

PRIME MINISTER

MOUNTBATTEN MEMORIAL

The attached minute from Mr. Heseltine reports that he is having to ask the Treasury to put up some £25,000 towards the £125,000 cost of this Memorial. He also asks if you would be willing to preside over the ceremony at which The Queen will unveil the statue, and also if you will host a lunch for the most important of the guests afterwards.

Briefly, the unveiling ceremony would involve your making a speech in tribute to Lord Mountbatten and then inviting The Queen to perform the unveiling. \*

\* You would then walk back with the Royal Party from the Foreign Office Green (on which the statue will be erected) to host a lunch for about 40 or 50 people in Downing Street. The rest of the guests would go on to have a buffet lunch in the Banqueting House in Whitehall.

At present the plan is to hold the ceremony in late October or early November. Would you like to take this on, in principle?

WM

Yes mt

\* ~ \* Passage deleted and closed, 40 years, under FOI Exemption.

14 March 1983

Wayland  
19 July 2013

IN CONFIDENCE

file 16

C. W. Stephens

16 March 1983

MOUNTBATTEN MEMORIAL

The Prime Minister has seen your Secretary of State's minute of 11 March.

She has noted that he has sought authority from the Treasury to make up from public funds the costs of this memorial not met from the Appeal.

The Prime Minister has agreed in principle to preside at the unveiling ceremony, at which she will make a speech, and to host a lunch afterwards at Downing Street. She notes that your Secretary of State will put to her more detailed suggestions on the programme nearer the time.

WR

Miss Jane Ridley,  
Ministry of Defence.

IN CONFIDENCE"



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PRIME MINISTERMOUNTBATTEN STATUE

You will recall launching an appeal, by a letter to the Times in July 1981, to fund the erection of a statue on the Foreign Office Green to commemorate Earl Mountbatten of Burma. At your request Francis Pym, and in due course John Nott, undertook the supervision of the statue project, and your office has been kept in touch as various important stages have been reached.

2. We are now well down the road towards completion, and the time has come to bring two issues to your attention which need to be resolved: a shortfall in funding and arrangements for the unveiling ceremony.

3. Our problems with funding were touched on in my Private Secretary's letter of 26th November 1982. As Environment Secretary I was able to prevail upon the Treasury to grant a measure of relief by agreeing that only a token sum should be paid for maintenance; but for various reasons we still face a shortfall in the region of £22-27,000 over and above the £100,000 that we shall have available from the Appeal. As you will have seen I have written to the Chancellor with a more detailed description of the background and a recommendation that the deficit should now be made up from public funds as provided for in your original directive to Francis Pym in September 1980.



4.

5. The detailed planning of the ceremony and the guest-list is about to get underway here, and I shall be keeping an eye on the developing picture. However, we need to decide both who will preside at the unveiling ceremony \* ~~~~~~~~~ \* and who will act as host at the luncheon. I would myself strongly advise that you should do both yourself. If you agree, I will put to you the broad outline of what we have in mind as soon as the way ahead is a little clearer.

*W. S. B.*

Ministry of Defence

11th March 1983

*Passages deleted and closed,  
40 years, under FOI  
Exemption. C. Wayland  
19 July 2013*

PRIME MINISTERINVITATIONS TO THE MOUNTBATTEN CEREMONY

The proposed guest list for the Mountbatten ceremony included the Leader of the Opposition (when elected) and Dr. David Owen. Mr. Foot and Mr. Steel are invited as trustees. No other party leaders were included.

I thought that this would be an awkward precedent both for the Cenotaph ceremony and for State banquets for which, as you know, only the leaders of the Opposition and of the Liberal Party are included. If we were to extend that list for the Mountbatten ceremony, I suppose that we could extend it to leaders of parties who are also Privy Councillors, which would bring in Mr. Stewart and Mr. Molyneux as well as Dr. Owen. But my own feeling is that it would be better to stick to the normal rule. Agree? *Yes not*

*The Ministry of Defence are content to accept our guidance on this and the Chief Whip agrees with the above advice.*

F.R.B.

23 September, 1983

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LOOSE MINUTE

D/PS(A) 80/8/7 PS12(A)

Sep 83

2nd PUS

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DS Sec

MOUNTBATTEN STATUE UNVEILING CEREMONY AND RECEPTION - PROGRAMMES FOR THE  
PRIME MINISTER AND SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT

1. As you are aware detailed planning for the Ceremony and the Reception is well advanced, and there is a need to establish the precise involvement of the Prime Minister and other senior members of the Government.

2. After informal discussion with the Prime Minister's Private Secretary, *subject to the Prime Minister's approval (which should be obtained when the programme has been completed but before it has been finally approved by the Queen)* he has agreed that the Prime Minister's programme should be as at Enclosure 1.

Mr Thatcher will act as a private guest throughout the event.

3. The following senior members of the Government will be attending:

Viscount Whitelaw  
The Rt Hon Sir Geoffrey Howe  
The Rt Hon Michael Heseltine  
The Rt Hon Patrick Jenkin  
The Rt Hon Leon Brittan  
Mr John Stanley  
Lord David Trefgarne

Lord President of the Council  
The Foreign Secretary  
The Defence Secretary  
The Environment Secretary  
The Home Secretary  
Minister of State for the Armed Forces  
Under Secretary of State for the  
Armed Forces

A proposed programme for the Secretary of State for Defence is at Enclosure 2. There would be no need for other senior members of the Government to be involved in the Ceremony. I suggest, however, that they host the Foreign Crowned Heads at the Reception, apart from The Foreign Secretary who will be escorting the Foreign Ministers of India and Burma. My proposed solution is at Enclosure 3. It is not yet known how many Foreign Crowned Heads will be attending. I understand that you have also suggested that The Chiefs of Staff could help if necessary.

4. I would very much hope to receive a reply to these proposals by 12 Oct so that The Defence Services Secretary is able to brief The Royal Household on 19 Oct.

W E WINDER  
Brig  
DDPS(Army)

Enclosures:

1. Proposed Prime Minister's Programme.
2. Proposed Secretary of State for Defence's Programme.
3. Proposed programme for senior members of the Government.

MOUNTBATTEN STATUE UNVEILING

PROPOSED PRIME MINISTER'S PROGRAMME

1. At 1030 arrive by car at Foreign Office Green (The Ground) and proceed to the Royal Dais.

2. At 1048, <sup>after the</sup> ~~the~~ Secretary of State for Defence <sup>has taken up</sup> ~~his~~ seat, leave the Royal Dais with Countess Mountbatten of Burma, and move to the main entrance of the Ground.

*order of precedence*

3. At 1050 receive the Crowned Heads of Foreign Royal Families.

*order of precedence*

4. At 1055 receive Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother. (In this and the former case the Royal Guests will be conducted to their seats by Ushers).

