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ROYAL VISIT

The Prime Minister will wish to know that we have agreed that The Queen Mother should visit Northern Ireland on Tuesday 27 April on a secret unannounced visit to the Queen's Dragoon Guards.

The outline programme is as follows:

Midday	Arrive RAF Aldergrove
12.10 pm	Travel by helicopter to Lisanelly Barracks Omagh
	Visit Queen's Dragoon Guards <u>within</u> Lisanelly Barracks
4 pm	Depart Lisanelly Barracks by helicopter
5 pm	Depart RAF Aldergrove

At present the security forces see no reason why the visit should not go ahead but, as usual, the visit may be cancelled at any time if the security situation should worsen significantly or if prior news of the visit were to leak.

I am copying this letter to Sir Philip Moore at Buckingham Palace.

P J Woodfield
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Approved by Mr Woodfield
and signed in his absence on duty

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cc: Sir Moore
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From the Principal Private Secretary

21 April 1982

Dear Philip,

ROYAL VISIT

Thank you for your letter of 20 April 1982 about The Queen Mother's forthcoming visit to the Queen's Dragoon Guards in Northern Ireland.

I have shown this to the Prime Minister.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Philip Moore.

Yours ever,
Anne Whitmore.

P J Woodfield Esq., CB CBE

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