



Prime Minister
 Agree to hold talks with
 Queen Beatrix for 30 minutes
 before lunch on 17 November?

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

16 July 1982

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Yes - and I can talk
 about these matters
 during lunch if
 appropriate -
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Dear John.

State Visit of Queen Beatrix

The Prime Minister will be giving lunch for Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands on Wednesday 17 November during her State Visit. Queen Beatrix has asked whether it would be possible for her to hold separate political talks with the Prime Minister.

Although Queen Beatrix is a constitutional monarch, she retains a directly political role in choosing the informateurs and formateurs charged with the task of identifying and forming governments after elections. Such is the nature of Dutch coalitions that the government formation can be very lengthy and the Queen's role can play an important part. For instance, after the May 1981 General Elections, it was known that Queen Beatrix favoured a left-centre coalition because she feared radicalisation of the Left if it was excluded from power. It took four months to form a government last year and already fresh elections are scheduled for 8 September this year. The coalition-forming process may still be in full swing during the State Visit.

We have consulted our Embassy in The Hague about the propriety of Queen Beatrix holding talks of a political nature with the Prime Minister. I understand that this is, in fact, normal in Dutch practice and is accepted by Dutch politicians. The Dutch Foreign Minister would, of course, also be present and in November may still be the caretaker Prime Minister, Mr van Agt, who is also caretaker Foreign Minister. Talks of this kind with Mr Schmidt were, for instance, included during Queen Beatrix's State Visit to the Federal Republic of Germany earlier this year.

I understand the Prime Minister's diary might allow half an hour of talks before (but not after) the lunch on Wednesday 17 November. If this is not practical Queen Beatrix will be able to attend a reception at Buckingham Palace for the North Atlantic Assembly, and we shall consult the Lord Chamberlain's Office about other possible times in the programme for a call on the Prime Minister.

Mr Pym hopes that the Prime Minister will feel able to accede to Queen Beatrix's request.

Yours ever,
 F N Richards
 Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq
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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

19 July, 1982

STATE VISIT OF QUEEN BEATRIX

Thank you for your letter of 16 July. The Prime Minister would be glad to hold half an hour of talks with Queen Beatrix before the lunch which is being arranged for Wednesday, 17 November.

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A. J. COLES

F Richards, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Prime Minister
 Contact with these
 arrangements:

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

A.J.C. 19/10.

18 October 1982

John [unclear]

State Visit of Queen Beatrix

We were grateful for the suggestion in your letter of 23 July that Queen Beatrix remain behind after lunch on 17 November for half an hour of political talks with the Prime Minister. This fits into her programme quite well; the Queen's programme allows her to remain at No 10 until 3.10 pm.

We have been giving some thought to who might participate in the talks. I hope the Prime Minister can agree to the following suggestions. Queen Beatrix would expect her husband, Prince Claus, to be with her (if he is well enough). We would recommend that the Dutch Foreign Minister (who will almost certainly be a new one if, as is expected, a fresh coalition is formed during the next fortnight) and the Dutch Ambassador here in London should also be present. On the UK side, Mr Pym would be able to attend and we would also suggest that our Ambassador at The Hague might be included.

We suggest that the talks might cover:

- (i) European Community Affairs (which we understand Queen Beatrix will cover in her Guildhall speech later that night);
- (ii) European/US relations;
- (iii) Defence (the nuclear debate is a particular concern during the present government formation period in the Netherlands and will continue to be so);
- (iv) Social Issues, particularly youth, unemployment, and immigrant communities (Queen Beatrix has expressed her interest in discussing the problems of the inner city and will be going on to the GLC from No. 10).

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If the Prime Minister were content with these suggestions, the department would be happy to co-ordinate the briefing. I am sending a copy of this letter to the Private Secretary to the Secretary to the Cabinet.

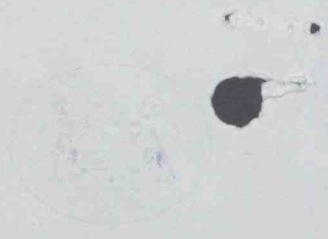
Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R B Bone', with a horizontal flourish underneath.

