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## 10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

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Les Frais,

## Invitation to President Reagan

The Prime Minister has seen your letter of 2 February and agrees that we should renew our invitation to President Reagan to visit this country in June and also that we should offer London as the site for the NATO Summit.

The draft telegram enclosed with your letter suggested that the Prime Minister might give a luncheon for President Reagan on Tuesday 8 June. This is unlikely to be possible because of Prime Minister's Question time on that day. We shall therefore wish to look further at the precise timings of the Prime Minister's luncheon for and talks with the President. At present, dinner on 8 June would appear to be a better arrangement - this might mean that the President should stay in Winfield House that night. Before your telegram is despatched, therefore, I should be grateful if the relevant sentence in paragraph 2 could be amended to read as follows:

"The Prime Minister would like to entertain the President on behalf of Her Majesty's Government and hold talks with him at some point, though the precise timings will have to be further examined."

The next sentence could then read:

"On the Tuesday afternoon there could be a major public appearance . . . "

I am sending copies of this letter to Sir Philip Moore, Brian Norbury (Ministry of Defence) and David Wright (Cabinet Office).

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