

Top Copy on Germany, Visits
by Chancellor Kohl, Part 7

I think he would
like to come (1)

PRIME MINISTER

Overseas Visitors: January-March, 1983

to Chancellors.
This would
be a
convenient
time

I should be grateful to know your views on the possibility
of three overseas visitors coming here in the period January-March.
They are:

day's visit -
depending on
time on the
week

- a) Chancellor Kohl;
- b) Mr. Fanfani;
- c) Mr. Lubbers.

I attach your forward diary. At present you have no foreign
visitors in January, only one (Mr. Sadruddin) in February -
and in March there are no foreign policy engagements until the
European Council on 21/22 March, followed by a State Visit from
22-24 March.

Chancellor Kohl

He may be very important to us next year. He ought to be
close to us on trade and defence issues and could play a key
role in getting a satisfactory solution to our budget problem.
If we do not achieve this during the German Presidency (January-June),
goodness knows what will happen under the Greek Presidency.

The Chancellor is keen to come here again. You will recall
that he suggested a visit before Christmas to discuss internal
trade problems but we decided that we had seen enough of him for
the time being. You will wish to bear in mind that we have fixed
the date of the next Anglo/German Summit for 22 April but there
is much to be said for getting Chancellor Kohl over here well
before his Elections on 6 March.

4 Feb
1983

In his minute, attached, Sir Robert Armstrong argues for a
January visit. I do not think it need take all day. You could
offer talks and lunch on 24 or 26 January. May we arrange this?

/Mr. Fanfani ...

Mr. Fanfani

The Italians were upset that we did not offer them a second bilateral this year, though I am sure it was right to avoid one. It is our turn to host the Summit. The Italians used to be good allies on the budget and other EC issues. They have been less so of late, partly because some people in Rome have been working for a close alliance with the French. With the new Italian administration, we have an opportunity to change this. It would be helpful to issue an early invitation to Mr. Fanfani to visit London for the Summit, perhaps on Wednesday, 2 March. This would mean giving up most of the day. May we arrange this?

Yes not

Mr. Lubbers

Not quite so important, but he has already been to Paris and will shortly go to Bonn. It will be useful to discuss with him EC issues, especially the budget, and INF deployment. We could confine this to talks followed by lunch. You could do this on ~~4~~ February, 25 February or 4 March. May we offer him a choice of these dates?

Yes not

If we can get these three visits in place, we should be able to work out a game plan for our approach to the budget problem in the first half of next year. I should be grateful for a word with you about this sometime.

A.J.C.

9 December, 1982

MR COLES

BILATERALS WITH GERMANY AND ITALY

As promised I attach a copy of the 1983 diary.

I can offer you the following dates:-

Friday, 4 February

(Prime Minister free all day except
for dinner in the evening)
(Date offered to the Netherlands)

Friday, 25 February

(Prime Minister free all day but not
for dinner).
(Date offered to the Netherlands)

Wednesday, 2 March

Friday, 4 March

(Date offered to the Netherlands)

Wednesday, 9 March

The Prime Minister is free for dinner on all the preceding
evenings except Tuesday, 8 March.

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6 December, 1982