(R B Bone)
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq
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Visit of Queen Beatrix



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From the Private Secretary

20 October 1982

STATE VISIT OF QUEEN BEATRIX

The Prime Minister is content with the proposals in your letter of 18 October.

I am copying this letter to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

JG

Roger Bone, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

22 October 1982

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Prime Minister's Lunch for Queen Beatrix

I am forwarding to you our suggestions for the guest list for the lunch which the Prime Minister will be giving in honour of Queen Beatrix and Prince Claus on Wednesday 17 November at 1.15 pm.

The current expectation is that M. van Agt will have ceased to be Foreign Minister by the time of the visit, though there is no guarantee of this. If M. van Agt does not come, his successor as Foreign Minister will. We shall keep you informed.

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R B Bone

(R B Bone)
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq
10 Downing Street

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Full name, title and decorations	Address	Reason for invitation
The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher and Mr Denis Thatcher		
HM Queen Beatrix Queen of the Netherlands		
Prince Claus of the Netherlands		
HE [Monsieur A A M van Agt]	Official Suite	[Prime Minister and] Minister for Foreign Affairs
HE Madame C Bischoff van Heemskerck	Official Suite	Mistress of the Robes
HE Monsieur P J H Jonkman	Official Suite	Grand Master of the House of Her Majesty The Queen
HE Vice-Admiral E Roest (Retired)	Official Suite	Adjutant-General and Chief of the Military House of Her Majesty The Queen
HE Jonkheer J L R Huydecoper	Official Suite	Netherlands Ambassador to the Court of St James's
Madame Huydecoper	Official Suite	
Mademoiselle F M de Graaf	Official Suite	Director of The Queen's Cabinet
Monsieur P W Osieck	Official Suite	Master of Ceremonies
Lieutenant-Colonel P A Blusse van Oud-Alblas	Official Suite	Master of the Household
Madame H G Goudswaard	Official Suite	Lady in Waiting to Her Majesty The Queen
Major A Oudwater	Official Suite	Aide-de-Camp
Colonel E Spiereburg	Official Suite	Chief of the Security Service of the Royal House
The Viscount Boyne	British Suite	Lord in Waiting
Lady Susan Hussey	British Suite	Lady in Waiting

Full name, title and decorations	Address	Reason for invitation
Mr Philip Mansfield CMG and Mrs Mansfield	British Suite	British Ambassador at The Hague
Squadron Leader Adam Wise	British Suite	Equerry in Waiting

GOVERNMENT

Full name, title and decorations	Address	Reason for invitation
Rt Hon F Pym MC and Mrs Pym	FCO (Tel: 233 4650)	Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs.
Rt Hon M Heseltine and Mrs Heseltine	Department of the Environment (Tel: 212 8001)	Secretary of State for the Environment. Responsible for the Peterborough Development Corporation, whose guest Queen Beatrix will be, and to reflect her interest in inner city problems.
Mr K Baker MP and Mrs Baker	Department of Industry (Tel: 212 7676)	Minister for Industry and Information Technology
Sir Brian Cubbon KCB and Lady Cubbon	Home Office Queen Anne's Gate LONDON SW1 (Tel: 213 3000)	Permanent Under Secretary. To reflect Queen Beatrix's interests in inner city problems.

PARLIAMENT

Full name, title and decorations	Address	Reason for invitation
Rt Hon Michael Foot MP and Mrs Foot	House of Commons	Leader of the Opposition
Rt Hon Roy Jenkins MP and Mrs Jenkins	House of Commons	Leader of the SDP
Rt Hon David Steel MP and Mrs Steel	House of Commons	Leader of the Liberal Party
Mr W Percy Grieve QC MP and Mrs Grieve	House of Commons	Chairman, Anglo-Benelux Parliamentary Group
Dr B Mawhinney MP and Mrs Mawhinney	House of Commons	MP for Peterborough which Queen Beatrix will be visiting on 18 November

