



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

26 February 1986

**INAUGURATION OF THE NEW
PRESIDENT OF PORTUGAL**

The Foreign Secretary told the Prime Minister this evening that a number of European Heads of Government as well as Vice-President Bush would be attending the inauguration of President Soares on 9 March. The Prime Minister said that she saw no strong reason to go herself and the Foreign Secretary said that it would be difficult for him to do so. It was agreed that attendance by a member of the Royal Family might well be appropriate. The Foreign Secretary undertook to establish whether any member of the Royal Family would be available.

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