

A. J. C. 27/5

PRIME MINISTER

WILLIAMSBURG: BILATERAL MEETINGS

We have made the following firm arrangements:

Saturday 28 May

- 1730-1815 : Chancellor Kohl
- 1820-1905 : President Reagan

Sunday 29 May

- 1730-1830 : President Mitterrand

I should be grateful for your decisions on various points.

- (a) Mr. Fanfani has been pressing quite hard for a bilateral. I do not think we can fit him in - and the latest assessment suggests that he may not be Prime Minister of Italy by the end of this month. I suggest that you make a point of singling him out at one of the receptions or meals for a talk. May we confirm that you will be happy to have an informal chat of this kind with him?
- (b) Mr. Nakasone has announced that he is having bilateral meetings with Reagan, Kohl, Mitterrand and Fanfani. At the moment you are a conspicuous omission from the list. He has also made it clear privately to us that he would very much welcome a bilateral with you, however short. I do not think we should try to fit this in on Sunday because you are likely to want to devote your very limited free time then to the British media. Would you be prepared to see him at 1700 hours on Saturday, bearing in mind that you will have reached Williamsburg little more than an hour earlier and that you have bilaterals with Chancellor Kohl and President Reagan that afternoon as well?

(c) Finally, attendance at your talk with President Reagan. The Americans say (but I doubt whether it is the President speaking) that he will have with him Shultz, Regan, Clark and Wallace. This would suggest that you should be accompanied by the Chancellor, the Foreign Secretary, Sir Robert Armstrong and one other. But I think it would be a great pity if your brief time with Reagan involved such a large gathering. Would you like me to put the suggestion to the White House that you should see him entirely alone - or with one note-taker *each?*
~~beside?~~

*Alone - not a mass meeting,
ok*

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24 May 1983