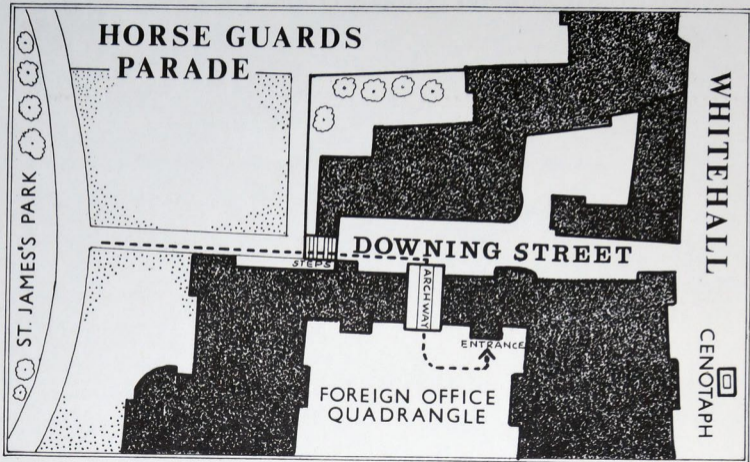
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to be present at the Cenotaph in Whitehall on 14th November, 1982, on the occasion
of the Celebration of Remembrance Sunday.

**MORNING DRESS, LOUNGE SUIT
OR SERVICE UNIFORM**

Please reply to the Private Secretary
**HOME OFFICE
QUEEN ANNE'S GATE
SW1H 9AT**

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PARADE

ST. JAMES'S PARK

DOWNING STREET

STEPS

ARCHWAY

ENTRANCE

FOREIGN OFFICE
QUADRANGLE

WHITEHALL

CENOTAPH

CAROLINE



10 DOWNING STREET

MR. THATCHER

Will you be attending the Remembrance Sunday ceremony on 14 November?

If so, the Home Office will make arrangements for you to watch the ceremony from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

Yes

es.

13 October 1982

From: THE PRIVATE SECRETARY



HOME OFFICE
QUEEN ANNE'S GATE LONDON SW1H 9AT

12 OCT 1982

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Yours sincerely,

Lesley Pallett.

MRS. L. PALLETT

Miss Caroline Stephens.

Armistice day,

PM's attendance

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12/1/82



Armitage
Den

9 November, 1981.

We have been sent a bill from
Moyses Stevens for the wreath which I
assume was for yesterday. We have
never paid before, so I hope it is
in order for me to send it on to you.

CAROLINE STEPHENS

Miss Mignon Goldsmith,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

CS

MARGARET THATCHER
PRIME MINISTER OFFICE
10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON

JUNE 1981			25.25
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Queen Anne's Gate
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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

9th November 1980

ADMIT

The Prime Minister

TO THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE, WHITEHALL

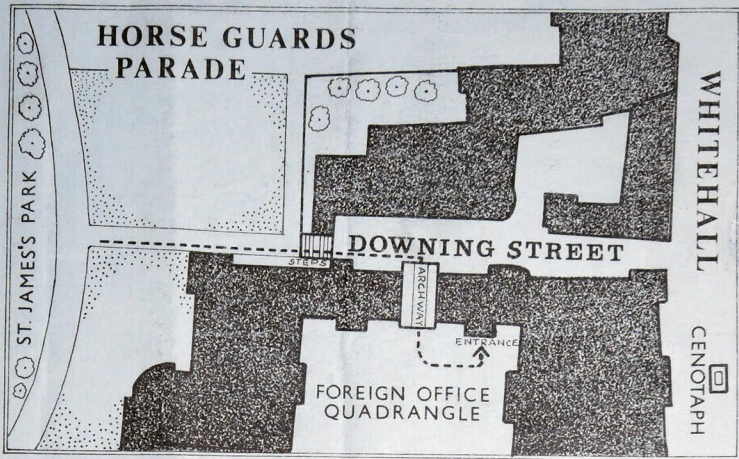
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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 1980

Ceremonial

The enclosed programme gives particulars of the ceremonial at the Cenotaph. Attached to it is the Order of Service; a List(A) showing those attending, those laying wreaths, and the order in which the procession will go out into Whitehall; and a diagram (B) showing the positions to be taken up around the Cenotaph and the placing of the wreaths. This note should be read in conjunction with these documents.

