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PM (2)

PRIME MINISTER

Arab League Delegation

There has been a surprising development. King Hussein has told us that he will now lead the delegation instead of King Hassan and will come on the arranged date i.e. next Friday.

He has said that the Palestinian will be Mr. Walid Al Khalidi. You will recall that this is the person whom Tony Parsons mentioned at one stage. He is an academic who was once at Oxford and is now at Harvard. He has never held a formal position in the PLO though he has carried out certain missions for Arafat. Tony Parsons thought he would be entirely acceptable to us.

King Hassan is apparently pleading indisposition but we believe that he and King Hussein made this arrangement in Delhi. We shall see whether this arrangement holds.

A. J. C.

11 March 1983

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PRIME MINISTER

ARAB LEAGUE DELEGATION

The present position is that we have asked the Moroccans for a list by Monday of the members of the Delegation. I have not bothered you with a large number of telegrams which suggest that there is still considerable disagreement in Arab ranks as to who the Palestinian should be. But the Moroccans keep assuring us that King Hassan will sort this out.

Our objective now is to get a clear decision by Monday because we can leave it no longer if we are to make satisfactory arrangements for Friday 18 March. If the visit goes ahead, there will be a Guard of Honour in the FCO Courtyard, a plenary session with the whole Delegation, a tête-a-tête between you and King Hassan and a lunch here for the whole Delegation.

You have seen before the suggested guest list but that was some time ago. I attach a revised version and should be grateful to know whether you are content with it. Agree?

Could you please indicate which of the three attached menus you prefer.

A. J. COLES

11 March 1983

DRAFT GUEST LIST FOR THE DINNER TO BE GIVEN BY THE PRIME MINISTER
IN HONOUR OF HIS MAJESTY KING HASSAN II OF MOROCCO AND AN ARAB
LEAGUE DELEGATION ON THURSDAY, 2 DECEMBER 1982 AT 8.15 PM FOR 8.30 PM
BLACK TIE OR NATIONAL DRESS

The Prime Minister

Moroccan Royal Family and Officials of the Royal Household

His Majesty King Hassan II of Morocco

His Royal Highness Prince Moulay Rachid

plus 3 royal officials

Arab League Delegation, Foreign Ministers and Secretary General

(In protocol order - by date of appointment)

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| His Excellency Mr. Abdul Halim Khaddam | Syrian Foreign Minister |
| His Royal Highness Prince Saud Bin Faisal Bin Abdul Aziz | Saudi Foreign Minister |
| His Excellency Mr. Marwan Qasem | Jordanian Foreign Minister |
| His Excellency M. M ^r Hamed Boucetta | Moroccan Foreign Minister |
| His Excellency M. Beji Caid Essebsi | Tunisian Foreign Minister |
| His Excellency Dr. Ahmed Taleb Ibrahimi | Algerian Foreign Minister |
| His Excellency Mr. Chedli Klibi | Secretary General of the Arab League |

Ambassadors of the Arab League Delegation Countries

(in protocol order - by date of appointment to London)

His Excellency the Jordanian Ambassador

His Excellency the Saudi Ambassador

His Excellency the Tunisian Ambassador

His Excellency the Moroccan Ambassador

His Excellency the Algerian Ambassador

His Excellency the Syrian Ambassador

Mr. Omar Said Al Hassan

Arab League Representative in
London

Arab League Delegation
Officials

1 official per delegate. (6 in total)

/Her Majesty's Government

Her Majesty's Government

Rt. Hon. Francis Pym, MP

Rt. Hon. Michael Heseltine, MP

Rt. Hon. Cecil Parkinson, MP

known and highly regarded in Morocco

Rt. Hon. Lord Cockfield

Rt. Hon. Nigel Lawson, MP

Rt. Hon. Douglas Hurd, MP

Rt. Hon. Baroness Young

recently visited Jordan

Parliament

Rt. Hon. Lord Chalfont

friend of King Hassan, member of Moroccan Royal Academy

Rt. Hon. Denis Healey, MP

Rt. Hon. David Steel, MP

Rt. Hon. David Owen, MP

Rt. Hon. Roland Moyle, MP

Speaks regularly on Middle East Affairs

Sir Frederic Bennett, MP

close interest in Moroccan and Middle East Affairs

The Hon. Mark Lennox-Boyd, MP

frequent visitor to Middle East. Follows Arab/Israel dispute closely

Mr. Ray Whitney, MP

Chairman, Conservative Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs Committee

Sir Anthony Kershaw, MP

Chairman, House of Commons Foreign Affairs Select Committee

Business Community

Rt. Hon. Lord Carrington

Chairman, GEC. Regular visitor to Middle East, further visits being planned

Lord McFadzean

Chairman, Rolls Royce. Extensive business interests in Middle East.

Mr. E.G. Given

Director General of the Middle East Association

Sir Richard Beaumont

Arab British Chamber of Commerce

Business (continued)

Mr. H.P.M. Benson

Chairman, Davy McKee International Ltd. Extensive engineering interests in Middle East

Sir Reginald Smith

George Wimpey International. Important construction projects throughout the Middle East

The Lord Selsdon

Chairman, Midland Bank. Chairman, Committee for Middle East Trade

Media/Academics

Mr. Frank Giles

Editor, The Sunday Times

Mr. D. Trelford

Editor, The Observer

Mr. Eric Bowman

Head of BBC Arab Services

Dr. M.E. Yapp

School of Oriental and African Studies. Middle East Academic Specialist

Sir John Burgh

British Council. Recent visitor to Middle East. Major interest in developing links with the region

Mr. Andrew Knight

Editor, The Economist

Officials

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Sir John Leahy

Mr. S.J.G. Cambridge

HM Ambassador designate to Morocco

Mr. S.L. Egerton

Department of Trade

Mr. M.D.M. Franklin

Department of Energy

Sir Kenneth Couzens

10 Downing Street

Mr. John Coles

Sir Anthony Parsons

RESERVE LIST

Her Majesty's Government

Mr. Peter Rees, MP

Responsibility for trade with
Middle East countries visiting
Morocco next year

Business

Sir Trevor Holdsworth

Chairman, GKN. Major exporters to
Middle East

Mr. P.I. Walters

Chairman, British Petroleum

Media/Academics

Mr. Geoffrey Owen

Editor, Financial Times

Sir Frederick Bennett, MP

Lord Vaizey

Sir John Biggs-Davison, MP

LUNCH FOR KING HASSAN OF MOROCCO 18 MARCH 1983

MENU A

Mousse of Avocado with
Spiced Mushrooms

Rost Fillet of Beef Bearnaise
Grilled Tomatoes
Noisette Potatoes
Watercress and Endive Salad

Strawberry Pavolva

Coffee

MENU B

Terrine of Baby Turbot with
Fresh Herbs and Hovis Toast

Noisettes of Lamb with Rosemary
Fried Courgettes
Anna Potatoes
Tossed Green Salad

Cherry Flan
Double Cream

Coffee

MENU C

Fennel and Almond Soup

Fried Breast of Chicken with Asparagus
Grilled Tomatoes and Mushrooms
Florentine Potatoes
Green Salad with Lemon Dressing

Chocolate Mousse
Gavottes

Coffee