

Attached is the programme for Helmut Schmidt's visit starting this Thursday. As on previous occasions we should be careful to give timings on an operational basis only and only to regular "customers". There is apparently still some doubt about whether Defence Ministers will take part in the talks - I understand that the Germans will be giving their team: we may say that ours will comprise, at least, the Prime Minister, the Foreign Secretary and the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

There will be a photocall on the usual rota basis, but we should obviously try to cater for specific requests from the German media, at No. 10 at 1730 Thursday.

The official part of the visit ends when the Bundeskanzler leaves Downing Street at 1430 Friday: questions about the rest of his visit should go to the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany (235 5033, Press Attache Hans-Joachim Dunker).

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PROGRAMME FOR CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT'S VISIT, 10-11 MAY 1979

Thursday 10 May

- 1650 Chancellor Schmidt, Herr Genscher, Herr Matthoefer, Herr Apel plus Private Secretaries and advisers, arrive at Northolt.
- Met by Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary.
- 1655 Helicopter to Kensington Palace Gardens
- 1710 Arrive Kensington Palace Gardens and drive (with police escort) to 10 Downing Street.
- 1730 Chancellor Schmidt and Herr Genscher, escorted by Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, arrive at No. 10.
- Photocalls on front step and in Front Hall.
- Herr Matthoefer to No. 11 Downing Street for introductory session of talks with Chancellor of the Exchequer. Herr Apel to Ministry of Defence for talks with Defence Secretary.
- 1745 First session of talks in White Drawing Room: Prime Minister, Chancellor Schmidt, Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary and Herr Genscher.
- 1845 Chancellor Schmidt and Herr Genscher leave No. 10 for the Carlton Tower Hotel to change for dinner.
- Chancellor Schmidt and his party return to No. 10.
- 2000 for Dinner for 66 guests (with wives) in State Dining Room
2015 (black tie).
- Short speeches.
- 2300 approx. Chancellor Schmidt and his party take their leave.
- Overnight at Carlton Tower Hotel.

Friday 11 May

- 1030 Plenary session of talks at 10 Downing Street (Cabinet Room) attended by Ministers and officials of both delegations.
- 1145 Plenary session ends.
- Leave No. 10 by car for Millbank Tower
- 1200 Press Conference in Millbank Tower Cinema
- 1245 Return to No. 10 by car
- 1300 Lunch in State Dining Room for both delegations
- 1430 approx. Chancellor Schmidt takes his leave. Later, Chancellor Schmidt, escorted by the Minister of State, FCO, drives to Oxford for conferment of Honorary Degree.