

PRIME MINISTER

Williamsburg - Media

This note sets out, partly by way of a reminder, the arrangements for handling the media en route and at Williamsburg.

Departure

All the media and photographers in Downing Street and at Heathrow will be behind barriers.

My advice is not to give off the cuff interviews but to let the pictures speak for themselves. The media will find it difficult to put you in a negative position this time, but some of them may try.

On the plane

We expect to have 10 journalists (but no cameras) on the plane as follows:

Political correspondents:

Jack Warden	-	Daily Express
Jim Wightman	-	Daily Telegraph
Robin Oakley	-	Daily Mail
Michael Brunson	-	ITN
David Buchan	-	Daily Star

Economic correspondents:

Steve Levinson	-	Press Association
Max Wilkinson	-	Financial Times
William Keegan	-	Observer
David Lipsey	-	Sunday Times
Geoffrey Goodman	-	Daily Mirror

The political journalists are much more friendly disposed towards you than the economic bunch, apart from Steve Levinson, PA, who is helpful.

/You

You have agreed to spend 15-20 minutes with the group on board briefing them on your approach to Williamsburg. I suggest you do this after you have briefed yourself on the plane.

I shall make clear the terms on which you speak to them before you do so. It might be advantageous to speak on the record this time, but you can decide that at the time.

Arrival/Saturday night

For Saturday evening and Sunday morning there will be plenty of pictures (you have agreed not to give interviews) of your arrival, the horse and carriage drive, of the family group, and then of your bilaterals with Chancellor Kohl and President Reagan, for which photocalls have been arranged.

I shall brief the press at about 7.15 p.m. Williamsburg time after your two bilaterals. Could you please let me know immediately of any line you particularly wish me to get over to the press

I shall also brief the press again after your dinner which could provide new material by which to dominate the Sunday morning broadcasts.

Sunday

There will again be no shortage of film for the Sunday bulletins, though there will only be writing journalists (no cameras) in church.

The Sunday lunchtime walk will also produce lots of good pictures.

I shall let you know on Sunday where we suggest you hold your press conference for British journalists on Sunday evening. I need first to examine the possibilities on the ground.

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I shall, of course, provide a brief on Sunday for the press conference.

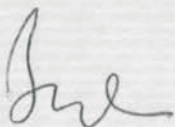
Your objectives

I am defining your four main objectives at Williamsburg to:

- demonstrate the West's unity at this crucial time;
- signal to the industrial and developing countries a message of cautious optimism for sustained economic recovery;
- demonstrate a determination to pursue sound, prudent financial policies which maintain the attack on inflation as the only basis for sustaining recovery;
- signal to the world the Summit's commitment to an open trading system and its resolute opposition to protectionism.

I shall try to get you on board your return aircraft without your being troubled by the press, and without press being on board.

I attach at Annex I British journalists we know will be present over and above your travelling group.



B. INGHAM

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ANNEX I

British Correspondents at Williamsburg

Broadcasting:

Clive Small	- BBC Radio
Dominic Harrod	- BBC Radio
Stephen Jessel	- BBC Radio
Brian Barron	- BBC TV
Martin Bell	- BBC TV
James Long	- BBC TV
Andrew Manderstam	- IRN

Fleet Street Dailies

Nicholas Ashford	- Times
Bailey Morris	- Times
Anatole Kaletsky	- Financial Times
Harold Jackson	- Guardian
Alex Brummer	- Guardian
Peter Jenkins	- Guardian
Paul Connew	- Daily Mirror
Peter McKay	- Daily Mail

Weeklies

Jon Connell	- Sunday Times
Edmond Fawcett	- The Economist

Agencies

Sidney Weiland	- Reuters
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Provincials

Lance Morgan	- Yorkshire Post
Alastair MacLeod	- The Scotsman