5. At about 1103 receive The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh after The Queen has inspected the Guard of Honour. Then with Countess Mountbatten conduct The Queen to the Royal Dais. All other guests stand

*who walks with whom?*

6. On arrival on the Dais, <sup>guests are seated after The Queen sits down. Prime Minister remains standing and</sup> make a short speech of welcome and invite The Queen to unveil the Statue. <sup>Prime Minister</sup> ~~Return to seat~~ <sup>Remains standing</sup>

7. After The Queen has spoken, accompany The Queen with Countess Mountbatten while Her Majesty unveils the Statue, returning to the Dais on completion.

*Pattern of march  
Queen  
Countess Mountbatten PM*

*All sit down*

*Mr. Rocky  
Wicks comes forward  
presents book of dawn*

8. At about 1120 (after the Dedication) The Queen, The Duke of Edinburgh and Countess Mountbatten will leave the Royal Dais with those in Attendance to

meet those involved in the Statue Appeal and members of Ex-Servicemen's Associations. <sup>As Her Majesty leaves her seat, Prime Minister rises to take leave of PM (? and Duke of Edinburgh)</sup> Take leave of Her Majesty and leave The Ground by the main entrance. Go by car to the RUSI front entrance by way of Horse Guards Arch.

*Then shortly after  
Royal Party is  
proceeding  
to presentation  
leaves between  
the Royal Dais  
and Stand B.*



9. At about 1135 receive The Queen and other members of the Royal and Mountbatten Families at the front entrance of the RUSI. They will be conducted to the RUSI Lecture Theatre for pre-Reception refreshment by Gentlemen Ushers and members of the Household.

10. When all the Royal and Mountbatten guests have arrived, proceed to the RUSI Lecture Theatre to join Her Majesty .

11. After all the Royal guests apart from The Queen, The Duke of Edinburgh The Queen Mother and Foreign Crowned Heads have joined the Reception, <sup>the Prime Minister will be given the word to</sup> proceed to the Banqueting House by way of the first floor of RUSI.

12. At about 1200 receive The Queen at the Reception and accompany Her Majesty until she leaves.

13. At 1245 accompany The Queen, The Duke of Edinburgh and The Queen Mother to the front entrance of the Banqueting House from whence they will leave for Buckingham Palace.

14. Rejoin the Reception. Take up position in front of Her Throne to say farewell to <sup>Royal</sup> guests. [All Royal guests will have left by ]

15. <sup>After an interval</sup> ~~Thereafter~~ leave Her Reception by RUSI entrance and proceed to Buckingham Palace in time to arrive by

MOUNTBATTEN STATUE UNVEILINGPROPOSED PROGRAMME FOR SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DEFENCE

1. At 1030 arrive by car at Foreign Office Green (The Ground) and wait at the main entrance facing the Horse Guards Approach Road.
2. At 1035 receive members of Foreign Royal Families other than crowned heads.
3. At 1040 receive members of The Royal Family. (In this and the former case the Royal guests will be conducted to their seats by Ushers). When the last Royal guest arrives, conduct them to their seats, and then go to own seat in VIP stand B. (This will be the cue for The Prime Minister to leave the Royal Dais with Countess Mountbatten).
4. At the end of the Ceremony (after the dedication) step forward to be presented to The Queen by the Defence Services Secretary. Then accompany Her Majesty during the 'Walkabout', first of all presenting to The Queen:

Rear Admiral Sir Leslie Townsend	}	Trustees of the Statue Appeal
Sir Arthur Hockaday		
Mr Ewen Broadbent	}	the Sculptor
Mr Franta Belsky		the Architect
Mr Charles Pollard		the Contractor
Lord McAlpine		McAlpines Supervisor
Mr Peter Garvey		the Site Foreman
(tbn)		the bronze caster
Mr Jack Crofton		the inscriber of the Book of Donors
Mr Keith Robertson		the Bookbinder
Mr Alan Winstanley		the Secretary of the HMS KELLY Re-Union Association
Mr Rocky Wilkins		
Chief Officer Valerie Thomas	}	Mountbatten Statue Appeal
Senior Aircraft Woman Debra Lewis		

The same presentation will be made to The Duke of Edinburgh by The Defence Services Secretary, and to The Queen Mother by Brigadier Winder, DDPS(Army).

5. Then continue to accompany The Queen while Her Majesty meets members of the Services and Ex-Service Associations who have been standing during the Ceremony.
6. After The Queen has left the Ground at 1135, move by car with The Defence Services Secretary and Brigadier Winder to the front entrance of RUSI via Horse Guards Arch.

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7. Pass through the RUSI building to the Banqueting House by way of the first floor. Wait in the Reception until the entry of The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.
8. Accompany the Duke of Edinburgh throughout the Reception until he leaves with The Queen at 1245 from the front entrance of the Banqueting House.
9. Rejoin the Reception.

MUMBAI EN STATE UNVEILINGPROPOSED PROGRAMME FOR SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENTAT THE CEREMONY

No direct involvement other than the Secretary of State for Defence (see separate programme at Enclosure 2), and the Foreign Secretary who may be escorting the Foreign Ministers of India and Burma.

AT THE RECEPTION

Viscount Whitelaw	Present senior members of the Government to their guests, namely:
The Defence Secretary	The Duke of Edinburgh
The Environment Secretary	HM The King of Norway *
The Home Secretary	TRH The Princess Juliana of the Netherlands and The Prince of The Netherlands. *
Mr John Stanley	HM Queen Ingrid Queen Mother of Denmark *
Lord David Trefgarne	TM King Constantine and Queen Anne-Marie of the Hellenes

\* Subject to acceptance of the Invitation.

The Defence Services Secretary will accompany The Queen Mother. Viscount Whitelaw will join The Queen Mother after making the presentations. Senior members of the Government will take their Royal guests to a specific group where a nominated Group Leader will bring forward other guests to present. At the end of the Reception, or when required, the hosts will conduct their guests back to RUSI from whence they will depart by car for the next engagement.

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PERSONAL



10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Principal Private Secretary*

24 September, 1983.

Mountbatten Statue

Before replying to your letter of 13 September about invitations to the unveiling ceremony of the Mountbatten Statue, I thought that I should look at our policy across the board. It does seem that the normal policy is in line with that followed for the cenotaph, and I think that it would be right to stick to that for this occasion also. In other words, I agree with the proposal in the second paragraph of your letter that representation at Party leader level would be restricted to the Prime Minister, Mr. Foot and Mr. Steel, who are also co-sponsors of the appeal, and to the new leader of the Opposition when we know who he is.

F. E. R. BUTLER

E. Broadbent, Esq., CB, CMG,  
Ministry of Defence.

PERSONAL

THE RT. HON. DAVID STEEL, M.P.

*WR Sean*

*File with WR*



HOUSE OF COMMONS  
LONDON SW1A 0AA

*Handwritten notes:*  
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...  
...

19th September 1983

Dear Mr. Flesher,

Further to my telephone conversation with your private office this morning, I am writing to confirm that Mr. Steel will now be able to attend the reception following the unveiling ceremony for the Earl Mountbatten statue on Wednesday 2nd November.

He looks forward to the occasion.

