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TELEGRAM NO 518 OF 17 FEBRUARY

YOUR TELNO 280: REAGAN VISIT

1 THIS LOOKS A FIRST RATE PROGRAMME. MY DETAILED SUGGESTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- (A) THE STATE BANQUET. YOU ASKED ABOUT POSSIBLE GUESTS. I THINK THAT THE PRESIDENT IS MORE INTERESTED IN THE THEATRE AND ARTS THAN IN THE ACADEMIC WORLD. HE LIKES TO REMINISCE ABOUT HIS HOLLYWOOD CAREER AND I AM SURE HE WOULD WELCOME THE CHANCE TO MEET SOME NEW, YOUNG PEOPLE FROM THE THEATRE AND CINEMA WORLD, AS WELL AS BRITISH ACTORS FROM HIS OWN GENERATION. THE KIND OF PEOPLE I HAVE IN MIND ARE LAWRENCE OLIVIER, DAVID NIVEN, ALEC GUINNESS, PETER USTINOV FROM THE OLDER GENERATION AND DIANA QUICK AND JEREMY IRONS FROM THE NEW GENERATION OF ACTORS. JEREMY IRONS IS WELL KNOWN HERE FROM HIS ROLE IN THE FRENCH LIEUTENANT'S WOMAN (WHICH THE PRESIDENT AND MRS REAGAN HAVE SEEN). BRIDESHEAD REVISITED (IN WHICH BOTH IRONS AND DIANA QUICK STAR) IS CURRENTLY AN ENORMOUS SUCCESS ON AMERICAN TELEVISION.
- (B) MEETING THE PUBLIC. I HAVE A SLIGHT DOUBT AS TO WHETHER THE JFK MEMORIAL AT RUNNYMEDE, WITH ITS MEMORIES OF THE KENNEDY/ CAMELOT ERA IN US POLITICS, WILL APPEAL TO THE PRESIDENT BUT I RECOGNISE THE DIFFICULTIES OF FINDING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR HIM TO MEET MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITHOUT INORDINATE SECURITY RISKS.
- (C) RIDING. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE PRESIDENT LIKES TO RIDE A THOROUGHBRED AND THAT HE USES AN ENGLISH SADDLE. PLEASE SAY IF FURTHER HORSE DETAILS ARE REQUIRED.

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(D) THE PRESIDENT'S PARTY. IN ADDITION TO THOSE MENTIONED IN YOUR TELEGRAM, CLARK TOLD ME THAT BOTH HE AND HIS WIFE WOULD BE TRAVELLING WITH THE PRESIDENT.

2. I SHALL BE IN LONDON NEXT WEEK AND WOULD BE AVAILABLE IF SIR J JOHNSTON WANTED TO HAVE A WORD WITH ME ABOUT ARRANGEMENTS.

HENDERSON

[THIS TELEGRAM WAS NOT ADVANCED]

PRESIDENT REAGAN'S VISIT
LIMITED

PCD
NAD
DEF DEPT
NEWS DEPT
PS
PS/LPS
PS/MR HURD
PS/MR LUCE
PS/PUS
MR BULLARD
MR WRIGHT
MR DAY
MR URE
MR GILLMORE
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SIR J JOHNSTON, LORD CHAMBERLAIN'S
OFFICE, ST JAMES'S PALACE
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MR COLES PS NO 10 DOWNING STREET

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