



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

16 April 1982

Dear John,

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Prime Minister

Please see questions for decision in margin.

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Visit of President Reagan

Following the visit of Mr Deaver the Comptroller at the Lord Chamberlain's Office reached agreement on the programme outlined in my letter of 7 April with only minor changes in timings for Monday 7 June. Deaver will put the agreed programme to President Reagan on his return to Washington and we should have confirmation of his acceptance early next week. I attach a copy of the programme as now agreed by Deaver.

The following points arose during discussion:

a) Arrival

Because of the heavy programme in Italy, Deaver thought that it would be difficult for President Reagan to arrive by 5.30 pm. He agreed, however, that an arrival time of 5.45 pm would be manageable. To allow the President to proceed to Windsor Castle as quickly as possible, the arrival formalities at Heathrow would be simplified with no guard of honour. The Duke of Edinburgh would meet the President and Mrs Reagan on behalf of The Queen and as suggested in paragraph (a) of John Holmes' letter of 22 March, the Prime Minister, the Home Secretary and the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary who normally attend the arrival ceremonial at Victoria Station during State Visits, would be present on this occasion. I should be grateful for your confirmation that the Prime Minister is content with this arrangement. Deaver readily accepted that there would be no statements at the airport on arrival.

Prime Minister

Content? Yes

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b) Audience in the Royal Gallery

Deaver thought the proposal that Mrs Reagan should sit with the Prime Minister would be well received. The President's and Mrs Reagan's departure from the Palace of Westminster will be arranged to allow the Prime Minister time to return to No 10 Downing Street so that she can welcome them there. With regard to the audience in the Royal Gallery, the intention is that 200-250 peers and a similar number of Members of Parliament should attend this occasion, leaving room for a further number of guests.



These would include President Reagan's official suite, members of the American Embassy and perhaps about 50 representatives of the Anglo/American community in London, including such bodies as the English-speaking Union and the Pilgrims. The arrangements for the Royal Gallery are under the control of Black Rod, who will be taking the necessary steps in the early part of next month to invite applications by peers and Members of Parliament to attend the audience. It is not, therefore, at present possible to be more precise about numbers.

c) Prime Minister's Luncheon

Deaver asked what form this would take. He was exercised that it should not be presented as a 'glittering social occasion' and sought reassurance that it would be a serious working-type luncheon with a guest list drawn largely from political and governmental circles. He was told that the shape of the luncheon had not finally been decided but that on similar previous occasions it included political figures and wives among a rather wider range of guests, but we undertook to follow Deaver's suggestions and should be grateful to know whether the Prime Minister would be willing to have a lunch of this nature. We should be grateful also for your guidance on the numbers that the Prime Minister would wish to invite. The official American Suite, the British Suite and at least one accompanying wife (Mrs Clark) will account for some eighteen places, but I believe that you may be thinking in terms of around 44 guests on this occasion. Deaver asked about speeches and toasts. Can you confirm that it is still the Prime Minister's intention that there should be an exchange of short speeches and toasts? The Americans have a preference for informal toasts, the contents of which are not made public.

Yes
Prime Minister
Agree to 48 guests at small tables, drawn mainly from politics and business with perhaps some senior military figures?
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Prime Minister
Agree?
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d) Speaker's Reception

Deaver expressed regret that the timing had made it impossible for the President to take up the Speaker's suggestion of a reception after the Address. He suggested to the Ambassador that he write to the Speaker accordingly.

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e) Talks

Deaver was pleased at the proposal to hold talks at No 10 on Wednesday 9 June since it clearly separated the important working aspect of the visit from the more social events of the preceding day. He asked if there would be an opportunity for the President and the Prime Minister to make some remarks to the press at the end of the meeting. We confirmed that this was the Prime Minister's thinking.

Prime Minister
Agree a few remarks to the press outside No. 10?

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Yes

f) Departure

Deaver was anxious to have confirmation of the composition of the party which would bid farewell on behalf of The Queen. Sir John Johnston explained our normal practice. (Paragraph 9 of John Holmes' letter of 22 March). I should be grateful if you could confirm whether the Prime Minister would like to bid farewell to the President and Mrs Reagan at Heathrow, or whether, in view of her own impending departure for Bonn later in the day, we should proceed as normal. Alternatively, the Prime Minister might wish to ask another Cabinet Minister to undertake this.

Prime Minister
Agree to say goodbye at No. 10 and be separated by a Cabinet Minister at Heathrow?

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Yes

The outline programme for Mrs Reagan was also considered during the visit. Possibilities are driving with the Duke of Edinburgh, a visit to a primary school near Maidenhead, a child day nursing centre near Ladbroke Grove and a short visit to St George's Chapel. Members of the Deaver party visited these locations and will let us have Mrs Reagan's reactions shortly.

Yours ever,

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PROGRAMME FOR THE
VISIT OF PRESIDENT REAGAN

(as at 14 APRIL)

Monday, 7th June

5.45 p.m. Arrive Heathrow (from Rome)
5.55 p.m. Depart Heathrow (helicopter)
6.05 p.m. Arrive Windsor Castle (helicopter)
8.30 p.m. Informal Dinner Party

Tuesday, 8th June

9.30 a.m. Riding (Note. Separate engagement
for Mrs. Reagan)
11.30 a.m. Depart Windsor Castle (helicopter)
11.50 a.m. Arrive Buckingham Palace (helicopter)
and depart by car for Palace of Westminster
11.55 a.m. Arrive Norman Porch, Palace of Westminster
12 noon Address members of both Houses of
Parliament in the Royal Gallery
12.45 p.m. Depart Palace of Westminster
12.50 p.m. Arrive No. 10 Downing Street
1.00 p.m. Lunch No. 10 with Prime Minister
2.20 p.m. Depart No. 10 for Buckingham Palace
2.25 p.m. Arrive Buckingham Palace and depart
for Windsor Castle (helicopter)
2.50 p.m. Arrive Windsor Castle (helicopter)
8.00 p.m. Banquet at Windsor Castle

Wednesday, 9th June

8.30 a.m. Depart Windsor Castle (helicopter)
8.50 a.m. Arrive Buckingham Palace (helicopter)
and depart by car for No. 10 Downing Street
9.00 a.m. Arrive No. 10. Talks with Prime Minister
(Note. Separate engagement for Mrs. Reagan)
10.30 a.m. Depart No. 10 for Buckingham Palace
10.35 a.m. Arrive Buckingham Palace and depart
for Heathrow (helicopter)
10.55 a.m. Arrive Heathrow (helicopter)
11.00 a.m. Depart Heathrow for Bonn.

MRS. REAGAN'S PROGRAMME

Suggestions:-

Tuesday, a.m. Driving with The Duke of Edinburgh

p.m. St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle
OR
Lowbrook Primary School,
The Fairway,
Cox Green,
Maidenhead,
Berkshire

Wednesday, a.m. The Maxilla Nursery Centre,
4 Maxilla Walk.
Paddington,
London W.10.