Yours sincerely,

*Beverley Miles*

Beverley Miles  
Private Office

Timothy Flesher, Esq  
The Private Secretary  
10 Downing Street  
London SW1

Royal Family: Mountbatten

Ante: Pt 2.

HOUSE OF COMMONS  
LONDON W6 0AA

From: E Broadbent CB CMG  
Second Permanent Under Secretary of State

2nd PUS/889/83



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13 September 1983

R Butler Esq  
PPS  
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*Dear Robin*

MOUNTBATTEN STATUE

We spoke about the possible embarrassment that could be caused to the Government if Dr Owen were invited to attend the unveiling ceremony for the Mountbatten statue; you were particularly concerned at the precedent that might be set for this year's Cenotaph service. The question also arose as to whether, if Dr Owen did attend, Messrs Stewart and Molyneux as leaders of other minority parties in the Commons should also be invited.

2. You will therefore be relieved to hear that we were able to hold up the despatch of an invitation to Dr Owen. I assume we do not do so which would obviate the need to send invitations to Messrs Stewart and Molyneux. Representation at party leader level will then be restricted to the Prime Minister, Mr Foot and Mr Steel, all of whom are co-sponsors of the Mountbatten Statue appeal; and the new leader of the Labour party who will receive an invitation once we know who it is! I assume you accept he should receive a last minute invitation.

*Y*      *end*  
*Evans*

PERSONAL



LOOSE MINUTE

D/PS(A)80/8/8 PS12(A)

September 1983

FCO

Diplomatic Protection Group (Met Police)

Downing Street (No 10) *1983*

DOE (Royal Parks)

MOUNTBATTEN STATUE UNVEILING - USE OF FOREIGN OFFICE GREEN

1. A statue of Earl Mountbatten will be unveiled by The Queen on Foreign Office Green on 2 Nov 83. About 1,000 people will attend the ceremony which will involve laying out stands and blocks of seating as described on the attached blueprint. This minute will acquaint you with what is involved, and how it will affect the approaches to the FCO.
2. At an on-site meeting between Mr Joce (No 10 Downing St), Chief Superintendent Bromley (DPG) and the Mountbatten Project Officer it was agreed that a tiered stand (RE Stand) could be placed as shown near the Downing St garden wall. The stand would need a wire mesh and hessian screen at the back up to a height of 5m. This will be arranged.
3. Blocks C and D, and the RE stand, will also obstruct the road leading to the FCO but to a limited extent. Blocks C and D (chairs placed at ground level) will be positioned during the week 24-28 Oct, but there will be sufficient room for a car to pass behind them. The RE stand will be in position 31 Oct - 2 Nov (inc).
4. Interference with access to the FCO is regretted, but it is assumed that this will be acceptable in the circumstances.

*I D G Garnett*

I D G GARNETT  
Commander RN  
PS12(c)  
Mountbatten Statue  
Project Officer  
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Enclosure:

1. Blueprint of site

ROYAL DAIS - RAF DAIS  
SEATING 12

V.I.P.s - 2 STANDS SEATING 75 EACH  
= 150  
(SEATS @ 600 CRT, ROWS @ 300 CRT)

MAIN SEATING  
4 BLOCKS AS SHOWN  
= 768  
(SEATS @ 510 CRT, ROWS @ 300 CRT)

V.I.P.s  
5 ROWS OF 15  
= 75.

ROYAL DAIS  
12 SEATS

V.I.P.s  
5 ROWS OF 15  
= 75.

PRELIMINARY

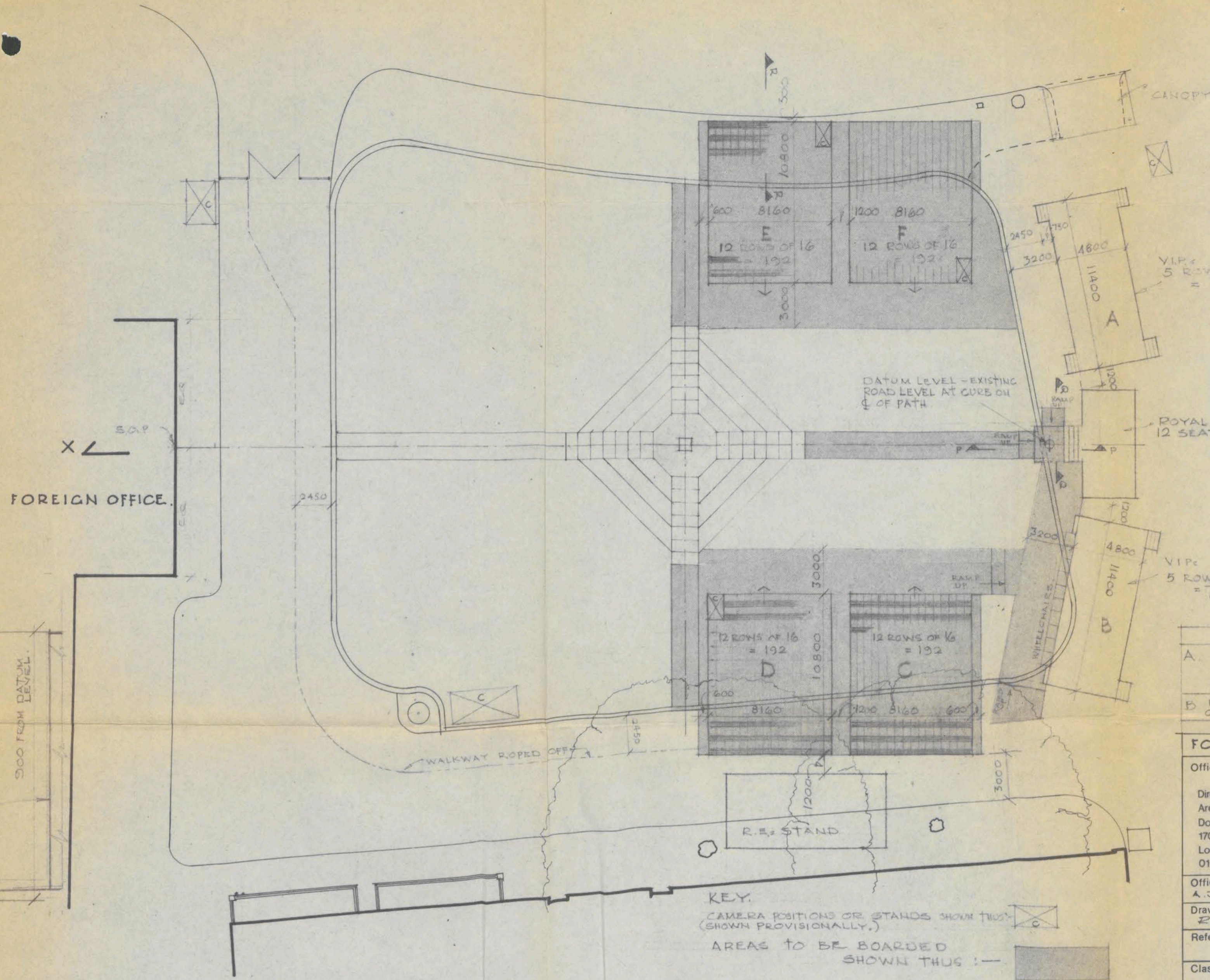
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- B. R.E. STAND ADDED. WHEELCHAIR POSITIONS & RAMP ADDED. CAMERA POSITIONS SHOWN PROVISIONALLY. RW 24/83

FOREIGN OFFICE GREEN.

