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TO PRIORITY WASHINGTON  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 280 OF 16 FEBRUARY

REAGAN VISIT

1. WE HAD GOOD TALKS WITH DEEVER. THERE IS NOW BROAD AGREEMENT OVER PROGRAMME WHICH INCLUDES:

(A) ADDRESS TO QUOTE MEMBERS OF BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT UNQUOTE IN WESTMINSTER HALL.

THERE ARE STILL SOME UNCERTAINTIES INCLUDING THE DURATION OF PARLIAMENT'S WHITSUN RECESS, WHICH IS CURRENTLY DUE TO END 7 JUNE. BUT BOTH SIDES ARE KEEN AND PLANNING IS GOING AHEAD. IN DISCUSSION IT IS IMPORTANT TO STICK TO THE ABOVE FORMULA. THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A JOINT SESSION OF BOTH HOUSES, AND IF THE EVENT IS BILLED AS ADDRESS TO BOTH HOUSES, THEN MEMBERS' WIVES HAVE TO SIT SEPARATELY AND THIS TENDS TO REDUCE ATTENDANCE. WHAT THE PRESIDENT WILL DO IS TO ADDRESS MEMBERS OF BOTH HOUSES IN WESTMINSTER HALL AT NOON ON TUESDAY 8 JUNE.

(B) STATE BANQUET: 8.30 PM TUESDAY 8 JUNE.

2. THERE WILL HAVE TO BE SOME JUGGLING, BUT THE FULL PROGRAMME AGREED IN PRINCIPLE IS AS FOLLOWS, (ALL JOURNEYS BY HELICOPTER UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED):-

MONDAY 7 JUNE

4.30 PM ARRIVAL LAP SOUTH SIDE. DETAILS TO BE WORKED

(BETWEEN OUT BUT WILL INCLUDE:-

4 AND 5 PM MET BY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE QUEEN, PROBABLY BUT MAY SLIP). A MEMBER OF ROYAL FAMILY.

GUARD OF HONOUR PROVIDED BY RAF REGIMENT.

HMG REPRESENTATIVE TO BE DECIDED.

PRIME MINISTER MAY BE EITHER AT HEATHROW OR WINDSOR.

TO WINDSOR CASTLE. MET BY THE QUEEN.

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GUARD OF HONOUR FORMED BY FOOT GUARDS.  
REST.

8.00 PM            INFORMAL DINNER PARTY AT WINDSOR CASTLE WITH  
THE QUEEN, MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY, AND  
HOUSEHOLD (NOT MORE THAN 50 PERSONS IN ALL).

TUESDAY 8 JUNE

AM                (RIDING IN WINDSOR HOME PARK?)

12.00            ADDRESS TO MEMBERS OF BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT  
AT WESTMINSTER HALL (CAPACITY 1,800).

LUNCH AT WINFIELD HOUSE.

BRIEFING FOR PRESS AFTER LUNCH?

TIME TO BRIEF PRESIDENT ABOUT NATO SUMMIT.

RETURN TO WINDSOR.

SOME QUOTE MEET-THE-PEOPLE UNQUOTE

ENGAGEMENT? ONE SUGGESTION:- VISIT RUNNYMEDE

(J F KENNEDY MEMORIAL, RAF MEMORIAL AND MAGNA  
CARTA SITE, WHERE PUBLIC COULD BE PRESENT UNDER  
CONTROLLED CONDITIONS.)

8.30 PM            STATE BANQUET IN ST GEORGE'S HALL (ABOUT 150  
GUESTS) INCLUDING ROYAL FAMILY, GOVERNMENT  
AND PROMINENT FIGURES FROM INDUSTRY, THE ARTS AND  
THE ACADEMIC WORLD. GRATEFUL FOR ANY THOUGHTS YOU  
MIGHT HAVE ABOUT CANDIDATES FOR  
INCLUSION IN LATTER CATEGORY.

WEDNESDAY 9 JUNE

(RIDING IN WINDSOR HOME PARK?)

QUEEN WILL BID FAREWELL.

TO NO. 10 DOWNING STREET.

11.00            TETE-A-TETE TALKS WITH PRIME MINISTER (ABOUT 30  
MINUTES). FOLLOWED BY PLENARY SESSION.

12.30            LUNCHEON WITH THE PRIME MINISTER.

14.00            DEPART FOR HEATHROW (PRIME MINISTER WOULD LIKE  
(APPROX) THIS TO BE HALF AN HOUR LATER. DEEVER WILL  
RECONSIDER DEPARTURE TIME AFTER VISIT TO BONN).

14.30            DEPARTURE. NO MILITARY HONOURS.  
LORD CHAMBERLAIN, PLUS GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE

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(TO BE DECIDED).

MRS REAGAN

3. DEAVER CONFIRMED THAT MRS REAGAN WOULD ACCOMPANY THE PRESIDENT. NO SEPARATE PROGRAMME FOR HER ON 8 JUNE, BUT ON 9 JUNE THERE WILL BE A SEPARATE PROGRAMME IN THE MORNING. THE US SUGGESTION WAS A VISIT TO AN INSTITUTION FOR THE TREATMENT OF DRUG ABUSE OR ALCOHOLISM BEFORE JOINING THE PEESIDENT FOR LUNCH AT NO. 10.

