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Prime Minister

Visit to Falklands

- 1) Agree the attached programme? Yes
- 2) Would you be prepared to lay artificial foggy wreaths of the type prepared by the British Legion? I doubt if anything else will arrive in reasonable condition. Will consider
- 3) You wanted to take some food. Would you like to give a good stiller call to the Civil and Military Commissioners? On reflection - unnecessary.
- or take some smoked salmon to one of the drinks parties?
- 4) We shall need to discuss with you separately one or two matters, especially the press party (I think we have worked out a way of taking a reasonably large one). M.J. A.J.C. 20. 12.

MR. COLES

We have now had proposals from the Civil and Military Commissioners for the schedule for the Prime Minister's visit to the Falkland Islands.

2. As received, the proposals are spread out over too long a period (one day too long); but they include a generous amount of spare time, and in discussion we have been able to produce united schedules which include all the events proposed by the Commissioners in a programme which is consistent with the time which the Prime Minister has available.

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3. I attach revised schedules accordingly.
4. If the Prime Minister is broadly content, I will send the revised schedules by safe hand to the Civil Commissioner, making it clear that he and the Military Commissioner are free to make marginal variations in the schedules without further reference back, but that the programme has to fit in between the arrival and departure dates and times indicated.
5. The Prime Minister is asked to indicate whether, on the journey home, she would like to break her journey and sleep overnight at Alassandria, or stop over here for one hour only and be back in her country

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on the morning rather than the evening of
Thursday 13 January.

6. I have authorized the Chief of the
Air Staff to go ahead with the

preparations ~~of~~ and positioning of the

VC10 and Hercules aircraft that

will be involved. We had a suitable

cover story, and this action could not

have been longer delayed.

7. It would no doubt help the Civil

Commissioner if I could let him know

the number and composition of the

Prime Minister's party. As you

know, only four can stay in any

comfort at Government House; but

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we could suggest that the First Sea Lord
should put up at Britannia House,
or be quartered in one of
Her Majesty's Ships.

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I must ask you and the Prime Minister
to forgive the manuscript: done in
the interests of security.

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1983	Day	GMT	
January	Friday 7	2200	Depart from Brize Norton
	Saturday 8	0600	Arrive Ascension
		0700	Depart Ascension
		<u>Falklands Time</u>	
		1700	Arrive Stanley Go to Government House
		1830	Military briefing
		- 1915	HQ, BFFI
		1920	Civil briefing,
		- 2000	Government House
		2030	Dinner, Government House
	Sunday 9	0915	Visit RAF, Stanley
		- 1115	(helicopter)
		1145	Meet Joint Councils,
		- 1245	Government House
		1245	Lunch with Councillors,
		- 1430	Government House
		1500	Bomb disposal briefing;
		- 1800	visit Army Logistics Unit, RAF SAR helicopters, and Navy Point area

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1983	Day	<u>Falklands Time</u>	
January	Sunday 9 (continual)	1900	Evening,
		- 2000	Guest Luncheon (atresidual (lay weather or more)
		2030	Dinner, Britannia House (with Military Commissioner)
	Monday 10	0830	Visit to Camp.
		- 1730	By helicopter to Fitzroy Darwin and boose been (lay weather) Port San Carlos San Carlos (lay weather) Port Howard (lay weather) Fox Bay East Return to Stanley
		1900	Public meeting,
		- 2030	Town Hall, Stanley
		2100	Dinner, Government House
	Tuesday 11	0915	Visit rehabilitation
		- 1145	works in Stanley; schools and hospital
		1230	Royal Navy
		- 1700	

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1983	Day	Falklands Time		
January	Tuesday 11	1800 - 1900	Press conference and local radio interview	
		1915 - 2030	Drinks party, Government House	
		2100	Dinner, Britannia House	
	Wednesday 12	0800 <u>GMT</u> 2400	Depart from Stanley Arrive Ascension	
	Thursday 13	<u>Either</u> 0100 0900	<u>Or</u> 1000 1800	Depart Ascension Arrive Brize Norton.

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