

CONFIDENTIAL



21
Prime Minister
Agree that the Queen be advised to
visit Kenya in November?
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

FERB
25.2.

Yes
25 February 1983

Dear Pym,

Royal Visit to Kenya

You will remember that, at the discussion of the Royal Visits Committee on 24 November, it was agreed that a Visit to Kenya might form part of the tour preceding the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting in Delhi and a Visit by Her Majesty to India from 19 to 23 November. President Moi's invitation was originally made during his own State Visit here in June 1979. I am now writing to confirm that, having considered advice from officials and subject to keeping the situation in Kenya under careful review (paragraph 3 below), Mr Pym sees no impediment to the visit going ahead. If the Prime Minister also agrees, we will approach the Palace formally in the usual way.

Kenya is an important Commonwealth country in which we have considerable political, commercial and military interests. It is not immune from the political and economic strains affecting the developing world. But the Kenya government has sought to cope with these in a pragmatic fashion, maintaining a market-oriented economy and a reasonably open political system. Last August an attempted coup, which was quickly put down, shook the Kenya government's confidence in itself and international confidence in Kenya. The High Commissioner in Nairobi, Sir Leonard Allinson, advises that the country's return to normality is continuing. President Moi's government is legitimately constituted, friendly and reasonably effective. A Visit by Her Majesty would underline the United Kingdom's confidence in Kenya thus in itself making a further and substantial contribution towards Kenya's peaceful progress and giving support to the country's general standing.

/So far as

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL



So far as we can reasonably judge, there are no grounds for anxiety for The Queen's personal safety. The normal security precautions will of course be taken. The security situation will be kept under careful review, and further advice submitted to the Palace if circumstances change.

I should be grateful to know whether the Prime Minister is content that we should approach the Palace on this basis.

Yours

R B Bone

(R B Bone)
Private Secretary

F E R Butler Esq
10 Downing Street

CONFIDENTIAL

25 FEB 1988

11 12 1 2 3
9 8 7 6 5 4

CONFIDENTIAL

Kenya.
ZWA



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

28 February 1983

Dear Roger,

ROYAL VISIT TO KENYA

Thank you for your letter of 25 February about the proposal that a visit to Kenya might form part of The Queen's tour preceding the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting in Delhi and Her Majesty's visit to India from 19 to 23 November.

The Prime Minister agrees that The Queen should be advised that there is no impediment to a Royal Visit to Kenya and that you should approach the Palace formally in the usual way.

Yours ever,

Robin Butler

Roger Bone Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

CONFIDENTIAL

ALT

ps / NO 10 Downing St
QUEEN

C O N F I D E N T I A L - D E D I P - D E S K B Y 0 4 0 6 0 0 Z

5942 - 1

GRS 98

D E D I P

Mr. Butler

CONFIDENTIAL
DESKBY 040600Z
FM FCO 031800Z 83
TO IMMEDIATE NAIROBI
TELEGRAM NUMBER 81 OF 3 MARCH.

AM 4/3

ROYAL VISIT

1. THE QUEEN HAS APPROVED THAT AN INFORMAL APPROACH MAY BE MADE TO PRESIDENT MOI. WE HOPE THAT YOU CAN MANAGE TO DO THIS BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR DELHI.
2. YOU SHOULD EXPLAIN THAT THE VISIT COULD BE MADE SHORTLY BEFORE THE CHOGM BUT THAT IT IS NOT YET POSSIBLE TO BE PRECISE ABOUT DATES. YOU SHOULD EMPHASISE THE NEED FOR ABSOLUTE CONFIDENTIALITY UNTIL BOTH SIDES ARE IN A POSITION TO MAKE FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENTS. ABOVE ALL, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT NO WORD SHOULD LEAK IN DELHI.

PYM

LIMITED

~~HD~~ E A D
~~AD~~ S A D
~~HD~~ P C D
~~AD~~ NEWS D

P S

P S/MR ONSLOW

P S/P U S

SIR J. LEAHY

COPIES SENT TO
No. 10 DOWNING STREET

C O N F I D E N T I A L - D E D I P - D E S K B Y 0 4 0 6 0 0 Z