

PRIME MINISTER

VISIT OF PRESIDENT REAGAN

Unless you see objection, Mr. Michael McManus, a Deputy Assistant to the President, will be visiting No. 10 at 1130 tomorrow with a team of assistants. They want to see all the rooms which the President will be using when he visits London in June. Mr. McManus' call at No. 10 is part of a wider programme which involves reconnaissance of all the venues of events in the President's programme.

There is of course no need for you to be involved. But I should like to show the visitors the White Drawing Room (on the assumption that you will hold your talks with the President there) and the Dining Room. I should also like to use the small Dining Room for a brief meeting with the team when they arrive.

Are you content that I should proceed as above?

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we can use it.*

A.J.C.

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everywhere - they  
will need to for  
security purposes.  
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Dear John,

Visit of President Reagan

As you know, Mr Michael McManus, a Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff at the White House, will be in London on 7 May. A copy of his programme is attached and we are grateful to you for agreeing to allow Mr McManus and his party time to visit 10 Downing Street. We shall of course check before they come over from the Royal Gallery that this is still convenient.

We hope that Mr McManus will be able to confirm that the programme has been accepted by President and Mrs Reagan. The programme remains as set out in the enclosure to my letter of 16 April with the exception that we now expect the banquet on 8 June to begin at 8.30.

You will have seen

that the arrangements for the arrival for the Address at Westminster have been modified slightly. This is a break from earlier precedents, but the office of the House would like to see this entrance used for all such occasions in the future. The Entrance is more imposing than the Norman Porch. But it also offers better security protection, which was the basis for the recommendation that it should be used. You will also know from Murdo MacLean that arrangements have now been made for Mrs Reagan to sit on the dais during the ceremony. This will make for a tidier arrival. It will also make it easier for the Prime Minister to leave separately for No 10 Downing Street whilst the President and Mrs Reagan exit through the Prince's Chamber and the Peer's Entrance.

In the first paragraph of your letter of 20 April you asked me to let you know which Cabinet Ministers would be available to bid farewell at Heathrow. I can confirm that Mr Pym will represent the Prime Minister.

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On the assumption that Mr McManus proposes no further amendments to the programme, I should be grateful for your confirmation that the Prime Minister is content

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*Yours ever,*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Francis Richards".

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