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PRIME MINISTER

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I am afraid that the timing is far from ideal from your point of view. But we can so rearrange things to make you free to go if you wish. Will you attend the service?

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There is to be a Memorial Service for Lord Mountbatten, Doreen, Lady Brabourne and the Hon Nicholas Knatchbull at St Paul's on Thursday December 20 at 11.30 am.

The Duke of Edinburgh and the Prince of Wales will be present.

You have a full diary that day, and it is the first day after your return from the States. But you will perhaps wish to be present, and some senior Ministers might also wish to be there.

If so, perhaps Cabinet could be brought forward from 10.30 to 09.30 that morning.

Yes - we must go
and in receipt.
not.

CVP

28 November 1979



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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Secretary for Appointments

MR VILE
CABINET OFFICE

cc Mr Whitmore ✓

There is to be a Memorial Service for Lord Mountbatten, Doreen Lady Brabourne and the Hon. Nicholas Knatchbull at St Paul's Cathedral on Thursday December 20th at 11.30 am.

The Prime Minister plans to attend the Service, and would like as many senior Ministers as possible to be present.

The time of Cabinet might perhaps be brought forward to 09.30 that morning. In advising Ministers of the change of time, perhaps you would convey the Prime Minister's wishes about attendance.

E. V. PETERSON

3 December 1979

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MR THATCHER

The Prime Minister will be attending a Memorial Service for Lord Mountbatten, Doreen, Lady Brabourne and Nicholas Knatchbull at St Paul's Cathedral on Thursday, 20 December at 11.30 am.

Would you wish to attend also, if you are free?

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I much regret that
I will be in the Midlands
on that day at a
Board Meeting

4 December 1979

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to Mr.

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Cabinet Office,
Whitehall,
London, SW1.

5th December, 1979

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Dear Private Secretary,

Memorial Service for Lord Mountbatten

There is to be a Memorial Service for Lord Mountbatten, Doreen Lady Brabourne and the Hon. Nicholas Knatchbull at St. Paul's Cathedral on Thursday, 20th December at 11.30 am.

Cabinet on that day will be at 9.30 am in order that members of the Cabinet can attend this Service. The Prime Minister would like as many of her Cabinet colleagues as possible to do so.

I am copying this letter to Private Secretaries to members of the Cabinet, the Minister of Transport and the Chief Whip.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) M. J. VILE