The procession will be drawn up in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and will proceed to Whitehall by way of the former Home Office front door. The ushers on duty in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office will be pleased to help you in finding your way in the building or in explaining any part of the proceedings which are not clear.

Arrival

You are asked to be at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office by 10.30 a.m. The approach should be by the Horse Guards Parade and Downing Street Steps. You should then proceed through the archway into the Foreign Office quadrangle and turn left to the entrance at the south west corner (see sketch-map on reverse of your admission ticket).

A car label is enclosed to enable you to park your car on Horse Guards Parade. You are particularly asked to follow the route given on the back of the label.

On arrival you will be met by an usher and conducted to Room 023 on the ground floor, where Mr. Lee and Mr Burleigh will receive you.

Procession

Mr Lee will be in charge of the arrangements. He will help to marshal the procession, to escort it out of the former Home Office front door, and to form the lines in front of the Cenotaph. As shown in the diagram, Ministers and Parliamentary representatives will be positioned in three lines facing the Cenotaph with back to the former Home Office entrance, towards the north end of the memorial where The Queen will stand to lay her wreath. These lines are marked in white on the roadway and your place will be first on the left in the first row.

R.

Wreaths

Wreaths should not exceed 20 inches in diameter. No easels or other attachments should be used.

Wreaths should be clearly labelled and should be delivered to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (Downing Street West door) not later than 9 a.m. on Sunday morning. Because of the number of wreaths and the limited space available, messengers cannot be permitted to remain after delivering their wreath, which will be collected and given to the wreath layer as the procession leaves the former Home Office by officials appointed for that purpose.

The order in which wreaths are to be laid is shown in the programme. Wreaths will be first laid by The Queen and by or on behalf of other members of the Royal Family; thereafter the order will be identical with that shown for wreath layers in the Order of Procession (A).

Wreaths should be laid flat on the top step as near as possible to the places shown in the diagram (B).

Return to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office

At the end of the ceremony the procession will return to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office by the same route and in the same order as it went out, i.e. Ministers and Parliamentary representatives led by the Prime Minister will follow immediately after the Bishop of London, the Chaplain of the Fleet, the Sub-Dean of the Chapels Royal and the Choir.

The Prime Minister, the Leaders of the Opposition and the Liberal Party, the Lord Chancellor and the High Commissioner for Mauritius will then be conducted to the Entrance Hall to take leave of The Queen.

Refreshments will be available in Room 102 to which the ushers will direct you after the leave-taking and to which other members of the Cabinet and other Ministers will already have been conducted.

Home Office
Queen Anne's Gate

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

9th November 1980

Order of the Ceremonial at the Cenotaph

At 11 o'clock **SILENCE** will be kept for two minutes, beginning at the first stroke of Big Ben

Suggested subject of thought and prayer during the Silence:

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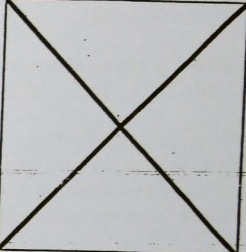
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The Blessing

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God Save The Queen

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MOISTEN THIS SIDE

HOME OFFICE

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REMEMBRANCE DAY

Please arrive NOT LATER THAN 10.30 a.m.

- APPROACH:** By way of The Mall and Horse Guards Approach Road, to
- SET DOWN:** By the "L" shaped road at the foot of Downing Street Steps.
- PARK:** On the south-east corner of Horse Guards Parade (by Treasury Passage).
- TAKE UP:** Where you set down, and
- DEPART:** By way of Horse Guards Approach Road and The Mall.

PLEASE AFFIX THIS LABEL TO THE NEAR SIDE OF THE WINDSCREEN WITH THIS SIDE FACING THE DRIVER

The Mall is closed to ordinary traffic on Sundays and barriers are in position at the junctions of Hyde Park Corner and Constitution Hill, Queen's Gardens and The Mall and Horse Guards Approach Road and The Mall. Cars displaying this label will be allowed through the barriers and along The Mall before and after the ceremony.

E. R.

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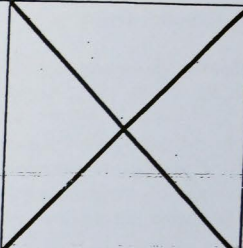
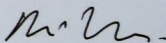
PRIME MINISTER

Remembrance Sunday, 9 November

1. Your wreath will be awaiting you at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.
2. I attach the Order of Service (Flag A).
3. I attach the Order of Ceremony (Flag B).

