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10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Private Secretary*

10 September 1982

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE FAR EAST

Thank you for your letter of 10 September about participation in the programmes in Japan and China.

I have somewhat amended the helpful note which you enclosed and should be grateful if the amended version could be conveyed to Posts with the following comments:-

- (a) The Prime Minister's normal preference is for small meetings. She may wish the participation in certain meetings to be rather radically reduced. This will be decided on the spot.
- (b) The main change is to add a Private Secretary to a number of events other than the talks. Robin Butler and I will, in principle, be with the Prime Minister during all visits (as opposed to talks when in most cases one or other of us will be there).
- (c) With regard to records, in general Robin Butler or I will take a record though we may wish to ask on arrival that a member of the Embassy should help with the longer sessions.

The changes referred to in paragraph 3 of your letter present no problem.

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