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From the Private Secretary

20 July 1983

Official Visit of the President of the Ivory Coast

In your letter of 14 July you said that President Houphouet-Boigny would like to have a short tete-a-tete with the Prime Minister at noon on Wednesday 27 July, followed by a plenary session until 1.00 pm.

I think we should envisage the tete-a-tete discussion taking about 15 minutes. The plenary session would begin shortly thereafter. Since the President will be accompanied by the Ministers in his suite (your letter of 6 July), the Prime Minister would be most grateful if the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Minister for Agriculture could be available at No.10 from 1215 onwards to attend the plenary session.

There will be further places for about three senior officials per side. I should be grateful if you would let me have the names of the Ivorian officials and all those British officials who you propose should attend. I should also be grateful to know the name of the interpreter whom you are providing.

BK/ In addition to the usual briefs, would you please let me have by Monday, 25 July some speaking notes for the informal remarks which the Prime Minister will wish to make at the lunch for President Houphouet-Boigny.

I am copying this letter to John Kerr (HM Treasury) and Robert Lowson (MAFF).

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Jan Johnson

Thank you for your letter of 20 July about the arrangements for the talks with President Houphouët-Boigny on 27 July.

On our side, we propose that the following officials should attend:

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Sir John Leahy KCMG	Deputy Under-Secretary, FCO
Mr M F Daly	Head of West African Department, FCO (and formerly HM Ambassador to the Ivory Coast)
Mr J M Willson	HM Ambassador to the Ivory Coast

The Ivorian officials, also in order of precedence, will be:

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His Excellency Monsieur Le Gouverneur Guy Nairay	Director of Cabinet of the Presidency
His Excellency Monsieur Dieudonné Essienne	Ambassaodor of the Ivory Coast
His Excellency Monsieur l'Ambassadeur Georges Ouéguin	Director of Protocol at the Presidency

The interpreter on the UK side will be Mr Piers Carter, and on the Ivorian side M. Pierre Aka.

We shall let you have some speaking notes for the Prime Minister's use at the lunch: the briefing is being sent over separately.

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Mr. Fletcher

for diary purposes let us
say (a) 12.00 - 12.20 tete a
tete
(b) 12.20 - 13.00 plenary.

Dear Sir,

MR 15/7.

Thank you for your letter of 7 July about the format for the talks between the Prime Minister and President Houphouet-Boigny on Wednesday 27 July.

The Ivorians would prefer option (b), that is, a short tete-a-tete followed by a plenary session; the whole to occupy the time between noon and 1.00 pm.

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From the Private Secretary

7 July, 1983

Visit by the President of the Ivory Coast

Thank you for your letter of 6 July.

As regards the format of the talks before the lunch, I suggest that you offer the President two alternatives:

- a) A plenary session of one hour from 1200-1.00 p.m.
- b) A short tete-a-tete, with just note-takers and interpreters present, followed by a plenary session, the whole to occupy the time between noon and 1 p.m.

Could you please let me know what the Ivorians would like.

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