

1. MR. COLES *Ad 7/5.*
2. PRIME MINISTER

VISIT OF PRESIDENT REAGAN

I had a meeting today with the Presidential aides who are handling the administrative arrangements for this visit. Although I did not give any firm commitments on the arrangements, I think that the following would be what the Americans would prefer.

Lunch: Tuesday 8 June

The President's and Mrs. Reagan's departure from the Palace of Westminster will be arranged to allow you time to return here to receive them. There will be a photocall, either in the hall, or in one of the State Rooms. The President and his wife and staff would like five to ten minutes to freshen up on arrival; and I think that you may wish to offer the President and Mrs. Reagan the use of the Study and your wash-room for this; his staff can use the Waiting Room and wash-room outside the Cabinet Room. Most of the guests at the lunch will have attended the Audience in the Royal Gallery. You and the President may wish to receive them with Mr. Thatcher and Mrs. Reagan at the door between the Blue Drawing Room and the Pillared Room. The guests' wives, who will probably arrive earlier, can await their husbands in No. 12. The lunch will be for 65, at a U-shaped table, in the large Dining Room. There will be an exchange of short speeches and toasts. The President's staff have suggested that the press should be allowed into the building to film some of the lunch, but I think we must resist this. Any Presidential staff who are not actually attending the lunch will be given something to eat in No. 12.

They could join the reception in the pillared room + say one camera or two in to lunch not.

Talks: Wednesday 9 June

These will be held from 0900 to 1030. The President will have spent the night at Windsor and his staff say that he will not have had time to have had breakfast before leaving

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for London for the talks. He has apparently asked if the talks can take the form of a working breakfast. I think we must accept this. I suggest the talks should therefore be held in the small Dining Room, since the President is said to prefer a fairly substantial breakfast. John Coles feels that the breakfast should be confined to you and the President plus one aide on each side. There could be a plenary session for the last half of the talks, and the Ministers involved could join you either in the small Dining Room, or in your Study. These Ministers, and the President's Senior Advisers, could be given breakfast in the large Dining Room. The rest of the Presidential staff will be given something to eat in No. 11. The President's staff have asked for direct communication with the White House, via the US Embassy, to be laid on during the talks; and we will ensure that lines are available in the White Drawing Room and in the Waiting Room.

Yes Mr

As he wishes.

Photocall before photos at breakfast

Again, the President's staff have asked if the press can be allowed to photograph you starting your breakfast, and I think this must also be resisted. At the end of the talks you will accompany the President to the front door, and speak to the press from the pavement immediately outside. I suggest that you speak first and that the President should reply. The press will be accommodated on stands immediately opposite and in the street on the right-hand-side of the door. After speaking to the press, you will bid farewell to the President in Downing Street. A Cabinet Minister will bid farewell to the President and his wife at Heathrow.

Yes - see U.S. vice d.

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Content that we should suggest these arrangements to the Americans?

Yes

Mr

Ian Kydd has discussed the press arrangements with White House press officers, and Bernard Ingham is content with what I suggest.

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