

KC Defence Sept 83
PM's visit to BFG

PRIME MINISTER

VISIT TO THE NETHERLANDS AND GERMANY - MEDIA ARRANGEMENTS

You will be accompanied by six writing journalists and five broadcasters - BBC TV and radio, ITN, IRN and COI. (Names at Annex A).

A BBC TV camera crew will travel with you throughout the visit and an ITN crew will join the press party at Valkenburg airport and leave it at Bonn.

Local press representatives will appear at various points in the programme.

The main media arrangements are as follows:

Netherlands

1. Photographic cover of your arrival in the Netherlands - Valkenburg Airport. I shall try to arrange for the BBC TV crew to leave the VC10 ahead of you so they can film you leaving the 'plane.
 2. Photographic coverage of your arrival at the European Space Centre at approx. 10.20am, and one photocall inside the Centre in a dust-free area. The press will be wearing overalls.
 3. A photographic pool to picture you with Queen Beatrix as you are about to leave for lunch with Lubbers - mute filming only.
 4. A photographic pool to cover your first meeting with Lubbers. Sound will be allowed for background only.
 5. You will hold a joint press conference with Lubbers at 5.00pm. The local tradition is to allow the opening statements to be recorded and then to have half an hour of questioning for writing journalists which should not be televised or recorded. The last 15 minutes are for TV and radio.
- A room is available adjacent to the conference room for any radio or TV interview requests you may wish to meet after the press conference.
6. Yet another photopool as you arrive for dinner in the evening.

7. Lubbers will pay a farewell call at 10.15am - and there may be a photocall to cover this. In addition a few minutes may be set aside for you to brief British journalists after your working breakfast and before Lubbers arrives.

Germany

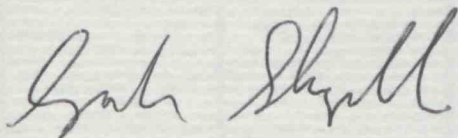
The arrangements in Germany are less formal in that the press party will follow parts of your programme rather than appear at particular points for photocalls.

1. The travelling press will join your briefing at 4.30pm on the 20th and stay with your programme for 1 hour.
2. They will then rejoin you at 8.00am the following morning on the flight to Gutersloh and follow your programme until the press conference arranged for 12.50pm in Munster.
3. The travelling press stay with you throughout the rest of the day.
4. Army public relations staff are arranging for German journalists and some British press in Germany to cover parts of your visit.

A group of 12 reporters from Bonn, some German nationals and British correspondents, will follow the same programme as the travelling press. A further 30 German journalists, including TV and radio, will turn up for the 12.50pm press conference and those who wish to follow the rest of the day's programme will be able to do so.

Bonn

There will be a photocall as you arrive for dinner with Chancellor Kohl. Any post-dinner briefing will take place on the aircraft on the return flight to London.



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PRESS PARTY ON NETHERLANDS AND GERMANY VISIT, 19-21 SEPTEMBER, 1983

1. Writing Journalists

David Kemp	-	Sun
Nicholas Comfort	-	Daily Telegraph
Anthony Smith	-	Daily Star
Alan Cochrane	-	Daily Express
Robert Porter	-	Daily Mail
Christopher Moncrieff	-	Press Association

2. Broadcasters

David Walter	-	ITN
John Simpson	-	BBC TV
Phil Longman	-	IRN
Geoffrey Wareham	-	BBC Radio
Martin Smith	-	COI Radio

3. TV Crews

Douglas Dalgleish)	BBC TV
Derrick Collier)	
Marc Robberechts)	ITN (Joining the party at
Eddy de Boech)	The Hague and leaving
Edwin van der Meersh)	at Bonn).