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9 September 1983

PERSONAL AND RESTRICTED

Thank you very much for your letter of 9 September about the Mountbatten Statue. I am reassured by what you say and am very grateful to you for looking into this matter.

F. E. R. BUTLER

E. Broadbent, Esq., C.B., C.M.G.,  
Ministry of Defence.

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From: E Broadbent CB CMG  
Second Permanent Under Secretary of State

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9 September 1983

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*Dear Robin*

When I came over to see you a few days ago about the Mountbatten statue you raised the question of its protection.

2. My people have spoken to Cannon Row who are well aware of the concern. Both the policemen on the beat and the Diplomatic Protection Group have been given appropriate instructions.
3. I conclude that reasonable precautions have been taken.

*✓* *ever*  
*Ernie*

PERSONAL AND RESTRICTED

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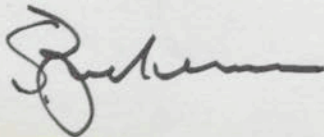
Timothy Flesher Esq.,  
Private Secretary to  
the Prime Minister,  
10 Downing Street,  
London W1.

15th August, 1983

Dear Mr Flesher,

Thank you for your letter of 4th August  
about the unveiling ceremony for the Earl  
Mountbatten of Burma statue. I have put the  
date in my diary and shall be there.

Yours sincerely,



Loyal family  
cc MGD



The Barlins

In the Countess

Shroburn

Dorset

DTG & QA

14.8.53

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Dear Dishes

Thank you for your

letter of 4<sup>th</sup> August. Will you

please convey my thanks to the

Prime Minister for her kind

invitation to the unveiling of

the memorial to the statue on 2<sup>nd</sup>

November, and to the reception

at the Banqueting House after

the ceremony, which I shall

Rouse family  
Mountbatten  
pr 2



be delighted to attend unless  
something unforeseen intervenes.

Yours sincerely

John Harding

ROYAL FAMILY, FOREIGN ROYALTY AND MOUNTBATTEN FAMILY

Royal Family

Mountbatten Family

Countess Mountbatten  
 Lord Brabourne  
 Lord and Lady Romsey  
 The Hon M-J Knatchbull  
 Lady J Knatchbull  
 Lady A Knatchbull  
 The Hon P Knatchbull  
 The Hon T Knatchbull  
 Lady P Hicks  
 Mr D Hicks  
 Mr A Hicks  
 Miss E Hicks  
 Miss I Hicks  
 The Marchioness of Milford Haven  
 The Marquess of Milford Haven  
 Lord I Mountbatten  
 Mary Lady Delamere  
 Countess of Brecknock  
 Mrs Harold Phillips  
 Major and Mrs D Butter

*File on papers about  
 Mountbatten statue unveiling. (Note:  
 the invitation to Dr. Owen has been held up and I  
 have asked the Chief Whip's office for advice on Party leaders  
 The Duchess of Abercorn to be invited)  
 Mrs Marian Eastwood  
 Mr Peter Eastwood*

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Foreign Royal Families

The King of Norway  
 Princess Juliana and The Prince of the Netherlands  
 Queen Ingrid Queen Mother of Denmark  
 The King and Queen of Sweden  
 The King and Queen of Spain  
 King Constantine and Queen Anne-Marie of the Hellenes  
 Princess Irene of Greece  
 Prince and Princess George William of Hanover  
 The Princess of Hesse and The Rhine  
 The Prince and Princess of Hohenlohe-Langenburg  
 Princess Beatrix of Hohenlohe-Langenburg  
 The Margrave and Margravine of Baden  
 Princess Tomislav of Yugoslavia  
 Mrs R van Eyck  
 Princess Margaretha, Mrs John Ambler  
 Mr John Ambler

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Plus:

In Attendance from Royal Households 12  
 In Attendance on Foreign Royalty 10

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Gentlemen Ushers to The Queen 14  
 Lord Chamberlain 1  
 Comptroller and Assistant Comptroller Lord Chamberlain's  
 Office 2  
 Master of the Household 1  
 The Queen's Press Secretary 1  
 Keeper of the Privy Purse 1  
 FORY 1  
 Captain of The Queen's Flight 1

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GROUP 1 - VIP LIST 1

Mr and Mrs Belsky (the Sculptor)	2
The Bishop of London	1
<u>Sponsors</u> - Prime Minister (+ Mr Thatcher), Foot, Steel, John, Harding, Boyle, Trevelyan, Zuckerman	9
<u>Trustees</u> - Nott, Heseltine, Hockaday, Townsend, Broadbent	5
<u>Assessors</u> - Lewin, Kaye, Piper, Casson, Bowness, Moore	6
<u>Secretary's of State etc</u> - Lord President of the Council, FCO, Environment, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Home Office	5
<u>Ministers</u> - Min Def (AF), US of S (AF)	2
<u>Former PMs</u> - McMillan, Wilson, Home, Callaghan, Heath	5
<u>Party Leaders</u> - [Owen and] .....(Labour)	2
<u>Chiefs of Staff</u> - CDS, CNS, CGS, CAS	4
Lord Lieutenant of Greater London	1
Lord Mayor of Westminster	1
<u>PUS's</u> Secretary of the Cabinet Defence FCO <i>Amson</i> <i>TJ</i> <i>Hre</i>	3

GROUP 2 - DIPLOMATIC CORPS

Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps - Lt Gen Sir John Richards	1
Vice-Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps - Hon Eustace Gibbs	1
Assistant Marshal - Mr Stanley Martin	1
The Commonwealth Secretary General	1
The High Commissioners for:	
Australia	
Bahamas	
Bangladesh	
Canada	
India + Wife	
Malaysia	
New Zealand	
Singapore	
Sri Lanka	10
The Acting High Commissioner for:	
Malta	1
The Ambassadors of:	
Belgium	
Burma + Wife	
China	
Denmark	
Dominican Republic (Dean of the Diplomatic Corps)	
France	
Germany (Federal Republic)	
Ireland (Republic of)	
Luxembourg	
Nepal	
Netherlands	
Norway	
Pakistan	
South Africa	
Spain	
Sweden	
Thailand	
United States	19
<u>Foreign Ministers</u>	
India + Wife	2
Burma + Wife	2

