

MR POWELL

He came to see her off on  
a Saturday morning. But I am sure  
that he would understand a call  
on Friday evening. Percy Cooksley agrees  
Premier Zhao Ziyang

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As you know the Prime Minister has to pay a farewell call on the Premier who will be staying at Claridges. It is polite to go at the last possible moment of the visit but the FCO are not pushing this. The alternatives are 1730 on Friday 7 June or 0900 on Saturday 8 June.

The Prime Minister was due to go to Chequers after a reception here on the evening of Friday 7 June. But I know she would wish to do "whatever was correct".

The Premier is leaving London at lunch-time on the Saturday. Could you tell me which one of these dates you think would be best?

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13 May 1985