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Dear John

SUMMIT: LADIES PROGRAMME

1. I enclose a copy of a minute by the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary's Social Secretary, which explains the arrangements for ladies programmes during the Summit.
2. For the four wives who are coming (Mrs Reagan, Mrs Nakasone, Mrs Craxi and Mrs Thorn) we offered a visit to Leeds Castle and lunch on 8 June, a visit to Trooping the Colour Rehearsal on 9 June followed by a lunch given by Lady Howe.
3. Mrs Reagan decided not to take part in any of these events - she has one or two modest items on her programme including a charity visit in the Regent's Park area, no doubt with the domestic electorate in mind. Mrs Nakasone eventually got cold feet about Leeds Castle, but is going to the Trooping the Colour. Mrs Craxi and Mrs Thorn are doing everything.
4. In all cases the gesture of offering a programme was appreciated.
5. All four Heads of Delegation wives are, of course, attending The Queen's banquet on 9 June.

John Coles,
Richard

N J Barrington

copy to: Richard Hatfield Esq
PS/Sir R Armstrong

Mr Harris
minutes to No 10
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Mr N J Barrington (ECSU)

- Copy to: Lady Howe
- Mrs Brittan
- Mrs Lawson
- Lady Harding
- PS
- PS/PUS
- Mr S Wall (ECD(I))
- Mr M Uden (FED)
- Mr P Spiceley (WED)
- Mr D Harris (ECSU)
- Mr I Roberts "
- Mr N Dickerson "
- Colonel Durrant (Protocol)
- Miss J Reid "
- Miss M Lawrence (GHF)

ARRANGEMENTS FOR WIVES OF HEADS OF DELEGATES ATTENDING THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT

The following have accepted invitations to the three functions organised for the ladies who will be here during the Economic Summit:

LEEDS CASTLE: FRIDAY 8 JUNE

- Lady Howe
- Mrs Anna Craxi (no English))
- Interpreter (name to follow)) Italian
- Signora Sigrid Cagiati (speaks English))
- Madame Liliane Thorn-Petit (speaks English)) EC Commission
- Mrs Anthony Hartley)
- Lady Harding

The drive to Leeds Castle is expected to take 1½ hours. The Foreign guests will go in their own Embassy cars. A car will be required to collect Lady Harding from 33 Moore Street, Chelsea SW3 (time to be decided) and then go to 1 Carlton Gardens, SW1 for Lady Howe so that she will be at Leeds Castle to greet the guests and meet Lord Geoffrey Lloyd before the others arrive. He will be sending today letters of welcome to all participants, enclosing literature on the Castle, with suggested timings and a route map.

TROOPING THE COLOUR REHEARSAL: SATURDAY 9 JUNE

- Mrs Nigel Lawson
- Mrs Yasuhiro Nakasone)
- Madame Kiyo Hirahara) Japan
- Miss Yoko Yajima (interpreter for Mrs Nakasone))
- Mrs Anna Craxi
- Interpreter
- Signora Sigrid Cagiati
- Madame Liliane Thorn-Petit
- Mrs Anthony Hartley

Mrs Lawson will accompany the guests to the Trooping. The best solution would seem for this group to meet at No 11 Downing Street.

The doorkeeper will be on duty and Mrs Lawson has kindly offered to give all the guests coffee at ? 10 a.m. No 10 are looking into the possibility of the group going via the garden to Horse Guards where they have seats on the Prime Minister's stand J. We need a time for when they have to be in their seats. An usher/escort will be required to guide them from No 11 to their seats. I hope it will be possible for the Embassy cars to be left in Downing Street and that Mrs Lawson may share one of them to go on to lunch at 1 Carlton Gardens (? car for Mrs Lawson's return to No 11). The Japanese peel off here. Mrs Lawson has asked for a resumé of the Trooping ceremony so she may brief herself in case of questions.

LADY HOWE'S LUNCH AT 1 CARLTON GARDENS: 9 JUNE, 12.30 FOR 12.45

Lady Howe
Mrs Anna Craxi
Interpreter (can sit behind)
Signora Sigrid Cagiati
Madame Liliane Thorn-Petit
Mrs Hartley
Mrs Leon Brittan
Mrs Nigel Lawson

Invitation cards are being issued "in confirmation". The lunch will be at a round table in the Small Dining Room with pre-lunch drinks in the White Drawing Room. I will be at 1 Carlton Gardens together with Miss Lawrence from GHF.

Personality notes will be required from Protocol Department on all the foreign ladies for Lady Howe, Mrs Brittan, Mrs Lawson and Lady Harding. Could these please be sent to me, together with the Trooping resumé for Mrs Lawson.

Could Protocol Department now let me have precise timings so that I may inform the "home team". Would Protocol kindly inform the Embassies.

Duncan Lothian

~~D F Lothian~~
Social Secretary

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