

PRIME MINISTER

James Goold

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to PAB
for him to
deal 10/12

You were unable to see James Goold this morning. But he quite understood and I always make sure that his meetings are arranged on dates when he is in London on other business. Tessa has fixed with him a new date for him to see you in January which he is very happy with.

He did however ask me to emphasise two points to you, for your agreement if possible.

1. As you have not been to Scotland since September he very much hopes you will agree to visit Scotland on the 9th March the day we have kept free for such a visit. He will be submitting a draft programme for you shortly. Subject to that programme being acceptable, are you happy to go ahead with this visit? Yes m

X 2. You have been invited to the Scottish Cup Final the Saturday after the Scottish Conference (letter attached). It takes place in Glasgow and you are also invited to the lunch before. If you agree he would very much like you also to visit the Garden Festival which will have been opened by the Queen about one month before. Royalty will not be present on either occasion that day.

Would you like to visit

(a) The Garden Festival? Yes

(b) The Scottish Cup Final? Yes

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STEPHEN SHERBOURNE

9.12.87

MR. BEARPARK

cc. Mr. Wicks
Detectives

Security - Scottish Conference in Perth May 1988

We already know that the police would be content for the Prime Minister to stay at the Station Hotel in Perth. I have now talked privately to Sir James Goold, the Scottish Party Chairman, who, like me, for political reasons, would prefer the Prime Minister to stay at the Station Hotel.

I think therefore we can safely assume that is where the Prime Minister will stay and that she will agree to do so.

No paper on this subject has left No. 10 from my end for obvious reasons.

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STEPHEN SHERBOURNE

18.11.87

Spoke to Gold
and said 'no'

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James Goold has written to ask if, at next year's Scottish Party Conference, you could arrive earlier on Friday so that you can be seen attending a Conference session just before or just after lunch.

He proposes this because some Scots have said you should appear on the platform in Perth as you do in Blackpool or Brighton.

However I believe strongly that it would be a mistake to alter your normal plans:

- (a) the coverage you get in the news that day will be your speech so you would gain no real advantage in media coverage.
- (b) by appearing on the platform on the same day as your speech (which you never do in Blackpool or Brighton), you weaken the dramatic impact of your arrival on stage for your speech.
- (c) the preceding day to your speech is a Thursday which is always busy. You therefore need as much time as you can for the speech in London on Friday.

1. Do you agree that you should NOT alter your normal plans and that you should leave No. 10 as you always do at around 2.30pm on the Friday?
2. If so, I suggest that I explain to Jim Goold personally. (it is not somethings I would like to commit to paper)
Do you agree?

Yes not

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STEPHEN SHERBOURNE

12.11.87