

- 1. MR. COLES
- 2. PRIME MINISTER

Visit of President Reagan

The Americans have now come back to us with proposals on how the talks over breakfast on Wednesday, 9 June, should be arranged.

They suggest that the talks over breakfast in the Small Dining Room should be confined on their side to President Reagan and Secretary Haig. These talks would last from 0900 to 0945. Content:

- a) to be accompanied by Mr. Pym;
- b) to have a Private Secretary present?

After three-quarters of an hour, the Americans suggest that the breakfast should break up, and that a plenary meeting should be held in your study, the Cabinet Room, or in the White Drawing Room. They would like their team to consist of the President, Secretary Haig, Judge Clark, Edwin Meese, and Ambassador Louis. If we were to match their team, our side should consist of you, Mr. Pym, Sir Nicholas Henderson, Sir Antony Acland and Sir Robert Armstrong. With a Private Secretary, this would mean that the meeting would consist of eleven people.

- a) Content with the suggestions for our team?
- b) Given the numbers, would you prefer to have the meeting in the White Drawing Room, or the Cabinet Room, rather than your study, and if so, which?

We have learned that President and Mrs. Reagan have decided to give you and Mr. Thatcher a gift, although they

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are not, strictly speaking, your guests. I understand that they are going to give you a demi-tasse set, probably in china, and that they will give Mr. Thatcher a book of Audubon prints of birds. Lady Henderson has suggested that you and Mr. Thatcher should give the President a striking carriage clock made by a man called Frodsham, and that you should give Mrs. Reagan an enamelled "Battersea Box". I am trying to obtain a catalogue, with pictures of Frodsham's carriage clocks, and a catalogue showing the sort of enamelled box that Lady Henderson has in mind is attached.

Content in principle with Lady Henderson's suggestions?

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Dear Willie *W.R. 2/3/6*

VISIT OF PRESIDENT REAGAN: GIFTS FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

1. We spoke about Frodsham clocks and Battersea Boxes.
2. As I will not have a Frodsham leaflet until tomorrow, I am enclosing that for Matthew Norman and which may be taken as a fair guide to the 2 styles presently available from Frodsham. These are Corniche, the most popular and English of the two, and Corinthian. Frodsham can supply either from their stock at Buckingham Palace. For a 7 inch striking clock the trade price inclusive of VAT would be:

Corniche - £205
Corinthian - £325

Both clocks are of polished brass and stainless steel, weigh approximately 7lb and strike ~~lowly~~ on a bell (the traditional English chime). They are boxed and fully guaranteed.

3. We are seeking further advice from Lady Henderson as to the best choice of Battersea Box.

Yours ever
M G Snell

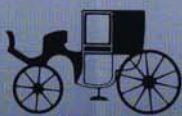
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P.S. one of Frodsham's representatives from the Palace is calling on me around 1pm on 3 June with samples. Should I wish to see these I can bring him over to your office.

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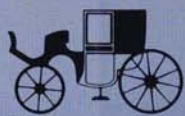
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