GROUP 3 - VIP LIST 2

Former CDS's - Dickson, Hull, Elworthy, Hill-Norton, Carver, Ashmore, Cameron	7
<u>Admirals of the Fleet</u> - Begg, Pollock, Leach	3
<u>FM's</u> - Cassels, Gibbs + General Sir Peter Hunt (former CGS)	2
<u>MRAF</u> - Harris, Grandy, Spotswood, Beetham	4
<u>PPO's</u> - VCDS(P&L). 2SL, AG, AMP	4
DGNPS/DPS(Army)/DGPS(RAF)	3
CPR	1
PPS to PM	1
GOC London District	1
CGRM	1
Admiral Brockman	1
Col Life Guards	1
Col The Royal Hampshire Regiment	1
Col The Parachute Regiment	1
Col The Queen's Own Highlanders	1
Major General The Brigade of Gurkhas	1
Bty Comd 289th Cdo Bty RA (Vols)	1
Lord Mayor of London	1
Lord Provost of Edinburgh	1
Lord Mayor of Portsmouth	1
Chairman GLC	1
Commissioner Metropolitan Police	1
Commissioner St John's Ambulance	1
Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire	1
Chairman Hampshire County Council	1
Lord McAlpine	1

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GROUP 3 - VIP LIST 2 (Cont'd)

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Sir James Spooner	1
Lord Mountbatten's Life Guards ADC	1
Lord Mountbatten's RM ADC	1
Admiral Sir Derek Empson	1
Rear-Admiral P N Hawes	1
Lt Col Sir Vivian Dunn	1
Major General P Mitchell (Canadian co-ordinator)	1
Mr and Mrs W Charles Williams (a principal benefactor)	2
Mr Roy Kirk (William & Glyn's - Appeal Fund Bankers)	1
The Lord Chancellor	1
The Speaker of the House of Commons	1

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GROUP 4 - REPRESENTATIVE CONTRIBUTORS

Major Institutions (by ballot)	5
Private Individuals (by ballot)	5

GROUP 5 - STATUE PROJECT

<u>Steering Committee</u>	5
<u>Unveiling Committee</u>	4
<u>Mountbatten Statue Appeal</u> - Thomas, Lewis, Flynn, Smith, Gresty, Cant	6
<u>Royal Fine Art Commission</u>	2
<u>McAlpines</u> - Scott, Garvey	2
<u>Book of Donors</u> - Winstanley, Robertson	2
<u>Westminster City Planning Officer</u> - Mr I Lacey	1
<u>Architect</u> - Mr C T Pollard	1
<u>Foundry</u> - Mr Jack Crofton	1

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GROUP 6 - REPRESENTATIVES OF HM FORCES

	<u>SEAT &amp; RECEPTION</u>	<u>CEREMONY ONLY SEAT</u>	<u>STANDING</u>
RN (incl WRNS & QARNNS)	15	20	20
RM	5	10	10
ARMY (incl WRAC & QARANC)	10	10	10
RAF (incl WRAF & PMRAFNS)	10	10	10
	<u>40</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>50</u>

GROUP 7 - REPRESENTATIVE ORGANISATIONS

		<u>CEREMONY &amp; RECEPTION</u>	<u>CEREMONY ONLY SEAT</u>	<u>STANDING</u>
Royal Naval Association		3	30	30
Royal Marines Association		2	20	20
Royal Air Forces Association		2	10	10
Life Guards Association		2	10	10
Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry		2	-	-
Burma Star Association		2	30	30
Chindits Old Comrades Association		1	10	10
Kelly Reunion Association		5	20	-
The Commando Association		1	10	10
Association of Wrens		1	10	10
National Federation of Far East PoW Clubs		2	15	15
King George's Fund for Sailors		2	-	-
British Commonwealth Ex-Service League		2	-	-
Royal Naval Sailing Association		1	-	-
Royal British Legion (incl Women's Section)		6	30	30
SSAFA		2	20	20
The Royal Canadian Legion		2	-	-
Mountbatten Memorial Trust		2	-	-
The Earl Mountbatten of Burma Memorial Society, Calgary, Alberta		2	-	-
Sir Winston Churchill Society Canada		2	-	-
Elder Brethren of Trinity House		2	-	-
International Council of United World Colleges		2	-	-
Eaton House School, Eaton Gate, London		1	-	-
Mountbatten School, Hemel Hemstead		1	-	-
Mountbatten School, Romsey		1	-	-
Royal Automobile Club		1	-	-
The Worshipful Company of Grocers		1	-	-
The Worshipful Company of Mercers		1	-	-
The Worshipful Company of Shipwrights		1	-	-
The Worshipful Company of Salters		1	-	-
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GROUP 8 - SPECIAL FAMILY RELATIONSHIP LIST

John Barrett Esq CVO  
The Viscount Astor  
The Hon Mrs Sarah Baring  
Mrs Robin Compton  
Lieutenant Commander and Mrs Robert De Pass  
Sir Rupert Hart-Davis  
Major General Sir Robert Neville KCMG CBE  
Mrs Emma Pilkington  
Alan Campbell-Johnson Esq CIE OBE  
Miss Barbara Cartland  
Captain G A French CBE RN (Ret'd)  
Miss Aideen Gore-Booth  
Dr Lawson McDonald MA MD FRCP FACC  
Mr Henry Manton  
Lady Alexandra Metcalfe CBE  
Mr Eric Sampson  
The Dowager Viscountess Slim  
The Viscount Slim  
Sir Charles Strong  
Mr Kenneth Stronach  
Sir Charles Stroughton CBE MC TD  
Mr E Watson  
Captain Andrew Yates MVO RN  
Philip Ziegler Esq  
Sir David Wills CBE  
H H The Rajmata of Jaipur  
Mr and Mrs Douglas Fairbanks  
Mrs Pandit  
Mrs Heather Hodges  
Mr Michael Hodges  
Surgeon Captain Preston  
Lord and Lady Porchester  
Miss Cynthia Brodie  
Rear Admiral D H Everett  
Lord Adeane  
Lord Charteris  
Mr Jeremy Bradford

IOW (12)

Sir John Nicholson Bt KBE CIE  
Mr J S Horsnell  
Miss F D Johns MBE  
Rear-Admiral J L Blackham CB DL  
Major General Sir Robert Pigot Bt CB OBE RM DL  
Air Commodore J M Birkin CB DSO OBE DFC AFC MA DL  
Mr F Hodgson  
Mr W G Gray  
Mr L G Daish  
Surgeon Captain R S McDonald MRCS LRCP DMRD RN (Ret'd)  
Mr L H Vaines OBE  
PC D Gurd  
Chairman IOW County Council  
(Selection by the IOW Lieutenancy)

GROUP 10 - BROADLANDS

Mayor of Test Valley (Mr Porter) 1

Mayor of Romsey (Mr Gale) 1

Chairman of the Parish of Romsey Extra (Mrs Bunting) 1

(+ 44 to follow)

DRAFT PROGRAMME FOR THE MOUNTBATTEN STATUE UNVEILING CEREMONY AND RECEPTION

ORDER OF CEREMONY

NOTES

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- 1000 The Band of The Life Guards under the direction of Major A J Richards LRAM, ARCM, LGSM will play a selection of music while guests are assembling.
- 1050 A Guard of Honour of The Royal Navy found by HMS EXCELLENT with The Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines (Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command) will be drawn up on Horse Guards Approach Road.
- 1052 Standard Bearers of Service Associations will march on and take up position behind the Statue.
- 1055 Members of Foreign Royal Families other than The Crowned Heads arrive and will be escorted to their seats in the VIP Stand.
- 1040 Members of The Royal Family arrive and will be escorted to their seats in the VIP Stand.
- 1050 Crowned Heads of Foreign Royal Families arrive, are received with a Royal Salute and will be escorted to their seats in the VIP Stand.
- 1055 Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother, arrives and is received with a Royal Salute. The National Anthem will be played. All spectators will stand and compliments will be paid. Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother is then escorted to Her seat.
- 1100 Her Majesty The Queen accompanied by His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, will arrive and be received with a Royal Salute. The National Anthem will be played. All spectators will stand and compliments will be paid. The Queen will inspect the Guard of Honour, drawn up on Horse Guards Approach Road.