PRESIDENTIAL PARTY

4. THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICIAL SUITE TO STAY IN WINDSOR CASTLE IS LIMITED TO TEN BUT A FEW MORE MIGHT BE FITTED IN, E.G. IN THE CASE OF WIVES ACCOMPANYING HUSBANDS. (WE UNDERSTAND MRS HAIG WILL BE COMING.) ADDITIONALLY, THE U S AMBASSADOR AND MRS LOUIS WILL BE PART OF THE SUITE BUT WILL NOT STAY AT WINDSOR CASTLE. THERE IS ACCOMMODATION FOR FOUR DOMESTIC STAFF (STEWARDS) INCLUDING PERSONAL PROTECTION OFFICER. SOME ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATION (ABOUT 30 BEDS) FOR KEY MEMBERS OF THE UNOFFICIAL PARTY WILL BE PROVIDED AT ST GEORGE'S HOUSE. THE REST OF THE UNOFFICIAL PARTY AND THE PRESS (SEE BELOW) WILL BE IN HOTELS UNDER ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY US EMBASSY WHO ARE MAKING BLOCK BOOKINGS IN AIRPORT AND LONDON HOTELS. CURRENTLY THEY ARE ABOUT 100 BEDS SHORT IF THE TOTAL PARTY, AS NOW FORECAST, NUMBERS 800.

BRITISH SUITE

5. THE QUEEN WILL ATTACH A BRITISH SUITE TO THE PRESIDENT FOR THE DURATION OF HIS VISIT, CONSISTING OF:- LORD-IN-WAITING, LADY-IN-WAITING, YOU AND LADY HENDERSON (WE SHALL BE IN TOUCH ABOUT THIS IN DUE COURSE), EQUERRY-IN-WAITING.

PRESS

6. DEAVER AND HIS TEAM WERE MAINLY FOCUSSED ON THE PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPACT OF THE VISIT. A VERY LARGE CONTINGENT OF PRESS-MEN ARE EXPECTED (600 OR MORE). ONLY LIMITED NUMBERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO COVER CERTAIN EVENTS AND POOLING ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE ESSENTIAL. PRESS SECRETARY TO THE QUEEN IS IN CHARGE OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEDIA COVERAGE OF MAIN EVENTS AT WINDSOR INCLUDING STATE BANQUET. (THIS WILL BE THE FIRST

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OCCASION ON WHICH PRESS ACCESS WILL HAVE BEEN PERMITTED AT A STATE BANQUET: THE INNOVATION WILL BE OF GREAT INTEREST TO THE UK MEDIA WHO HAVE BEEN PRESSING FOR IT. PLEASE DO NOT REVEAL OUTSIDE OFFICIAL US CIRCLES YET.) SUBJECT TO POOLING ARRANGEMENT WHERE NECESSARY, IT WAS EXPLAINED TO DEEVER THAT THERE WOULD BE MEDIA FACILITIES AT LAP ON ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE, AT WINDSOR ON ARRIVAL, AT THE START OF THE RIDE, INSIDE THE CASTLE FOR THE STATE BANQUET, AT ANY QUOTE MEET-THE-PEOPLE UNQUOTE OCCASION, AND FOR MRS REAGAN'S SEPARATE PROGRAMME: AND AT NO. 10 ON ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE, WHEN THE PRIME MINISTER AND PRESIDENT MIGHT SAY A FEW WORDS.

DRESS

7. DEEVER ASKED ABOUT DRESS FOR RIDING. HE WAS TOLD THAT WHATEVER THE PRESIDENT FINDS MOST COMFORTABLE WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE: WE UNDERSTAND HE RIDES QUOTE ENGLISH STYLE UNQUOTE: BOOTS, BREECHES AND ROLL-NECK SWEATER. APART FROM WHITE TIE PLUS DECORATIONS AT STATE BANQUET AND BLACK TIE AT DINNER ON FIRST EVENING, ALL OTHER EVENTS WILL BE BUSINESS (LOUNGE) SUIT.

SPEECHES

8. BANQUET

4-5 MINUTE SPEECH BY THE QUEEN FOLLOWED BY TOAST TO WHICH PRESIDENT WOULD REPLY AT SIMILAR LENGTH.

NO. 10

AT THE END OF LUNCH THE PRIME MINISTER WILL MAKE SHORT INFORMAL (3-4 MINUTE) SPEECH, FOLLOWED BY TOAST. PRESIDENT TO REPLY.

ADDRESS AT WESTMINSTER HALL

LORD CHANCELLOR AND SPEAKER WILL ALSO SPEAK.

FURTHER RECCES

9. WE EXPECT A QUOTE PRE-ADVANCE UNQUOTE VISIT AFTER EASTER. THE FULL ADVANCE TEAM WILL BE IN POSITION SOME THREE WEEKS BEFOREHAND.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROGRAMME

10. DEEVER AGREED THAT SOME DETAILS OF THE PROGRAMME COULD BE ANNOUNCED IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS.

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11. DEEVER WAS ANXIOUS TO ENSURE THAT THERE WAS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PRESIDENT TO MEET ORDINARY PEOPLE. HE DID NOT WANT THE PRESIDENT TO BE SEEN EXCLUSIVELY IN WHITE TIE IN THE COMPANY OF THE GREAT AND FAMOUS. HE SUGGESTED A VISIT TO A NEARBY VILLAGE OR A PUB. BUT ANY SUCH PROPOSAL WOULD NEED TO BE QUOTE BOUNCED OFF UNQUOTE THE US SECURITY EXPERTS WHO ARE CONTRARILY ROOTING FOR QUOTE MAXIMUM NON-PUBLIC EXPOSURE SITUATIONS UNQUOTE. WE AGREED TO GIVE THE MATTER FURTHER THOUGHT.

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PRESIDENT REAGAN'S VISIT  
LIMITED

PCD  
NAD  
DEF DEPT  
NEWS DEPT  
PS  
PS/LPS  
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