



Prime Minister

May we offer lunch/talks
on either 18 May or
15 June?
A.F.C. 24/11

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Yes
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24 November 1982

John [unclear]

Proposed Visit to the UK by the Yugoslav
Prime Minister

Your letter of 2 July conveyed the Prime Minister's agreement that during his visit to Yugoslavia, Mr Pym should invite the Yugoslav Prime Minister, Mrs Planinc, to visit the United Kingdom at some time during the subsequent 18 months. As you will be aware, Mr Pym did so and Mrs Planinc accepted.

It is theoretically for the Yugoslavs now to propose dates. But they have not yet done so, perhaps because Mrs Planinc has been preoccupied with Yugoslavia's grave financial crisis. Mr Pym nonetheless considers that arrangements for the visit should be set in train. This would in particular help to reinforce the importance we attach to our political relations with Yugoslavia in a year when financial problems may make our economic relations unusually difficult.

We suggest that the best way of proceeding might be for us now formally to propose dates for a two or three day visit by Mrs Planinc. Informal indications are that the Yugoslav Embassy here are thinking in terms of the late spring, perhaps May or early June. If the Prime Minister could agree to this could you perhaps suggest possible dates which we might tentatively put to the Yugoslavs?

Yes [unclear]
[Signature]

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