

PRIME MINISTER

Re-enactment of Founding of Royal College of
Music at St. James's Palace on Sunday
28 February

We have been bounced by, I suspect, a combination of the
Royal College of Music and the Palace.

You are expected to speak. Although I rang the College only yesterday and was assured that you would have no commitments other than being present a draft speech from the College arrived today. The speech amounts to very little and I do not think will cause you any difficulty but it is excessively irritating. By way of background I enclose a letter from Sir David Willcocks and his suggested speech (Flag A), briefing from the Minister for the Arts' office (Flag B), guest list (Flag C), seating plan (Flag D), and the Prince of Wales' suggested speech (Flag E). Agree to say a few words?

Yes - we do not
need to leave until
6.30p - possibility
a little later. I am
sorry (Health) but
but we can leave
at 6.30 - the same time
not

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