



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Dear Tim,

Visit of the President of the Ivory Coast 26-29 July

Caroline Stephens wrote on 30 June requesting our suggestions for a reciprocal gift for President Houphouet-Boigny.

This is not an easy task, the President's only known interests being tropical agriculture and women. We have consulted Michael Daly, former Ambassador at Abidjan and it is his opinion that the President would appreciate an object d'art that is 'flashy' rather than in good taste. Glass is not recommended. Porcelain, and antique or modern silver would be acceptable but the latter may be too expensive.

It may be helpful for you to know what the Secretary of State is giving the President and I shall inform you as soon as this has been agreed.

*Yours ever
Helen Fonesher*

for (Alison Walters)
Assistant Private Secretary

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30 June 1983

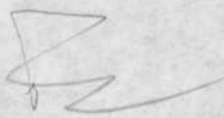
Visit of the President
of the Ivory Coast
Wednesday 27 July

We have heard from your Protocol and Conference Department that the President of the Ivory Coast is bringing a token gift for the Prime Minister.

Could you let us know what suggestions you have for a reciprocal gift.

CAROLINE STEPHENS

Mrs. Alison Walters,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office





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Lunch for the President
of the Ivory Coast
Monday, 27 July

The President will be
bringing a token gift for the
Prime Minister.

(June Reid P & C. Department)

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27 June 1983