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YUGOSLAVIA.

10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Private Secretary*

2 March 1983

VISIT BY THE YUGOSLAV PRIME MINISTER

Thank you for your letter of 28 February. The Prime Minister agrees that the proposed arrangements for the Yugoslav Prime Minister for her visit in May are satisfactory, but has asked whether we should consider arranging some evening entertainment, perhaps at the opera or the ballet, for Mrs. Planinc. It would be helpful to know whether what is known of Mrs. Planinc's interests suggests this would be a good idea and, if so, whether you can arrange it.

I am copying this letter to John Kerr (HM Treasury), John Rhodes (Department of Trade), Muir Russell (Scottish Office) and Tim Allen (Bank of England).

A. J. COLES

Roger Bone, Esq.,  
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MR



Prime Minister

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*I think these arrangements  
are satisfactory for your Yugoslav  
visit in May. Agree?*

*JS*

28 February 1983

*A.J.C. 1/3.*

*Yes - the Yugoslavs*

*always provide evening*

*Dear John,*

*entertainment e.g. music in that January  
Cafe. What about some, or better-*

Visit by Yugoslav Prime Minister: May 1983

*for the  
Planinc  
not*

As you will know, Mrs Planinć has accepted the Prime Minister's invitation to visit the UK in May. We have already discussed with you in a preliminary way the timing of the talks and lunch with the Prime Minister and I understand that the following appointments are provisionally reserved in the Prime Minister's diary for 18 May:

- 1115-1145 Tête-à-tête talks
- 1145-1300 Formal talks
- 1300 Lunch

It is not yet clear whether Mrs Planinć will be able to stay for three full working days but we shall encourage her to do so. As far as other Ministerial involvement in the visit is concerned we propose to suggest that, in addition to talks with the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, she might call on the Secretary of State for Trade and the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

HM Ambassador in Belgrade has discussed the possibility of a visit outside London with Mrs Planinć's office and they are keen on a visit to Scotland. If there is time for a visit to Edinburgh we hope that the Secretary of State for Scotland could welcome Mrs Planinć and offer her lunch. There is cope for future cooperation with the

/Yugoslavs



Yugoslavs on information technology; accordingly she might like to visit an electronics firm. Mrs Planinć has experience of educational administration and she might be particularly interested in seeing how new information techniques are being applied to education. We are also proposing engagements in the City, perhaps a lunch with the Lord Mayor and a call on the Governor of the Bank of England.

I attach draft outline programmes for a two-day and a three-day visit; these take into account the suggestions above. If you agree, we shall instruct our Embassy in Belgrade to put them to the Yugoslavs, emphasising that we hope that Mrs Planinć will be able to stay for three full days. Once the Yugoslavs agree to the outline we shall make firm arrangements with the Ministers and others concerned, who are, we understand, in principle free at the times proposed.

Copies of this letter go to the Private Secretaries to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Secretaries of State for Trade and for Scotland and the Governor of the Bank of England.

*Yours ever*

*John Holmes*

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cc: PS/Chancellor of the Exchequer  
PS/Secretary of State for Trade  
PS/Secretary of State for Scotland  
PS/Governor of the Bank of England

DRAFT TWO-DAY PROGRAMME FOR MRS PLANINC, YUGOSLAV PRIME MINISTER

Day 1 (Wednesday 18 May)

- 10.30           Wreath laying, Tomb of the Unknown Warrior,  
Westminster Abbey
- 11.15           Tête-à-tête talks with the Prime Minister,  
The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher MP followed by
- 11.45-13.00    Formal talks
- 13.00           Lunch hosted by Prime Minister
- 15.00           Call on Secretary of State for Foreign and  
Commonwealth Affairs
- 15.45?          Meeting with the British-Yugoslav Parliamentary  
Group or the British-Yugoslav Society
- Dinner hosted by Ambassador (?)

Day 2 (Thursday 19 May) (NB Cabinet Meeting am)

- am              Call on the Governor of the Bank of England
- Call on Lord Mayor of London followed by lunch  
attended by Representatives of the commercial  
banks
- pm              Call on Secretary of State for Trade,  
Lord Cockfield
- Call on the Chancellor of the Exchequer
- evening         Dinner hosted by the Secretary of State for  
Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs

DRAFT THREE DAY PROGRAMME FOR MRS PLANINC, YUGOSLAV PRIME MINISTER

Day 1 (Wednesday 18 May)

- 10.30 Wreath laying, Tomb of the Unknown Warrior, Westminster Abbey
- 11.15 Tête-a-tête talks with the Prime Minister, The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher MP, followed by
- 11.45-13.00 Formal talks
- 13.00 Lunch hosted by Prime Minister at 10 Downing Street
- pm 15.00? Call on/by Leader of the Opposition, The Rt Hon Michael Foot MP
- pm 16.00? Meeting with the British-Yugoslav Parliamentary Group or British Yugoslav Society
- Dinner hosted by Ambassador?

Day 2 (Thursday 19 May) NB. Cabinet meeting am

- Call on the Governor of the Bank of England
- Possible call on Lord Mayor followed by
- Lunch attended by Representatives of the commercial banks.
- Call on the Chancellor of the Exchequer
- Call on and talks with Secretary of State for Trade, Lord Cockfield
- 16.15-17.00 Talks with Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs
- evening Dinner hosted by Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs

Day 3 (Friday 20 May) Scotland

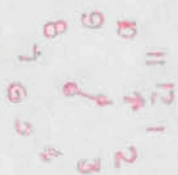
- 07.40 approx Depart Heathrow by BA 4712 or by own aircraft for Edinburgh
- 08.50 Arrive Edinburgh
1. Call on Secretary of State for Scotland
  2. Visit small firm in high technology sector
  3. Lunch hosted by Secretary of State for Scotland

4. Briefing on how the new information techniques are being applied to education

19.40

Depart Edinburgh by BA 4833 for Heathrow or  
depart for Belgrade by own aircraft.

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Visit of Mrs Plavinić



28 FEB 1983