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Prime Minister

Agree to these proposals? 20 October 1982

A.J.C. 27/10.

John John

Yes mt

Prime Minister's Visit to Berlin

Thank you for your letter of 18 October.

You asked for advice on what special gesture the Prime Minister might make at the Berlin Wall. Mr Pym considers that the best suggestion would be for her to:

- (a) lay a wreath at a group of memorials north of the Brandenburg Gate to East Germans killed in attempting to cross to West Berlin, and then
- (b) visit one of the British army landrover teams which patrol the Wall. This could be arranged not far from the wreath-laying. If she wished, the Prime Minister could join the British army patrol in the landrover for a short distance.

Journalists and photographers could be present for both of these events. Thereafter the Prime Minister might drive south past the Brandenburg Gate and stop briefly at a viewing point by the Wall. The Prime Minister would be accompanied on the German side by the Governing Mayor and Chancellor Kohl.

The above would add 15-20 minutes to the length of the programme. To compensate, the visit to the British Military Government Headquarters and the time spent at HM Ambassador's residence might each be reduced by ten minutes. The approximate timing of the programme would then be as shown at Annex A.

I should be grateful for the Prime Minister's views.

Yours ever,

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO BERLIN : 29 OCTOBER

DRAFT PROGRAMME

1430 Arrive Gatow. Met by GOC, Berlin, the
Governing Mayor and Allied Commandants.
Guard of honour

1510 Arrive Wall. Wreath laying. Meet army
patrol. Drive past Brandenburg Gate.
Stop at viewing-point

1545 Arrive Rathaus, Schoeneberg.
Discussion with Governing Mayor.

1615 - 1715 Golden Book Ceremony and speeches

1720 Leave Rathaus

1745 Arrive British Military Government. Meet
representatives of the garrison

1820 Depart BMG

1835 Arrive HM Ambassador's residence

1800

1900 Depart residence

1915 - 2115 Dinner, Schloss Charlottenburg, followed
by exchange of gifts (in ante-room over
coffee instead of at Golden Book ceremony)

2140 Depart Tegel

2330 Arrive Northolt