

Prime Minister

The proposed delegation is Foreign and Commonwealth Office
 slightly smaller than the
 one which went to Melbourne.

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Content? Yes not

15 July 1983

do you want Michael Alison to come? Yes please.

A.S.C. 22/7. The Commonwealth
 Conference is important -
 as so many nations attend,
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Jan. 1981,

Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM): New Delhi
1983

It is time to consider the composition of the British Delegation to the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in New Delhi from 23 to 30 November. We have drawn up the enclosed provisional list which also takes into account the findings of the recent reconnaissance visit to India by a team from the FCO Protocol and Conference Department and by Leslie Wright of the Cabinet Office. As it stands, the delegation numbers 58 as compared with 67 for Melbourne in 1981.

As far as senior officials are concerned, the composition of the team has to take account of the likely shape of the agenda which the Commonwealth Secretariat expect to issue in draft in late September. But I think we can be certain that developmental issues and Southern Africa (in particular Namibia and sporting contacts) will feature prominently. I am sure that it would also be helpful, as in 1981, to have someone from the Overseas Development Administration. We have also followed the 1981 precedent by including the Chief Political Correspondent from the COI.

The numbers of communications and security staff will be smaller than those for our delegation to Melbourne, since we will be able to use staff from the High Commission in New Delhi - a much larger post than the Consulate-General in Melbourne. On the other hand, the High Commission will not be able to provide as much clerical and secretarial support as was provided at Melbourne by the Canberra High Commission. So the extra staff will have to be flown out from Britain.

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Since both the Prime Minister and the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary will need to maintain close contact with London, the three communications officers shown will be needed to reinforce the existing team in the High Commission. The Royal Military Police detachment will provide safe-hand services and guard the delegation offices during the night: we are planning to take four fewer than in 1981, since High Commission staff will be able to take on some of these duties.

? Unless you/ or No 10 see objection, we shall work on this basis for the time being.

I am copying this letter and enclosure to Sir W Ryrie (ODA) and to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R B Bone', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

(R B Bone)
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq
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COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING (CHOGM):
NEW DELHI, 23-30 NOVEMBER 1983

PROVISIONAL LIST OF UK DELEGATION

<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Supporting Staff</u>
<u>No 10 Downing Street</u>		
1	Prime Minister*	
2	Parliamentary Private Secretary	? ✓
3-4	Private Secretaries (2)	
5	Chief Press Secretary	
6	Assistant Press Secretary	
7-8		Duty Clerks (2)
9-11		Secretarial Assistants (3)
12-14		Detectives (2)
15		Personal Assistant (Tessa) Linda Bond.
<u>Cabinet Office</u>		
16	Secretary of the Cabinet (Sir R Armstrong)	
17		Personal Assistant
18	Communications Coordinator (Mr Wright)	
<u>Foreign and Commonwealth Office</u>		
19	Secretary of State	
20-21	Private Secretaries	
22-23		Personal Assistants
24-25		Detectives
26	Permanent Under-Secretary	
27	Deputy Under-Secretary (Political) (Sir J Leahy)	

* Accompanied by spouse



<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Supporting Staff</u>
28	Deputy or Assistant Under-Secretary (Economic)	
29	Head of News Department (Mr Goulden)	
30	Head of Commonwealth Coordination Department (Mr Goldsmith)	
31		Personal Assistant
32	Delegation Secretary (Mr Byrne)	
33		Conference Officer (Mr Hall)
34		Assistant Conference Officer
<u>Overseas Development Administration</u>		
35	Under-Secretary (Mr Ainscow)	
<u>Central Office of Information</u>		
36	Chief Political Correspondent	
<u>Additional Support Staff</u>		
37		Assistant Delegation Secretary
38-40		Delegation Archivists
41-43		Shorthand-typists
44-51		Royal Military Police detachment
52-54		Communications Officers
<u>British High Commission, New Delhi</u>		
55	British High Commissioner (Sir R Wade-Gery)	
56	Deputy High Commissioner (Mr Samuel)	
57	First Secretary (Mr Stark)	
58		Delegation Accountant

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

25 July 1983

COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING

Thank you for your letter of 15 July.

The Prime Minister has approved the proposed delegation to the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting in New Delhi in November.

A. J. COLES

Roger Bone, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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MR. ALISON

The Prime Minister would be grateful
if you could accompany her to the Commonwealth
Heads of Government meeting in New Delhi
from 23 to 30 November, 1983.

A. J. COLES

25 July 1983



MR COLES

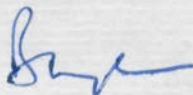
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CHOGM/ATHENS

No 10 Press Office and FCO News Department take one secretary between them to Summits and arrange this between them.

You will recall that Linda Bond went to Stuttgart in place of Angela Lawrence, John Goulden's PA.

We have agreed that Linda Bond should go to CHOGM and Angela Lawrence to Athens.



B. INGHAM

4 October 1983

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

14 October 1983

Dear John,

CHOGM Delegation

You wrote on 25 July to say that the Prime Minister had approved the provisional list of the British delegation which we sent you on 15 July.

We would now like to add one Counsellor to the FCO list. The present Head of Commonwealth Co-ordination department, Alick Goldsmith, is leaving the Department immediately after CHOGM on posting to Hong Kong. His successor, Arthur Watson, who was High Commissioner in Brunei until earlier this year, will therefore be responsible for co-ordinating and implementing whatever action may be required as a result of CHOGM; and Sir Antony Acland believes that he could do this more effectively if he had first-hand experience of the Meeting. It would be very useful for him to get at first hand the feel of a Head of Government Conference and see some of the personalities and the members of the Commonwealth Secretariat in action.

Watson would travel on the Prime Minister's plane, and the only extra expense would therefore be for his hotel accommodation. Perhaps you would let me know if you see any problem about this.

I am copying this letter to Richard Hatfield in the Cabinet Office.

John
John Holmes
(J E Holmes)
Private Secretary

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From the Private Secretary

14 October 1983

CHOGM Delegation

Thank you for your letter of 14 October.
I see no difficulty about the addition of
Arthur Watson to the list of the British
delegation.

A. J. COLES

John Holmes, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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