



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

2 January 1985

Thank you for your letter of 28 December about the Prime Minister's invitation to Mr. Lubbers to visit Chequers on 26 January.

I suggest that the Netherlands guests should be asked to arrive at Chequers at 1200. Once photographs and formalities are dealt with, the Prime Minister would like a private talk with Mr. Lubbers lasting, say, half-an-hour. During this time, the Foreign Secretary might have a separate word with Mr. van den Broek. Discussions could continue over lunch and there could be a further session including all participants, ie the two Foreign Ministers, the two Ambassadors and a Private Secretary from each side. I should be grateful if these proposals could be put to the Dutch.

The Prime Minister agrees to the agenda proposed in your letter.

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Re Murks;

agree to these
arrangements?

Dear Charles,

I think the Dutch
prefer no-one else
present for part of
the talks - i.e. no one
not

Visit of Netherlands' Prime Minister, 26 January

Mr Lubbers has accepted the Prime Minister's invitation to visit Chequers for talks and a working lunch on 26 January. We need to let the Dutch know our thoughts both on attendance and the agenda. D 28/12

Mr Lubbers will be accompanied by Mr van der Broek, his Foreign Minister. The Foreign Secretary would like to attend, and has invited van den Broek to stay at Chevening for the night of 26 January. We suggest that the team on each side should be made up by one Private Secretary (as note taker) and the respective Ambassadors. (It would be a particularly valuable opportunity for John Margetson our new Ambassador in The Hague.)

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or
Plenary
only -

On the agenda we expect Community and East/West relations and arms control to be the main subjects for discussion. The main points on the Community will be the price fixing, and the future of the Community. Budget issues, including new own resources, may also arise depending on the state of discussions in the Council. East/West issues might include the Gorbachev visit and INF deployment in the Netherlands. Mr Lubbers is also likely to wish to discuss briefly the Tercentenary of William and Mary, which is due to be celebrated in 1988, and one or two other bilateral matters, including air services.

I should be grateful to know whether these arrangements are acceptable to the Prime Minister.

Yours ever,

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