Full name, title and decorations	Address	Reason for invitation
Mr F van de Hoven KBE (Hon) and Mrs van de Hoven	Unilever Ltd Unilever House Blackfriars London EC4 (Tel: 822 5252)	Chairman, Unilever NV (Rotterdam), Vice-Chairman Unilever UK
The Hon J F Baring CVO and Mrs Baring	Baring Brothers and Co Ltd 88 Leadenhall Street London EC3 (Tel: 283 8833)	Chairman, Baring Brothers Co Ltd
Mr A P de Geus and Mrs de Geus	Shell International Shell Centre London SE1 (Tel: 934 3868)	Joint Chairman, Netherlands-British Chamber of Commerce. Coordinator of Group Manning at Shell International
Dr G Chambers and Mrs Chambers	Milk Marketing Board for Northern Ireland 456 Antrim Road Belfast BT15 5GD	Managing Director of an important exporter to the Netherlands
Mr Nicholas Saphir and Mrs Saphir	CCAHC 301-344 Market Towers 1 Nine Elms Lane New Covent Garden Market London SW8 5MQ (Tel:720 2144)	Chairman of the CCAHC and Chairman Designate of 'Food from Britain' campaign
Dr D S Mitchell and Mrs Mitchell	Rolls Royce Ltd Aero Engines Division 65 Buckingham Gate London SW1	Director of exports. Supplies engines for Fokker F-27's

ARTS AND ACADEMIA

Full name, title and decorations	Address	Reason for invitation
Mr S Rushdie and Mrs Rushdie	c/o Mr T Binding Picador Books 18 Cavaye Place LONDON SW10 (Tel: 373 6070)	Young coloured Booker prize-winning novelist
Mr Simon Rattle and Mrs Rattle	c/o Harold Holt Ltd 134 Wignore Street LONDON W1 (Tel: 935 2331)	Conductor, touring the Netherlands this month
Rt Hon Terence Higgins MP and Professor Rosalyn Higgins	London School of Economics Houghton Street LONDON WC2A 2AE (Tel: 405 7686)	Mrs Higgins is Professor of International Law at the LSE and visited the Netherlands in 1982

Full name, title and decorations	Address	Reason for invitation
HE Mrs Jean Casselman Wadds	Canadian High Commission Macdonald House 1 Grosvenor Square LONDON W1X 0A13 (Tel; 623 9492)	Queen Beatrix spent the war years in Canada
HE Mr F Ahmed and Mrs Ahmed	High Commission for the People's Republic of Bangladesh 28 Queen's Gate LONDON SW7 (Tel: 584 0081-4)	Bangladesh is a major recipient of Dutch aid.
The Hon Sir Richard Butler and Lady Butler, President	National Farmers' Union Agriculture House Knightsbridge LONDON SW1 (Tel: 235 5077)	NFU has close relations with equivalent bodies in the Netherlands.
Mr Dick Taverne QC and Mrs Taverne	60 Cambridge Street LONDON SW1 (Tel: 828 0166)	Youngest QC ever appointed in his time. Parents both Dutch. Speaks good Dutch.
Sir Trevor Jones	Town Hall Liverpool L5 3SW	Leader of Liverpool City Council. Member of Merseyside Develop- ment Corporation - Liverpool is twinned with both Amsterdam and Rotterdam.

Full name, title and decorations	Address	Reason for invitation
GOVERNMENT, PARLIAMENT		
Rt Hon Sir G Howe and Lady Howe	HM Treasury London SW1 (Tel: 233 5418)	Chancellor of the Exchequer. Visited the Netherlands in 1980 and 1981
Lord Bellwin and Lady Bellwin	Department of the Environment Marsham Street London SW1 (Tel: 212 3391)	Parliamentary Under Secretary of State. Visited the Netherlands in May 1982
Rt Hon Denis Healey CH MBE MP and Mrs Healey	House of Commons London SW1 OAA (Tel: 219 3000)	Deputy leader of the Labour Party and Opposition Spokesman on Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs.
Mr Russell Johnston MP and Mrs Johnston	House of Commons London (Tel: 219 3000)	Liberal Spokesman on Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs
Sir Peter Carey GCB and Lady Carey	Department of Industry 1 Victoria Street London SW1 OET (Tel: 212 7004)	Permanent Secretary. Visited the Netherlands in September 1981.
Rt Hon Fred Mulley MP & Mrs Mulley	House of Commons London SW1 OAA (Tel: 219 3000)	President of the Western European Assembly. Visited the Netherlands in June 1981
John Roper MP and Mrs Roper	House of Commons London (Tel: 219 3000)	Vice Chairman Anglo-Benelux, Parliamentary Group
INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE Mr D de Bruyne and Mrs de Bruyne	Shell Centre London SE1 (Tel: 934 3868)	Member of the Board of the Royal Dutch Petroleum Company. Formerly President of Royal Dutch Shell.
Sir David Orr MC and Lady Orr	81 Lyall Mews West London SW1 (Tel: 235 7970)	Former Chairman of Unilever, probable Chairman of P&O
Sir Brian Kellett and Lady Kellett, Chairman	Tube Investments Bridgewater House Cleveland Row London SW1 (Tel: 838 9090)	A flourishing bicycle factory - Gazelle - in the Netherlands
Mr Barry Reed and Mrs Reed	Austin Reed 103-113 Regent Street London W1 (Tel: 734 6789)	Chairman of the Netherlands Trade Committee

