

PRIME MINISTER

You are to lunch with the Chairman and senior members of Lloyds Council on Friday, 1 February, and afterwards visit the Underwriting Room.

On arrival you will be met by the Chairman, Mr Peter Miller, who will take you, by lift, to the second floor where you will be introduced to the other lunch guests and invited to sign the Visitors' Book in the Chairman's Ante Room. There will be a photographer present. You last signed the book on 24 November 1975, when you visited Lloyds with Sir Geoffrey Howe.

Over pre-lunch drinks and at lunch you will meet the three Deputy Chairmen, including Mr I H Davidson who is also Chief Executive, and four senior members of the Council, including Sir Marcus Kimball.

After lunch the Chairman will take you, again by lift, to the Gallery Floor where you will get a good view of the main (Marine) Underwriting Room, which is likely to be crowded (with perhaps as many as four thousand underwriters, associates etc). Nearby on the Gallery Floor it is hoped that you will see a slip being broked by Mr Ralph Rokeby-Johnson or one of his associates. He is the underwriter for the R W Sturge syndicate (Box 430) and specialises in American non-Marine business.

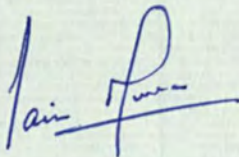
Walking downstairs to the Marine Floor you will be shown the Lutine Bell and the Loss Book, which is still written by quill pen; also open, as usual, will be the Loss Book of 100 years ago to the day.

Finally, you will visit Mr Stephen Marrett's Box (No 105). He received considerable publicity recently when he scored a memorable 'first' masterminding the recovery by a NASA space shuttle of a satellite insured by his syndicate which, on launching from an earlier shuttle, had failed to go into its correct orbit. It was the first time anyone had made such a contract with NASA and, while expensive, saved the syndicate from a considerable loss. He was later congratulated personally by President Reagan.

You will re-join the other luncheon guests at the War Memorial, which is in the main entrance, to say farewell.

Lloyds will have two photographers of their own present when you sign the visitors' book and while you are on the Underwriting Floors. It is intended to be a private visit and therefore no press photographers will be admitted, but Lloyds will make their photographs available to Fleet Street if requested.

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