The Guard of Honour will give a Royal Salute but National Anthem will not be played. The Prime Minister and Countess Mountbatten of Burma will receive them on arrival.

The Prime Minister, Countess Mountbatten of Burma and The Defence Services Secretary will meet Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother on arrival.

On arrival The Queen will be met by The Defence Services Secretary.

At the entrance to the Ground The Queen will be received by The Prime Minister and Countess Mountbatten of Burma.

Plan of the Ground attached (Annex A)

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh proceed to the dais accompanied by The Prime Minister and Countess Mountbatten of Burma. The route will be lined by detachments from The Services. The Lord Bishop of London will be present at the steps of the dais.

Seating plan attached (Annex B)

1105 The Prime Minister will make a short speech of welcome and will invite The Queen to unveil the Statue.

1110 The Queen speaks.

The Queen accompanied by The Prime Minister and Countess Mountbatten of Burma will walk forward to the statue.

1115 The Unveiling

A Fanfare will be sounded by The State Trumpeters of the Household Cavalry.

The Queen accompanied by The Prime Minister and Countess Mountbatten of Burma will return to the Dais.

The Secretary of the Kelly Reunion Association will move forward to the Dais bearing the Book of Donors, which he will present to Countess Mountbatten of Burma.

A commentary will be given explaining this presentation.

Countess Mountbatten of Burma replies.

The Rt Rev The Rt Hon The Lord Bishop of London will say a prayer of dedication.

A copy of the Prayer is attached (Annex

The Queen, and The Duke of Edinburgh will leave the Dais accompanied by The Prime Minister and Countess Mountbatten of Burma, with those in attendance. Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother, will leave her seat and join The Queen. The Prime Minister will present to The Queen:

Rear Admiral Sir Leslie Townsend	}	The Trustees
Sir Arthur Hockaday		
Mr Ewen Broadbent		

ORDER OF CEREMONY

NOTES

Mr Franta Belsky, the Sculptor  
Mr Charles Pollard, the Architect  
Lord McAlpine, the Contractor  
Mr Peter Garvey and the site foreman  
Mr Jack Crofton, the bronze caster of the statue  
Mr Keith Robertson, the inscriber of the Book of Donors  
Mr Alan Winstanley, the Bookbinder  
Mr Rocky Wilkins, the Secretary of The Kelly Reunion Association  
Chief Officer Valerie Thomas  
Senior Aircraft Woman Debra Lewis } Mountbatten Statue Appeal

The Prime Minister will take leave of Her Majesty and go to the Banqueting House - RUSI entrance.

The Secretary of State for Defence, the Rt Hon Michael Heseltine MP will make the same presentations to Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother,

The Queen, Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and The Duke of Edinburgh will then move behind the statue accompanied by The Secretary of State for Defence and those in attendance and will walk along the enclosure where representatives of Service Associations and public subscribers will be standing to watch the ceremony.

1135 The Queen, Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, and The Duke of Edinburgh will leave the ground followed by other Members of The Royal Family, The foreign Crowned Heads and The Mountbatten Family.

Cars will move via Horse Guards Approach Road, Birdcage Walk and Parliament Square into Whitehall and will set down at the RUSI entrance to The Banqueting House.

The Guard of Honour will give a Royal Salute.

1140 The Guard of Honour will march off.

All guests attending the reception at The Banqueting House will immediately move on foot to the Banqueting House across Horse Guards Parade and through Horse Guards Arch.

ORDER OF CEREMONY

NOTES

11/10-1200 Invited guests assemble in The Banqueting House.  
Others disperse under their own arrangements.

ARRANGEMENTS AT THE BANQUETING HOUSE WHITEHALL

1140 HM The Queen, Members of The Royal Family, Members of Foreign Royal Families and The Mountbatten Family assemble at The Royal United Services Institution. Drinks will be served.

(The Prime Minister will receive The Queen on arrival)

By 1200 Guests assemble in groups at The Banqueting House. The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh walk to the Banqueting House reception. On arrival a fanfare will be played. Other members of The Royal Family, Foreign Royal families the Mountbatten family and The Prime Minister will be escorted to join the reception.

1245 The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh will leave The Banqueting House and return to Buckingham Palace via Whitehall and The Mall. Guests invited to attend luncheon at Buckingham Palace will leave The Banqueting House.

1330 Luncheon at Buckingham Palace for those invited.

Other guests leave the reception by 1330 hrs.



UNVEILING OF MOUNTBATTEN STATUE

Annex 'A'

HORSE  
GUARDS  
PARADE

DOWNING  
STREET

No. 10 GARDEN WALL

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DIPLMATIC  
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AND OTHER  
VIP'S

