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10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Principal Private Secretary*

19 July 1985

Dear Philip,

STATE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT

When I wrote to you on 8 July I promised to let you know when the date of 6 November for the State Opening of Parliament could be promulgated. I understand that when he makes his Business Statement on Thursday 25 July, the Lord Privy Seal will announce this date to the House of Commons. No doubt you will wish to make a simultaneous announcement of the date of the State Opening.

Yours ever,

Robin Butler

The Rt. Hon. Sir Philip Moore, GCVO, GCB, CMG.

MR. BUTLER

Pl. despatch  
PERB

The Lord Privy Seal's Office have now confirmed that Mr. Biffen intends to announce that the date of the new Session will be 6 November in his Business Statement next week. A draft is attached for you to write to the Palace to confirm that they may promulgate the date on the same day.

D.

19 July 1985



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

25th July, 1985.

*Handwritten:* ~~Mr. Robin,~~ <sup>FRS</sup>

Thank you for your letter of 19th July 1985 about the State Opening of Parliament on Wednesday 6th November 1985. I have noted that the Lord Privy Seal will announce the date today and we will make a simultaneous release from Buckingham Palace.

*Handwritten:* yours truly,

*Handwritten signature:* Philip Clark

Robin Butler, Esq.





BUCKINGHAM PALACE

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9th July, 1985.

~~Ken Robinson~~

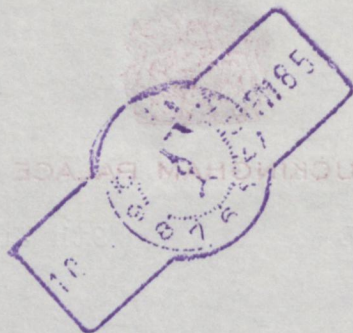
Tim Fisher

I write in reply to your letter of 8th July 1985 to say that The Queen is pleased to give her approval for the State Opening of Parliament to take place on Wednesday 6th November 1985. I note that you will let me know when this can be promulgated.

Yours sincerely,  
Philip Blom

Robin Butler, Esq.

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*From the Principal Private Secretary*

8 July 1985

State Opening of Parliament

We have discussed informally the date for this year's State Opening of Parliament and you indicated that Her Majesty The Queen would be content if this took place on 6 November. The Prime Minister was grateful for Her Majesty's agreement and I am writing to confirm that she now wishes to propose formally that 6 November should indeed be the date for the State Opening. I shall let you know when this can be promulgated.

RB

The Rt. Hon. Sir Philip Moore, G.C.V.O., G.C.B.,  
C.M.G.

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MR. BUTLER

Now that the Prime Minister has agreed that the State Opening of Parliament should be on 6 November you might like to write to the Palace to confirm this and I attach a draft. The promulgation of the date is normally by simultaneous announcement by the Palace with the Leader of the House of Commons at Business Questions. He would normally do this in the last Business Question before the House rises for the Summer Recess i.e. on 25 July. I shall remind the Lord Privy Seal's office of the need to confirm this to us in good time for the Palace to be informed.

TJ.

8 July 1985