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I went across to see Black Rod this morning about arrangements for President Cossiga's address on Wednesday. The address will take place in the Royal Gallery. Black Rod suggests that the Prime Minister should make her way to the Royal Gallery from her room, rather than via the Norman Porch steps, which will be crowded with the Italian suite and members of the Press: the Detectives are happy with this suggestion.

I attach the order of play, together with a copy which I have annotated with various extra stage directions.

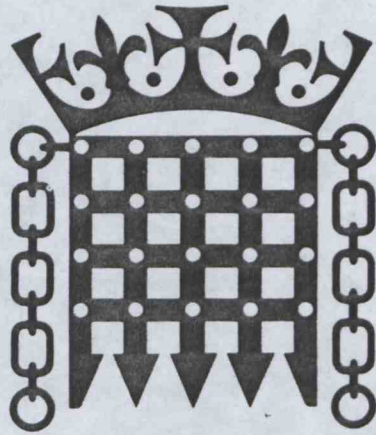
The Prime Minister will wait a little to the right, at the top of the Norman Porch staircase with the Lord Privy Seal and the Lord President, for the President's arrival. The Lord Great Chamberlain will introduce the Prime Minister, the Lord Privy Seal and the Lord President at the top of the stairs, and will then escort the President to the robing room. At this point the Italian suite and the Prime Minister, the LPS and the LPC will make their way to their seats in the Royal Gallery. The Prime Minister's seat will be on the front row on the right hand side, as you look at the dias. It will be the second seat in from the aisle - the Lord President will have the end seat. Events then follow the printed programme. The Prime Minister stays in position until the President moves off down the aisle towards the Princes Chamber, escorted by the Lord Great Chamberlain. The Prime Minister can then make a quick getaway down the Norman Porch staircase so that she arrives back at No. 10 to greet President Cossiga for the lunch. The address in the Royal Gallery will be filmed for Italian television and members of the British and Italian press will be present.

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VISIT BY

The President
of The Italian Republic

Signor Francesco Cossiga

TO THE
PALACE OF WESTMINSTER

WEDNESDAY, 24TH OCTOBER, 1990

PROGRAMME

- 11.00 am Royal Gallery doors open for arrival of Peers and Members of Parliament (Prince's Chamber), and Guests and Press (Norman Porch).
- 11.40 am Norman Porch closed to Guests and Press
The State Trumpeters, and a detachment of The Queen's Bodyguard of the Yeomen of the Guard proceed to their appointed stations.
- 11.45 am The Lord Chancellor and The Speaker arrive in the Prince's Chamber.
- 11.48 am The Speaker enters the Royal Gallery and proceeds to the dais.
- 11.50 am The Lord Chancellor enters the Royal Gallery and proceeds to the dais.
- 11.55 am THE PRESIDENT OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC,
SIGNOR FRANCESCO COSSIGA, accompanied by the Suites in attendance, arrive at the Norman Porch where they are met by

THE MARQUESS OF CHOLMONDELEY
The Lord Great Chamberlain

who conducts The President up the staircase.

A detachment of The Queen's Bodyguard of the Yeoman of the Guard will be on duty on the staircase.

At the top of the staircase the Lord Great Chamberlain presents:

THE RT. HON. MARGARET THATCHER, MP
The Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury

THE RT. HON. SIR GEOFFRY HOWE, QC MP
The Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House of Commons

and

THE RT. HON. THE LORD BELSTEAD
The Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House of Lords

*The Lord Great Chamberlain escorts
President Cossiga to the lobby room.*

*Prime Minister waits with
LPS and LHC to the right
at the top of the staircase.*

The Prime Minister, the Lord President of the Council and the Lord Privy Seal are conducted to their seats.

The Suites in attendance will meanwhile have proceeded to their seats.

The Lord Great Chamberlain then conducts The President into the Royal Gallery. A Fanfare of trumpets is sounded by the State Trumpeters. *ALL STAND.*

At the foot of the steps to the dais the Lord Great Chamberlain presents:

THE RT. HON. THE LORD MACKAY OF CLASHFERN
The Lord Chancellor

and

THE RT. HON. BERNARD WEATHERILL, MP
The Speaker of the House of Commons

who will escort The President on to the dais to take his seat.

The Lord Chancellor welcomes The President.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC,
SIGNOR FRANCESCO COSSIGA
then addresses the assembled Peers and Members of Parliament.

The Speaker of the House of Commons thanks The President.

**On
Conclusion**

The Lord Great Chamberlain proceeds to the foot of the steps of the dais.

A fanfare of trumpets is sounded.

The Lord Chancellor and The Speaker conduct The President from the dais and take their leave at the foot of the steps.

The Lord Great Chamberlain preceded by the Lord President of the Council and the Lord Privy Seal escort The President through the Royal Gallery to the Prince's Chamber where:

THE RT. HON. THE LORD BELSTEAD
The Lord Privy Seal

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take their leave; and during which:

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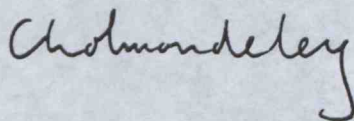
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The Suites not in immediate attendance on The President leave the Royal Gallery by the Norman Porch.

The Lord Great Chamberlain then conducts The President of the Italian Republic, followed by the Suites in attendance, into the Peers' Chamber and thence by way of the Peers' Staircase to the Peers' Entrance.

12.45 pm

The Lord Great Chamberlain takes leave of The President who, with the accompanying Suites, departs from the Peers' Entrance by car for 10 Downing Street.



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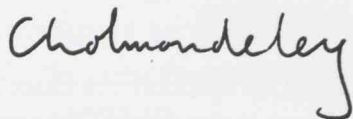
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