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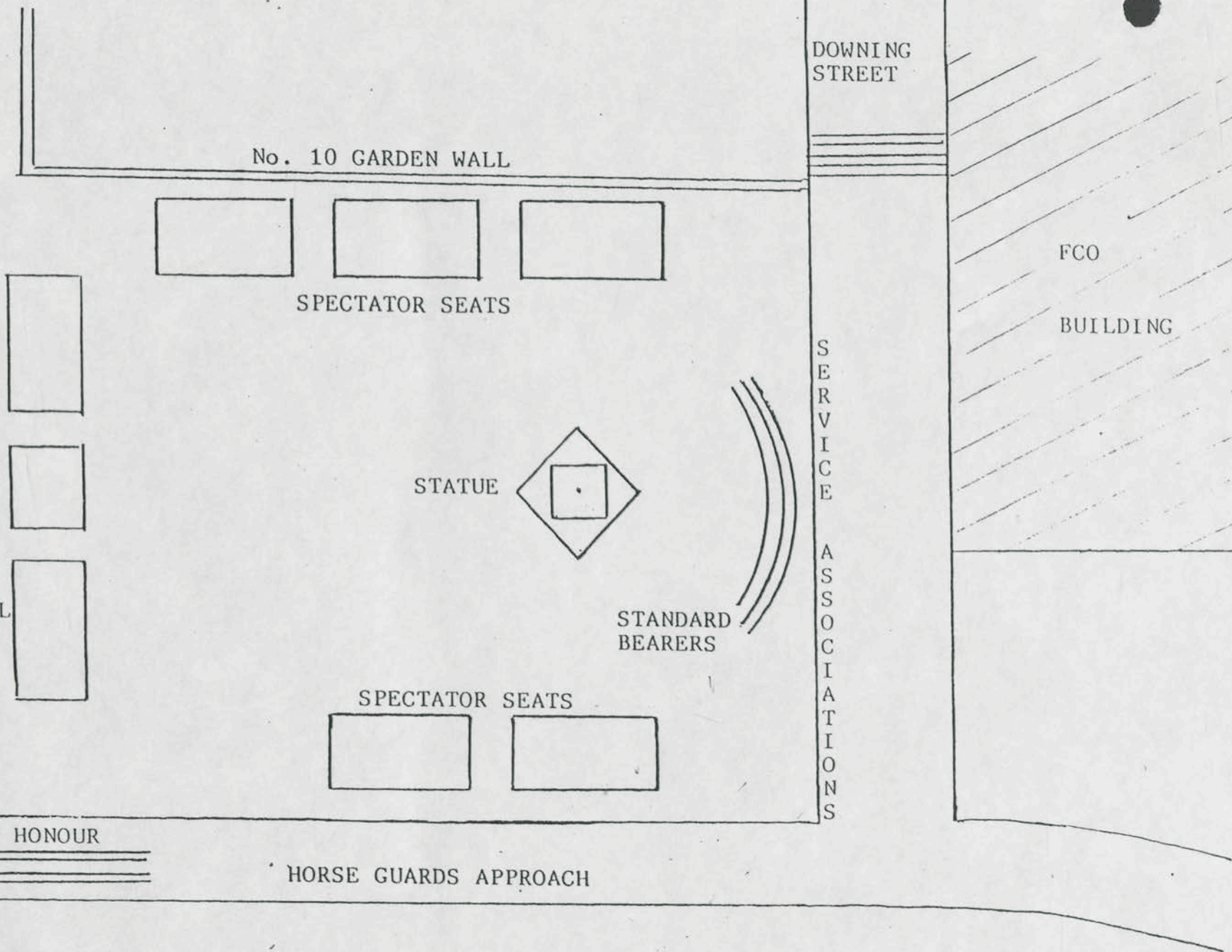
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SPECTATOR SEATS

GUARD OF HONOUR

HORSE GUARDS APPROACH

ST JAMES'S PARK



S E A T I N G   P L A N   -   R O Y A L   D A I S

STATUE

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Lady Pamela Hicks	Countess Mountbatten of Burma	The Duke of Edinburgh	THE QUEEN	The Prime Minister	The Lord Bishop of London
Mr David Hicks	Lord Brabourne	Lady-in-Waiting	Sir Philip Moore	Maj Gen J M Palmer	Equerry

TOTAL 10

\* Microphones

MOUNTBATTEN PRAYER

In the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
we hallow and dedicate this Statue as a memorial to  
Louis, Earl Mountbatten of Burma. Accept, we beseech  
thee, this memorial of thy servant, Louis, who by thy  
grace rendered unto thee true and laudable service;  
and grant that it may encourage those who come after  
to honour thee, their Sovereign and Country in like  
manner to the benefit of thy Church and people;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN

FAIR GALLOP  
BRIGHTON ROAD  
SWAY  
HAMPSHIRE SO4 0EA  
LYMINGTON 682322

c.f.

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8.8.83

Dear Mr. Fletcher,

I thank you very  
much for your letter of the  
4<sup>th</sup> August.

I have noted Wednesday  
2<sup>nd</sup> November in my diary and  
have every intention of being  
present at the unveiling ceremony.

Yours sincerely  
Dennis Bole

24 DUCHESS OF  
BEDFORD HOUSE  
LONDON W8 7QN  
TEL. 01-937 3125

lg  
Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>

Dear Mr Flesler.

I am writing on my  
husband's behalf to thank you  
for your letter about the  
arrangements for the unveiling  
ceremony for the Earl Mountbatten  
of Burma statue on November 2<sup>nd</sup>

He will be delighted to  
accept the Prime Minister's  
invitation & hopes to be able to  
attend the reception in the

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Banqueting House after the ceremony.

As my husband is disabled & confined to a wheelchair there may be a problem of access. Perhaps earlier the time you would very kindly let him know if it is possible to get into the Banqueting House without more than one or two steps. I shall have to accompany him to the ceremony as he can't manage the chair by himself.  
Yr sincerely  
Reggie Therbyan.

THE RT. HON. DAVID STEEL, M.P.



HOUSE OF COMMONS  
LONDON SW1A 0AA

5th August 1983.

Dear Mr. Flesher,

Mr. Steel has asked me to thank you for your letter of 4th August about the Earl Mountbatten statue unveiling on Wednesday 2nd November at 11am.

He is very glad to be able to accept for the ceremony itself, but I am afraid he already has a lunch that day, so will not be able to stay for the Banqueting House reception.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'T. Horton'.

Miss T. Horton.  
Private Secretary.

Timothy Flesher, Esq.,  
The Private Secretary,  
10 Downing St.,  
London SW1.

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Royal Family : Mountbatten Memorial  
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HOUSE OF COMMONS  
LONDON W.C.2

COMMUNIST PARTY





Similar letters to:

The Lord Zuckerman  
 The Rt. Hon. Michael Foot  
 Sir Dermot Boyle  
 Sir Caspar John  
 The Rt. Hon. David Steel  
 The Lord Trevelyan

10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Private Secretary*

4 August, 1983

You may by now have heard that Her Majesty The Queen has agreed that the unveiling ceremony for the Earl Mountbatten of Burma Statue should take place on Wednesday, 2 November. As one of the co-sponsors of the Statue Appeal, the Prime Minister thought that she should let you know the broad outline of the arrangements, which have been approved by Her Majesty.

The ceremony will take place on the Foreign Office Green starting at about 11 o'clock. The Prime Minister will open with a short address. The Queen will then speak and unveil the statue. This will be followed by a presentation to Countess Mountbatten of Burma by a veteran of HMS Kelly, and then by a short speech by Countess Mountbatten and a prayer by the Bishop of London. After the ceremony the Prime Minister and other members of the Government will host a reception in the Banqueting House which she hopes that you and the other sponsors will be able to attend as well as representatives of those who contributed to the Appeal and some overseas visitors.

A formal invitation will be sent nearer the time, together with further details of the ceremony. The Prime Minister very much hopes you will be able to come and she looks forward to seeing you on the day.

TIMOTHY FLESHER

Field Marshal The Lord Harding of Petherton, GCB, CBE, DSO, MC



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

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The ceremony will take place on the Foreign Office Green starting at about 11 o'clock. *I have to over with* I will ~~first~~ deliver a short address. The Queen will then speak for ~~a few minutes~~, and ~~will afterwards~~ unveil the statue. This will be followed by a presentation to Countess Mountbatten of Burma by a veteran of HMS Kelly, and then by a short speech by Countess Mountbatten and a prayer by the Bishop of London. After the ceremony I and other members of the Government will host a reception in the Banqueting House *I hope that* to which you and the other sponsors will be *able* invited as well as representatives of those who contributed to the Appeal and some overseas visitors.

