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VISIT BY PRESIDENT REAGAN - PRESS ARRANGEMENTS

Flag A You indicated on Willie Rickett's minute of 7 May that you were content to allow coverage of

- (a) the Reception in the Pillared Room prior to the lunch;
- (b) the lunch itself;
- (c) your working breakfast with the President.

May I ask you to reconsider coverage of the lunch? Space will be extremely limited (65 guests around a U-shape table) which will make it very difficult to move even one camera team in and out. Time will be desperately tight and the presence of television will inevitably cause some delay. In addition coverage of a lunch or dinner goes against all previous practice thereby setting a precedent which would make it extremely difficult for us to resist similar requests on future occasions.

Agree that the lunch should be regarded as private? *Yes mf*

Pre-lunch Reception

I suggest we make arrangements in respect of two television teams (one US and one UK) plus two photographers as you receive the guests in the Blue Room by the entrance to the Pillared Room.

Working Breakfast

I suggest two television teams (one US and one UK) and four photographers for a few moments immediately after you sit down at the table with the President in the small Dining Room.

Agree?

In addition to the above, we are planning a photocall in one of the State Rooms immediately before the working breakfast. This will enable a larger rota than could be accommodated in the small

Dining Room to obtain formal pictures of you with the President.
We are also making arrangements for you and the President to
speak to the Press from the pavement immediately outside the front
door following the talks.

Content?

Yes
not

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