E.R.

3 November 1980

DEPARTMENT/SERIES <i>PREM 19</i> PIECE/ITEM <i>4005</i> (one piece/item number)	Date and sign
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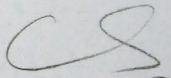
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Remembrance Sunday, 9 November

1. I attach the Prime Minister's admit paper which I would be grateful if you could hand to her on Sunday.
2. A parking label for _____ which I assume he does not require.
3. Notes from the Home Office.
4. Photocopies of the Order of Service and the Order of Ceremony.



3 November 1980

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MR. THATCHER

Remembrance Sunday, 9 November

I attach:

1. An admit paper.
2. The Order of Service.
3. The Order of Ceremony.

A handwritten signature or set of initials, possibly 'CS', written in dark ink.

3 November 1980

MFJ

1 October 1980

Thank you for your letter regarding the Remembrance Sunday ceremony at the Cenotaph on 9 November.

The Prime Minister will be attending as usual and I would be grateful if you could make the customary arrangements for the Royal British Legion to supply the wreath.

I also confirm that Mr. Thatcher would like to attend.

MS

A.P. Jackson, Esq.,
Home Office.

HS



10 DOWNING STREET

MR. THATCHER

Remembrance Sunday ceremony at
the Cenotaph on Sunday 9 November

1. Will you be wishing to attend
this ceremony?

Yes

2. The Prime Minister received
this morning an invitation from
the Bishop of London to lunch
with him so you might be happy
to do the two together?

Yes

30 September 1980

A The National Archives

DEPARTMENT/SERIES <i>REM 19</i>	Date and sign
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Extract details: <i>minute to the Prime Minister dated 9 November 1979</i>	
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Friday, Box



10 DOWNING STREET

PRIME MINISTER

Here is your programme for Remembrance Sunday at the Cenotaph. It is the same as in previous years and your wreath will be waiting for you at the Foreign Office. You are requested to arrive at 1030 and you can walk across the road as it is the side door to the Foreign Office that you have to enter through.

E.P.

9 November 1979

DEPARTMENT/SERIES

PREM 19

PIECE/ITEM

4008

(one piece/item number)

Date and
sign

Extract details:

Programme for Remembrance Sunday 11 November 1979
(circa 9 November 1979)

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OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS ACT 1958

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From: THE PRIVATE SECRETARY



HOME OFFICE
QUEEN ANNE'S GATE
LONDON SW1H 9AT

30 September 1980

Dear Caroline

... I am writing on behalf of the Home Secretary to send the enclosed official invitation to the Prime Minister to attend the Remembrance Sunday ceremony at the Cenotaph on 9th November. As you will observe, the ceremony will be mounted from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office building in Whitehall under the direction of the Home Office.

I should be grateful if you would let me know, as soon as possible, whether the Prime Minister will attend and lay the usual wreath on behalf of the Government and, if so, whether you would like us to make the customary arrangements for the Royal British Legion to supply the wreath.

At the same time, I should be glad to know whether Mr. Denis Thatcher would like to attend and watch the ceremony from one of the first floor windows of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

*Yours ever
A. P. Jackson*

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Miss Caroline Stephens

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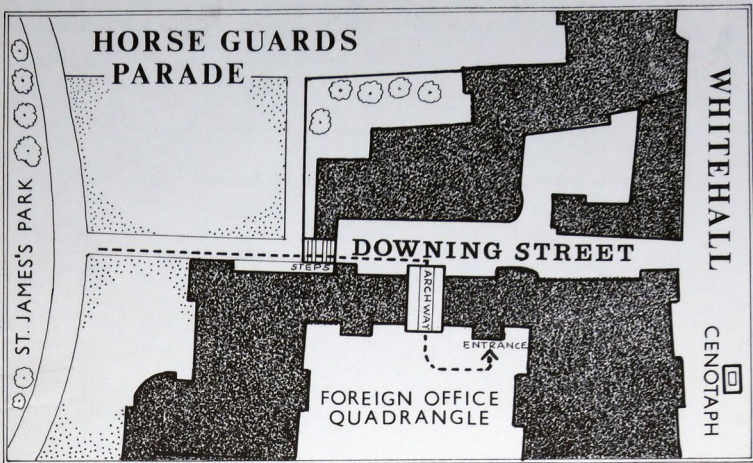
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MORNING DRESS, LOUNGE SUIT
OR SERVICE UNIFORM

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The Ceremony will be mounted from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. You are requested to be there by 10.30 a.m.; the approach to which should be by Horse Guards Parade and Downing Street Steps as indicated in the sketch map overleaf.