~~Naturally you will be sent~~ *will be sent -* a formal invitation *(nearer the* time, together with further details of the ceremony. I very much hope you will be able to *come* ~~attend~~ and I look forward to seeing you on the day.

Field Marshal The Lord Harding of Petherton, GCB, CBE, DSO, MC.



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

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I know that by November, you will have stood down for the time, together with further details of the ceremony. I very much hope you will be able to attend and I look forward to seeing you on the day.

leadership of the Labour Party,  
but as a cosponsor of the  
Appeal

The Rt. Hon. Michael Foot, M.P.



10 DOWNING STREET

~~Tim~~ ~~Sue~~ <sup>sq</sup>  
Is fine  
all right with  
the Palace

Attached is the  
draft invitation  
for the Unveiling  
Ceremony on  
2 Nov. Is this  
OK?

Sue

Palace have cleared so  
Miss Thomas will go ahead  
with printing of the  
card  
Sue 1/8/83



Would you  
sign 18  
MS

10 DOWNING STREET

(3)

Prime Minister

Sir Philip Moore telephoned today to tell me the arrangements approved by the Queen, which I have reflected in this (and the other) letters. The Queen is entirely content that you - as host - should speak first; and that She, and you, with Countess Mountbatten should hereafter go forward to unveil the statue. She hopes that all the speeches will be short! The presentation will

be of a book of signatures of those  
who have given towards the  
statue.

MCS 29/7

M E M O R A N D U M

From: Chief Officer O V Thomas  
OBE WRNS  
Mountbatten Statue Appeal  
Room 8288  
Main Building Ext: 6043

29 July 1983  
To Miss Susan Goodchild  
No 10 Downing Street

Very many thanks for your help in clearing  
the attached invitation.

Valerie Thomas

DRAFT INVITATION

The Prime Minister and Her Majesty's Government

request the honour of the Company of

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at the Unveiling

of the Memorial Statue

to

Admiral of The Fleet The Earl Mountbatten of Burma

KG, PC, GCB, OM, GSCI, GCIE, GCVO, DSO

by

Her Majesty The Queen

on The Foreign Office Green, Horse Guards Parade

at 11 am on Wednesday 2nd November 1983

(followed by a Reception at The Banqueting House Whitehall)

RSVP by 25 Sep 83  
Ministry of Defence PS12(Army)  
Room 337 Lansdowne House  
Berkeley Square  
London W1

If you accept this invitation the appropriate tickets will be sent to you. You will be asked to be seated by 10<sup>50</sup> am.





MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
MAIN BUILDING WHITEHALL LONDON SW1A 2HB  
Telephone 01-~~836 2000~~ 218 2111/3

MO 27/5/1/1

13th July 1983

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PMS signature

Dear John,

MOUNTBATTEN STATUE

Now that the Palace has announced the date and outline form of the unveiling ceremony for the Earl Mountbatten of Burma Statue, we felt that it would be courteous if the Prime Minister, as one of the sponsors of the Statue Appeal, were to write to the other sponsors informing them of the details and confirming that they will be invited to attend the ceremony and the reception.

/ I attach a draft of a letter which the Prime Minister might send to her co-sponsors together with a list of their names and addresses.

Yours ever,

(J E RIDLEY) (MISS)

A J Coles Esq

DRAFT LETTER FROM PRIME MINISTER TO CO-SPONSORS

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NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF SPONSORS

The Rt Hon Michael Foot MP, House of Commons, London SW1

The Rt Hon David Steel MP, House of Commons, London SW1

Admiral of the Fleet Sir Caspar John GCB, Trethewey, Mousehole,  
Penzance, Cornwall TR19 6QQ

Field Marshal The Lord Harding of Petherton GCB CBE DSO MC,  
The Barton, Nether Compton, Sherborne, Dorset

Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Dermot Boyle, GCB KCVO KBE AFC  
Fair Gallop, Brighton Road, Sway, Hants

The Lord Trevelyan KG GCMG CIE OBE, 24 Duchess of Bedford House, W8

The Lord Zuckerman OM KCB FRS, University of East Anglia, Norwich,  
NR4 7TJ

MFJ

14 June 1983

Thank you for your letter of 13 June about the arrangements for the unveiling of the Mountbatten statue. The Prime Minister has agreed to the arrangements proposed in your letter and no doubt you will be in touch nearer the time about the details.

TIM FLESHER

Miss J.E. Ridley  
Ministry of Defence

VC



MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
MAIN BUILDING WHITEHALL LONDON SW1A 2HB  
Telephone 01-~~930XXXX~~ 218 2111/3

MO 27/5/1/1

13th June 1983

Dear John,

Prime Minister:

Agree to  
these arrangements?

Yes m J

MOUNTBATTEN STATUE

In March my Secretary of State undertook to consult the Prime Minister about the arrangements for the unveiling ceremony. We now understand that HM The Queen would give her approval to a programme along the following lines: <sup>13/6</sup>

Unveiling Ceremony on Foreign Office Green

Speech by the Prime Minister (5 minutes)  
Speech by Countess Mountbatten of Burma (5 minutes)  
Prayer by the Bishop of London  
Unveiling by The Queen

Reception

To be given by the Prime Minister and the Government either at Lancaster House or in the Banqueting Hall. Representatives of those who contributed would be invited to attend; this will include a number of overseas visitors.

Followed by Lunch

To be given by The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh at Buckingham Palace for the Royal Family, the Mountbatten family, the Prime Minister, Cabinet Ministers, the Chiefs of Staff, Mr Belsky (the sculptor) and possibly one or two distinguished people from overseas and others closely associated with Lord Mountbatten.

A J Coles Esq



The morning of 2nd November can be regarded as a firm date for the unveiling, though this should remain in confidence until the Press release is made by Buckingham Palace. We estimate that the ceremony will start at 11 a.m.

My Secretary of State is content with these arrangements. I should be grateful for confirmation that the Prime Minister is also.

Yours ever,

Jane Ridley

(J E RIDLEY) (MISS)

Royal Family,  
Mountbatten,  
Pt 2



115 JUN 1983





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Awaiting  
further comment  
from MTD

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
MAIN BUILDING WHITEHALL LONDON SW1

Telephone 01-~~920 2022~~ 218 2111/3

MO 27/5/1/1

18th April 1983

*Tim*  
we must negotiate  
a date soon - the  
drawing is getting v. full.

Dear Caroline,

Arrangements are going ahead for the detailed planning of the Mountbatten Statue Ceremony.

I understand the Prime Minister has offered to host a luncheon at No 10 which would be preceded by a reception. As it would be administratively more convenient to co-locate the two events at Lancaster House, I should be grateful if you would seek the Prime Minister's agreement to these new plans.

Yours ever

(W ANDERTON) (MISS)

Ms C M Stephens



Royal Family,  
Mountbatten Memorial,  
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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
WILLIAM MOUNTBATTEN LONDON SW1

11/8 April 1964



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