

PRIME MINISTER

Visit to National Gallery, 5 September 1988

The visit is mainly to see the exhibition of French Paintings from the USSR, but you have also agreed to stay on for a small supper party. The dress is informal.

I attach a leaflet about the exhibition. These, of course, are not the Matisse pictures about which you were briefed to speak to the Gorbachev's in Moscow last year: those pictures are not coming until 1990 and will be at the Tate. The National Gallery got in first with the present exhibition as a result of a visit by Mrs Gorbachev in 1984.

Guests at the supper will be:

Prime Minister and Mr Thatcher
The Hon Jacob and Mrs Rothschild (Serena)
Sir Nicholas and Lady Henderson (Mary)
Mr Neil MacGregor (Director)
Mrs Olga Polizzi
Mr and Mrs Robin Catford (Daphne)

Possibly:

Lord (Robert) Alexander, QC and Lady Alexander

As you know, Jacob Rothschild (chairman), Nicko Henderson and Robert Alexander are all Trustees of the National Gallery. I hope this will be a good opportunity to secure the loan of some further pictures for the Pillared Room.

The programme is:

1855 Depart No.10 + DT. Dress informal.
(RC + Daphne Catford in second car)

1900 Arrive National Gallery, West Door
(Met by Jacob Rothschild + Neil MacGregor)

c 2000 Supper and depart when ready

2 September 1988

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From the Secretary for Appointments

3 August 1988

Thank you for your letter of 1 August confirming arrangements for the Prime Minister's visit to the National Gallery on 5 September. I know that she is looking forward to the occasion very much indeed.

As I think you know, the Prime Minister will not be back at No. 10 until that day (and indeed I am not returning myself from holiday until then), but I will contact you by telephone in the course of the day just to be sure that all arrangements are in order.

I hope that you, too, will have a good holiday.

ROBIN CATFORD

The Honourable Jacob Rothschild.



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1st August 1988

Dear Robin,

To confirm the arrangements and those that have been invited for Monday, September 5th.

I suggest that we meet at the west entrance (the door on the left just before the main entrance) and Neil McGregor and I will be there shortly before 7 o'clock so that we can meet the Prime Minister at 7pm and then go and look at the Russian Exhibition.

Dinner will be at the Gallery - dress informal - and we intend to sit down at 8.00pm. The following have been invited:

The Prime Minister & Mr Denis Thatcher
Mr & Mrs Robin Catford
Sir Nicholas & Lady Henderson
Mrs Olga Polizzi
Mr Neil MacGregor
Mr & Mrs Jacob Rothschild

I much look forward to seeing you then and, in the meantime, I hope very much you will enjoy your holiday.

*Yrs sincerely,
Jacob*

(Jacob Rothschild)

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MR CATFORD

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From the Private Secretary

6 July 1988

Dear Mr. Rothschild,

Further to our telephone conversation, I have had a word with the Prime Minister about your kind invitation to her and Mr. Thatcher to stay on to supper on 5 September. They would love to do this. The Prime Minister would normally be accompanied by a Private Secretary and in this case it would be Robin Catford.

Perhaps you have been in touch with him but if not could you let me know whether you would wish to invite him and/or his wife to dinner as well?

He has done so.

For dining entry.

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Yours sincerely

Tessa Gaisman

MRS. TESSA GAISMAN

The Honourable Jacob Rothschild

Robin Catford?

PRIME MINISTER |

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written to G. Rothschild
to see.

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VISIT TO NATIONAL GALLERY ON MONDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

You are due to visit the exhibition of French paintings from Russia on the evening of 5 September. Jacob Rothschild has asked whether you and Mr. Thatcher would like to stay on to have an informal supper afterwards with him and 'a few friends'.

Yes please not

Is this something you would like to do or would you prefer me to plead a busy diary?

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30 June 1988