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Prime Minister.

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Dear Sir
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PRESIDENT REAGAN'S VISIT: 7-9 JUNE 1982

I attach for the Prime Minister's information an assessment of the personal and public order aspects of this visit.

Copies of this letter and enclosure go to the Private Secretary to the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs.

Yours sincerely
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There is no intelligence at present to indicate that an attack is being planned against President Reagan during his visit to London and Windsor from the evening of 7 June until the morning of 9 June although there are those such as the Libyans and the pro-Khomeini Iranians who might be prepared to use violence to show their hostility towards the US administration.

2. The main threat at present is that posed to law and order and is focussed on three distinct meetings (the largest of which takes place on the day before President Reagan's arrival):

- a. CND Demonstration: Sunday 6 June
- b. Reagan Reception Committee: Monday 7 June
- c. Chile Solidarity Campaign Rally: Tuesday 8 June.

3. a. On Sunday 6 June the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament marches and demonstration is expected to attract about 120,000 people including members of extreme left wing groups and some 50 anarchists. The possibility of violence breaking out cannot be discounted but the rally may provide a safety-valve for much opposition to the President's visit to be expressed before his arrival the following day.

b. The Socialist Workers' Party has co-ordinated left-wing opposition to the visit to be demonstrated by the Reagan Reception Committee on 7 June by a lobby outside the House of Commons at 1 pm and a picket of the US Embassy at 5.30 pm. Recent information indicates that the SWP have scaled down the meeting at the Embassy to some 200-300 people with a view to preventing serious disorder although some militants are likely to be present.

c. A rally organised by the Chile Solidarity Campaign and CND has been arranged at Central Hall Westminster on 9 June described as "an alternative forum to Reagan's speech in Parliament". The meeting is expected to attract about 1,000 people of whom some will picket outside the House of Commons and attend a meeting within the precincts of the House. No significant public order problem is anticipated.

4. While impossible to assess, the threat posed to President Reagan by publicity-seekers and the mentally unbalanced cannot be overlooked.

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