

PRIME MINISTER

MEDIA TODAY

You are scheduled to undertake three media events today:

- the Summit press conference at which you will give your account of the weekend's proceedings;
- a national press conference in the Orangerie;
- the usual radio and television interviews immediately after your press conference which Mr. Pym will of course attend.

A draft statement at the Summit press conference is being prepared separately.

National Press Conference

I suggest that since you will have delivered this statement immediately before your national press conference (and since it will have been relayed to the press centre over TV) you should dispense with an opening statement at your national press conference. Content?

I shall permit a number of TV cameras to film the press conference.

I suggest that I should take charge of the press conference; select the questioners; and draw it promptly to a close because of the severe shortage of time (which I deal with below).

Time

The position is that 50 minutes have been allowed for the joint Summit press conference followed immediately by national press conferences, starting at 5.50 pm. This time will almost certainly slip, especially as a drive is involved from Summit press conference to national one. You are unlikely to start your national press conference before 6 pm. You will have to return to the Grand Trianon to change for dinner before departure from there at 7.30 pm. But it will be particularly important in view of the Reagan visit and the UN row that you give

/ radio

radio and television interviews. I suggest therefore that you give a 20 minute press conference followed immediately by radio (first) and TV in quick order. I am trying to persuade BBC to dispense with a separate radio interview, so that you will have only three 4-minute recordings - IRN, BBC and ITN.

Content?

One final point about the media - while your press conference is intended primarily for British journalists, we cannot make it exclusive and you will have a multi-national audience.

### Facilities

Your press conference will attract a large audience and it will be very hot. (All the more reason for rationing time). We shall have to record radio and TV in one of two small offices (beige wall background) partitioned off the main press briefing area. These are far from ideal but the only possible accommodation. You know your interviewers - Keith Graves (BBC), Michael Brunson (ITN) and Nick Peters (IRN).

### Substance

The media have basically only one interest - the state of Anglo-US relations after the UN vote. You will have had your own discussions on this. Meanwhile, I have made it absolutely clear to the media this morning that they will try in vain to drive a wedge between ourselves and the Americans. Whatever interpretation they may have put on the draft resolution we and the US vetoed, we know whose side the USA are on and who they are supporting. We have very firmly rejected as unfounded, a UPI quote that the British found Haig's performance "duplicitous".

You know our objectives under the heading of Falklands. Purely as a reminder, the following questions are likely to arise:

- How do you see Anglo/US relations now? And what sort of a reception do you think President Reagan will get in London?
- How do you feel about the support you have got this weekend?

- Why haven't

- Why haven't your troops moved yet - do you feel under a constraint because of Versailles; Reagan's visit; NATO Summit? (NB - this being the anniversary of D Day, there are some romantics who think you will order the charge today).

One additional point on the Falklands - Colonel H. Jones is reported today as having intended to sue the BBC for manslaughter for careless talk about the imminence of the attack on Goose Green. Bearing in mind Ministerial remarks immediately before the attack, there is no profit for you in taking the media to task.

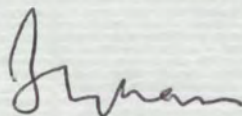
I suggest you simply say you have read of this and would merely reiterate a point you have made before: Careless talk costs lives.

For the rest the main interest has centred on:

- East/West economic relations - the extent of your support for the USA on credit (some reports say we have been unhelpful) and the problems with the other Europeans;
- Monetary cooperation - on which the lefties among the press will try to portray you as going along with intervention; and
- Economic policy divergence - the extent to which, if any, you have moved on the paramountcy of controlling inflation vis a vis unemployment. (The Chancellor of the Exchequer told the press yesterday that the long-running sterile debate on this may now be pronounced dead); and how far you can be induced to criticise USA deficit/interest rate policy.

Which takes us back full circle to the Falklands - or, more precisely, the media's purpose today: wedge-driving between UK and USA. My objective today has been to prevent them from getting a blade of grass between us.