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Anniversary Day

10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

3 December 1979

Dear Peggy

Thank you for your letter of 16 November about the removal from the Cenotaph of the wreath laid by the War Widows Association of Great Britain.

I fully appreciate your concern about the removal of the Association's wreath, but I very much regret that it is not possible to allow it to remain. All wreaths and crosses laid on the Cenotaph before the ceremony on the Sunday morning have to be removed for the duration of the ceremony in order that the steps may be left clear for the large number of wreaths laid during the ceremony and the march past which follows. Some twenty wreaths, including the Association's cross, were removed on the morning of 11 November immediately before the ceremony and were placed against the barrier on the south side of the Cenotaph. The Association's cross was replaced in a central position on the Cenotaph after the ceremony.

As the Home Secretary said in his written answer on 8 November to a Question by John Carlisle, no request has been made by the Association to participate in the official ceremony. The matter has been carefully and sympathetically considered but I am afraid that there would be practical difficulties about adding to the

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number of participants. I understand that the Royal British Legion suggested to the War Widows Association in 1978 that they might like to join the contingents of ex-servicemen and women who lay wreaths during the march past, but that the Association did not follow up the suggestion.

Mrs. Peggy Fenner, M.P.

From: THE PRIVATE SECRETARY

Armistice
Day



HOME OFFICE
QUEEN ANNE'S GATE
LONDON SW1H 9AT

- 9 OCT 1979

Caroline
Dear Leslie

Thank you for your letter of 2nd October about the Remembrance Sunday Ceremony at the Cenotaph on 11th November.

Arrangements have been made for the Royal British Legion to supply the wreath to be laid by the Prime Minister during the ceremony.

We note that Mr. Denis Thatcher would like to attend, and I confirm that arrangements will be made for him to watch the ceremony from one of the first floor windows of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in Whitehall. A ticket of admission for Mr. Thatcher, together with the programme and instructions, will be sent to you nearer the date.

Yours sincerely,
Christine Stewart

MISS C. J. STEWART

Caroline, presumably
Leslie Stephens, Esq.

-9 OCT 1979



2 October 1979

As I look after the Prime Minister's diary Mike Pattison has passed to me your letter of 2 September regarding the Remembrance Sunday ceremony at the Cenotaph on 11 November.

This is to confirm that the Prime Minister will certainly attend and I would be most grateful if you could make arrangements for the Royal British Legion to supply the wreath. The Prime Minister's husband, Mr. Denis Thatcher, would also like to attend and I would be grateful if you could let me know from which building.

CS

Miss C.J. Stewart,
Home Office.

From: THE PRIVATE SECRETARY



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LONDON SW1H 9AT

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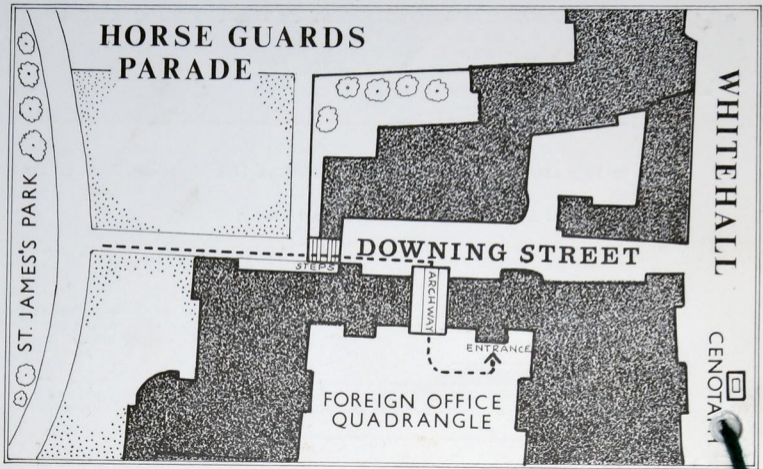
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