

PRIME MINISTER

Royal College of Music Centenary
Celebration: 28 February 1982

I attach my minute to you of 10 July about the above.

May I please ask you to reconsider your decision. I beg of you not to commit yourself to this invitation on a Sunday in February. There is going to be so much on at that time and even given the fact that it is an engagement at St. James Palace it can easily be refused. I am prepared to compromise and accept in principle at this stage if you will allow me to cancel it nearer the time.

E.J. *Repet*

3 August 1981

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Sir David Willcocks' letter (Flag A) speaks for itself.
The 28th February is a Sunday and you are unfortunately free
all day and at the moment are not busy either the weekend
before or the weekend after.

May I remind you that you and I had previous correspondence
about this in 1980 and I attach my note to you dated 28 April
(Flag B) in which you will see you agreed to refuse the invitation
when it came. Although I appreciate that both The Queen Mother
and The Prince of Wales will be present, there really are more
important things for you to be doing in February than this.

Agree for me to turn it down?

I shall have to be
present
not.

S.J. Pile

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10 July 1981