

PRIME MINISTER

1 really think we should press for a speech. It would be possible to do a longer one at the Banquet

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Visit of President Reagan

A team of US officials, headed by Mr. Deaver, Deputy Chief of Staff at the White House, will be in London on Monday to discuss the programme. I shall attend a meeting which Sir Robert Armstrong having with Mr. Deaver at 0930, and plan to go to a meeting with him at St. James Palace later in the morning.

could contain anything controversial

It would be most helpful to have your views on certain points.

would not meet - the need not

Address to Parliament

The latest from Washington is that the President has decided against any address to Parliament or other major public speech in the UK. The reason given is that if he were to do himself justice, he would have to devote a great deal of preparation to this, and he will not have time to do so. This seems a pity. One of the main reasons for getting President Regan here is to improve his image with the British public (and thus help to lessen the impact of the unilateralists etc.). Sir Robert Armstrong and, in confidence, Mr. Streater of the US Embassy, agree.

I have just heard that this may be more Deaver's decision than the President's.
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If you agree, could we say to Mr. Deaver on Monday that you well understand the President's wishes, but very much hope that he can take another look at the question; that you are most anxious that his visit here should have the maximum beneficial impact in the interests both of UK/US relations, and in the interests of the Alliance; and that you believe a speech to the two Houses of Parliament in Westminster is the best way to achieve this.

Alternative a shorter speech at a luncheon in the Guildhall. not.

Talks/Lunch with you

Many permutations are possible, and there will doubtless be changes between now and June. But at present the options in descending order of preference seem to be:-

- (a) Wednesday, 9 June. Talks from 1130 to 1300 at No.10 followed by lunch. Then departure later that day for the NATO Summit which is now likely to begin in Bonn on 10 June.
- (b) Tuesday, 8 June. If the President is not addressing Parliament that morning, talks at 1100 to 1230 at No.10 followed by lunch. President Reagan departs at 2.15. You prepare for Questions from 2.15 to 3.15.
- (c) Tuesday, 8 June. If the President is to address Parliament that morning, lunch at No.10 ending at 2.15 followed by talks at 4 o'clock (i.e., after Questions).
- (d) Tuesday, 8 June. Again on the assumption that the President is to address Parliament, you let Mr. Whitelaw take Questions, and have lunch at No.10 followed by talks (or possibly in reverse order). But I should point out that you would also miss Questions on Thursday that week since you are likely to be in Bonn for the NATO Summit.
- (e) Monday, 7 June. Theoretically, we could envisage you having talks and/or dinner at Chequers on the Monday evening, but the President will be tired, having flown that day from Paris to Rome, paid an official visit to the Pope and Italy, flown to Heathrow etc.

On lunch
for him at
C. Whitehall

W.W. could
take questions
that day

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Yes

Option (a) seems the best. Option (e) does not seem practical. Could you indicate whether any of the options are definitely unacceptable.

Finally, would you be prepared, if necessary, to go to Windsor for talks at some point in the programme?

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