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Prime Minister.

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PUS/L/1750

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9 June 1982

Dear Sir,

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ROYAL VISIT

The Prime Minister will wish to know that another short Royal Visit to Northern Ireland is imminent. We have agreed that Princess Alice, the Duchess of Gloucester, should come to the Province on Tuesday 22 June for a secret, unannounced visit to the 2nd Battalion the Royal Anglian Regiment.

The outline programme is as follows:

Midday 1210	Arrive RAF Aldergrove Travel by helicopter to Cloony Camp, Londonderry, and thence by car to Ebrington Barracks
	Visit within Ebrington Barracks
1530	Depart by car from Ebrington to Cloony Barracks and thence by helicopter to RAF Aldergrove.
1700	Depart RAF Aldergrove

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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 Philip Moore at Buckingham Palace.

Yours sincerely,

Philip

P J WOODFIELD

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From the Principal Private Secretary

14 June, 1982

ROYAL VISIT

Thank you for your letter PUS/L/1750 of 9 June.

I have shown this to the Prime Minister and she has noted that Princess Alice, the Duchess of Gloucester, is expected to visit Northern Ireland on Tuesday, 22 June for a secret and unannounced visit to the 2nd Battalion the Royal Anglian Regiment.

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

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