

PRIME MINISTER

Visit by Chancellor Kohl (Friday)

He will arrive at RAF Benson at 1000 and has to leave at 1530. The time available for talks, given interpretation, will therefore be pretty limited.

I suggest that you meet him at RAF Benson on arrival but that, as this is an informal working visit, we do not have an arrival ceremony with a guard of honour, etc. I know that this will be entirely acceptable to the Germans. Agree?

As to the talks, following the past pattern, we have agreed with the Germans that you will have a tête-à-tête with the Chancellor at about 1040, that you will both be joined by the two Foreign Ministers when you are ready (at about noon) and that we break for lunch at 1245.

To allow maximum time for discussion, the lunch, if you agree, would be a working lunch with about six a side. Content?

We would then leave at 1400 for a 30 minute press conference at RAF Halton at 1415. Then the Chancellor would go to RAF Benson for departure at 1530. Do you wish to see him off yourself? Or would you like the Foreign Secretary to do this?

A.S.C. ~~1st letter~~

For Sec to see ~~him off~~,
him off not

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