Full name, title and decorations	Address	Reason for invitation
ARTS, ACADEMIA AND OTHERS		
Sir Roy Strong and Lady Strong' Director	Victoria and Albert Museum Cromwell Road London SW7	Close links with Gemeente Museum, The Hague
Cllr N Hoyle and Mrs Hoyle	(Tel: 589 6371) Guildhall Shrewsbury (Tel: 0743 52255)	Mayor of Shrewsbury which is twinned with Zutphen where English troops aided the Dutch against the Spanish in a sixteenth century battle.
Mr Peter Preston and Mrs Preston	The Guardian 119 Farringdon Road London EC1 (Tel: 278 2332)	Editor of The Guardian, widely read in the Netherlands

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To note.

10 November 1982

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Jan T. ...

Prime Minister's Lunch for Queen
Beatrix

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In my letter of 22 October I said we would let you know who succeeded Mr van Agt as Dutch Foreign Minister.

The new Minister is Mr Hans van den Broek (promoted from State Secretary in the Foreign Ministry). He will accompany Queen Beatrix on the State Visit, and will attend the lunch and talks on 17 November. He will also be having separate talks with Mr Pym on 16 November.

A short biographical note on Mr van den Broek will be sent with the rest of the briefing.

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(R B Bone)
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Netherlands, Dec 8, Visit by Queen Beatrix



LORD CHAMBERLAIN'S OFFICE,
ST JAMES'S PALACE, S.W.1.

4th October, 1982

My dear Prime Minister,

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State Visit of
The Queen of the Netherlands
and
Prince Claus of the Netherlands

Arrival - Tuesday, 16th November, 1982

I have the honour to inform you that The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh will meet Queen Beatrix and Prince Claus on their Arrival at Westminster Pier, Victoria Embankment at 12.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 16th November next.

The Queen wishes you, as Prime Minister, to be present on this occasion and to arrive at Westminster Pier by not later 12.10 p.m.

Day Dress and a hat will be worn.

I shall be grateful if I may please be provided with the address from which you will start your journey to Westminster Pier in order that a route and windscreen label may be provided to facilitate your arrival.

Yours sincerely,
John Barton

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, MP.,
10 Downing Street,
London, S.W.1.

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6 October 1982

I am replying on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you for your letter of 4 October.

I confirm that the Prime Minister will be at Westminster Pier no later than 1210 on Tuesday 16 November for the arrival of the Queen of the Netherlands at 1230.

Mrs. Thatcher will be commencing her journey from 10 Downing Street.

CAROLINE STEPHENS

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Johnston, K.C.V.O., M.C.

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Caroline Cl. 21/12

Thank you. I saw
the letter to J. Wall.

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MR COLES

FCO rang today to say that Queen Beatrix would be paying a State Visit to London on 16, 17, 18 November. The Prime Minister will have to give a lunch on Wednesday 17.

The Prime Minister is committed to opening the North Atlantic Assembly that day (we have already told the organiser Patrick Wall that this will be a short speech because of her other commitments at that time) and I have put a note into the Prime Minister's box asking if she would prefer to open the Assembly in the morning or the afternoon.

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15 December 1981

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11 January, 1981

State Visit of Queen Beatrix

Thank you for your letter of 7 January.
The Prime Minister is content that Queen Beatrix
should be invited for the period 16 - 19 November.

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