



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

22 July 1983

Dear Brian,

FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE: STRATEGY

In my letter of 27 June I described the agenda for the meetings at Chequers on 8 and 9 September and said that the Prime Minister would decide later who would be invited to participate.

Since I wrote that letter, the Prime Minister has given further thought to the form of the meetings and has reached the conclusion that it would be valuable to begin the two-day session with a meeting with some academic experts on East/West relations. She envisages this meeting lasting the whole of the morning of 8 September and the discussion continuing over lunch.

Mr. Michael Kaser of St. Antony's College has been invited to prepare the discussion and arrange for papers to be prepared. Invitations have been sent to a further seven academic experts. I shall let you know the names of the participants when we have a complete list of acceptances (I doubt whether all on our first list will in fact be available at that time).

In the light of the above it will be necessary to revise somewhat the agenda contained in my earlier letter. I enclose with this letter a new agenda and a list of participants whom the Prime Minister has asked me to invite.

It is necessary, for reasons of space, to keep the number of those attending within reasonable bounds. The meeting with academic experts is not intended to embrace defence aspects of East/West relations except incidentally. The Prime Minister would therefore not wish to trouble the Secretary of State for Defence and MOD officials with that part of the proceedings, but would be most grateful if, as indicated in the enclosed paper, they could arrive at Chequers for the afternoon internal policy discussion on East/West relations on 8 September. Should it prove necessary to extend this discussion it will continue on the morning of 9 September, taking some of the time reserved for Arms Control and Disarmament which, perhaps, will not need the whole morning.

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I am copying this letter and enclosure to Richard Mottram (Ministry of Defence), Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office), Jonathan Spencer (Department of Trade and Industry), John Kerr (HM Treasury) and Robert Lawson (MAFF). To those private secretaries who have not received earlier correspondence about the meetings, may I stress that the fact that these meetings are taking place should be closely guarded. We wish, in particular, to avoid any knowledge of them on the part of the media.

*Yours ever*

*John Colles.*

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CHEQUERS MEETINGS: 8 and 9 SEPTEMBER

8 SEPTEMBER: EAST/WEST RELATIONS

Morning (0900)

8 outside experts (see separate list)

Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary

Mr. Rifkind

Sir A. Acland

Sir J. Bullard

Sir Ian Sutherland (if available)

Mr. Mackintosh

Sir A. Parsons

Mr. Butler

Mr. Coles

Lunch (1300)

For all the above

Afternoon (1430) (to discuss papers and formulate a practical plan  
of action)

Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary

Mr. Rifkind

Sir A. Acland

Sir J. Bullard

Sir Ian Sutherland (if available)

Mr. Cartledge

Defence Secretary

Sir C. Whitmore

CDS

Mr. Blelloch

Mr. Goodall

Mr. Mackintosh

Sir A. Parsons

Mr. Butler

Mr. Coles



9 SEPTEMBER

Morning (0930) (Arms Control and Disarmament)

Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary

Lady Young

Mr. Luce

Sir A. Acland

Sir J. Bullard

Sir Ian Sutherland (if available)

Mr. Cartledge

Defence Secretary

Sir C. Whitmore

CDS

Mr. Blelloch

Mr. Goodall

Mr. Mackintosh

Sir A. Parsons

Mr. Butler

Mr. Coles

Lunch (1300)

The above plus the Trade Secretary, Mr. Pattie and Mr. Egerton

Afternoon (1430) (The Middle East)

Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary

Lady Young

Mr. Luce

Sir A. Acland

Sir J. Bullard

Sir J. Craig (if available)

Mr. Egerton

Defence Secretary

Sir C. Whitmore

Mr. Pattie

Trade Secretary

Mr. Goodall

Sir A. Parsons

Mr. Butler

Mr. Coles



9 SEPTEMBER (Contd)

1600 approx

The European Community

Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary

Mr. Rifkind

Sir A. Acland

Sir J. Bullard

Sir M. Butler

Mr. Hannay

Chancellor of the Exchequer

Mr. Littler

Minister of Agriculture

Mr. Williamson

Sir A. Parsons

Mr. Butler

Mr. Coles