

PRIME MINISTER
VISIT OF MR. HAWKE

Mr. Hawke has now written to you to propose himself for a talk on 21 April. You commented last night that you would like to see the diary for the appropriate period. I attach the pages of the forward diary for the second half of April so that you can see what else you have on. As you will see we could fit in a meeting with Mr. Hawke on the afternoon of 21 April without difficulty. The only question is whether you would feel obliged to offer him a meal. It looks as though you could do this on the Monday evening if you wanted to though I do not think it is essential. Perhaps a smallish dinner for 20 people round the big table would be a possibility.

Agree to see Mr. Hawke on 21 April?

Yes

Agree to a dinner for 20 people?

Yes

C.D.P.

C D POWELL
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*Will look at Prime Minister
the timing will be to see him.
I am sure you will
would you want to
give a lunch or
dinner?*

PROPOSED VISIT TO LONDON BY THE AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER,
MR HAWKE.

*CDP
5/3.*

1. MR HAWKE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT HE WOULD BE SEEING PRESIDENT REAGAN IN WASHINGTON ON THURSDAY 17 APRIL FOR TALKS ON AGRICULTURAL MATTERS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE US FARM BILL AND THE FORTHCOMING ECONOMIC SUMMIT. MIKE CODD, THE NEW HEAD OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT AND SECRETARY TO THE CABINET, SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD ME THAT INSTRUCTIONS WERE GOING TO THE AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION IN LONDON TO ASK WHETHER IT WOULD BE CONVENIENT FOR THE PRIME MINISTER TO SEE MR HAWKE IN LONDON ON HIS WAY BACK FROM WASHINGTON. PARALLEL INSTRUCTIONS WERE GOING TO AUSTRALIAN MISSIONS IN BRUSSELS AND BONN ABOUT TALKS OF A SIMILAR KIND WITH THE EC COMMISSION AND THE GERMAN CHANCELLOR. CODD SAID THAT THEY WERE THINKING IN TERMS OF A ONE DAY VISIT, PROBABLY ON EITHER MONDAY 21 OR TUESDAY 22 APRIL. BUT IF IT SUITED MRS THATCHER BETTER MR HAWKE WOULD PROBABLY BE ABLE TO MAKE HIMSELF AVAILABLE OVER THE WEEKEND OF 19/20 APRIL.

2. ANY TALKS WOULD PRESUMABLY COVER A WHOLE RANGE OF TOPICS, EVEN IF MR HAWKE WISHES TO PUT AGRICULTURAL TRADE AT THE TOP OF HIS AGENDA. I WOULD, OF COURSE, MAKE IT MY BUSINESS TO FIND OUT IN ADVANCE WHAT MORE HE MAY HAVE IN MIND.

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