Nick Fenn's brief on other international political issues is attached.



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POLITICAL SUBJECTS

LEBANON

1. Much preoccupied during the Conference by increasingly serious reports from Lebanon and the Lebanon-Israel border area. Not only mounting death toll and destruction but also disturbing reports of Israeli troop movements. Lebanon is a sovereign state whose territorial integrity should be respected, as should that of Israel and every other State in the area.
  
2. Glad therefore to
  - support Security Council Resolution last night calling for restoration of the ceasefire;
  
  - respond to the Secretary-General's message to the Chairman of the Conference, President Mitterrand;
  
  - join with our partners - making the appeal we issued earlier today.
  
3. Each of us will "use all the means at our disposal" to support this appeal. I have already instructed our Ambassadors to take action in Israel: also in Beirut where those of us who are in a position to do so will speak also to the PLO: and in Damascus, Amman, and Cairo. I call on all the parties to heed these appeals.
  
4. US influence important. Wish Habib well.

ASTIZ

Luxurious accommodation? Not sure that Chichester Keep is precisely luxurious.  
But right to treat Prisoners of War properly

- because of the importance we attach to our obligations under the Geneva Convention
  
- for the sake of our own Prisoners of War

/ He is a torturer/

He is a torturer/murderer? There are indeed terrible allegations against this man. But he has the status of a POW and as such entitled to the protection of the Geneva Convention.

French and Swedish questions? Yes, we shall give Astiz an opportunity to answer detailed questions about matters of concern to the French and Swedish governments. The questions are being put to him. But he cannot be compelled to answer them, cannot be extradited, and will be repatriated to Argentina in due course.

OTHER QUESTIONS

Not much time to consider other questions.

But important not to forget

- Afghanistan; Poland
  
- Disarmament and Arms Control. Reagan's Eureka College speech. Looking forward to going to UN for Special Session. START/INF.

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REAGAN AND BRITISH MEDIA

This note reminds you of our discussion early today on the British media's treatment of the US veto in the UN and the consequent action you and the Foreign Secretary are to take.

The British media reflects two conclusions:

- betrayal by the US for disclosing it would not have vetoed, but abstained, had it had a second chance; and
- its incompetence in conducting its affairs in this way (and without consulting the President).

This is a poor background for President Reagan's visit to London, starting Monday. It was therefore agreed you and the Foreign Secretary should privately try to help Reagan and Haig to rescue themselves in the eyes of the public.

You agreed to approach Reagan and Haig in the margins of the Summit this morning to discuss how this might be done.

In particular, you propose to suggest to Reagan and Haig that during the Summit and national press conferences they should say as many things as possible supportive of Britain's position; and to make as many points in common with the British as possible.

An aide memoire is attached.

Two other points:

- you are anxious to have a sight of President Reagan's Royal Gallery speech in advance; you may wish to raise this; and

/it is highly

- it is highly desirable, to say the least, that President Mitterrand, acting for the Summit as a whole, should speak supportively at the Summit press conference; you may care to consider an approach to him also.

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## US VIEWS ON FALKLAND ISLANDS

Following are some points about the Falkland Islands which United States leaders have made in the recent past.

1. Armed aggression must not be allowed to succeed in the world. If the Argentine invasion were allowed to stand uncontested, this would reduce the security of small states everywhere.
2. We support the principle of self-determination, enshrined in the UN Charter, and believe that the rule of law must be upheld.
3. The fact that we took a different view from Britain on the merits of a text at the United Nations does not diminish our strong support for Britain in this crisis.
4. We are not asking for a military pause. ~~It would be presumptuous of us to insist that the British seek a negotiated settlement.~~ These <sup>is a</sup> ~~are~~ judgements for Britain to make.
5. Like Britain, we hope that this can be resolved with minimum loss of life and we note that the option of honourable withdrawal remains open to the Argentine garrison.