



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

Mr Hatfield

Economic Summit: Prime Minister's dinner on
7 June

The Prime Minister has considered further the arrangements for this dinner.

You should know that her present inclination is not to bring her guests through to Sir Robert Armstrong's office to watch the Beating of the Retreat. Mrs Thatcher is more inclined to watch this event briefly from the Pillared Room while taking coffee and then take her guests, with the minimum of delay, back to the State Dining Room for further talks.

To some extent, this will depend on circumstances on the night. If the Prime Minister believes that it will not be useful to prolong the talks, she may wish to use the option of taking her guests to Sir Robert Armstrong's office. But on present plans this is unlikely.

The Prime Minister is most anxious that the departure arrangements for her guests should not be complicated by the ending of the Beating of the Retreat. I should be grateful to know urgently what thought has been given to this.

You should also know that the Prime Minister may wish to ask a senior Cabinet Minister to receive her guests at the door to No 10. I shall let you have further information about this point shortly.

John Coles

4 June 1984

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Richard has assumed that your concern at 'x' is about the PM's guests leaving Downing Street and gaining access into Whitehall. He has said that they should not experience any difficulties - as people leaving the Beating will depart via St James's and the two will not meet.

Peter
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1) Mr Gales ^{4/6}

2) Prime Minister

There is a short historical
note on the first page

Dear David, of the programme.

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We spoke earlier this afternoon about the Beating Retreat ceremonies on Horse Guards Parade this week involving the Household Division; and you asked for a note on what was involved.

The ceremony will take place on most evenings this week, but the timings differ from night to night. Tomorrow (Tuesday 5th June) it starts at 6.30 pm and finishes by 7.30 pm; General Sir John Stanier, the Chief of the General Staff, will take the salute. On Wednesday 6th June and Thursday 7th June the ceremony will be floodlit, and will begin at 9.30 pm and finish by 10.30 pm; on Wednesday HRH The Duke of Kent will take the salute, and on Thursday the salute will be taken by Major General Sir George Burns. I understand that on Thursday the Prime Minister's Guests will be watching part of the ceremony from Sir Robert Armstrong's office.

I enclose four copies of the programme for the ceremony, showing the order of music to be played by the Massed Bands and Massed Pipes and Drums of those formations taking part, and giving a short note on the derivation of Beating Retreat. As you will note, the horses of the Household Cavalry will be taking part; but there will be no armour (eg tanks) involved.

If you would like any further information about the ceremonies please let me know. I understand, however, that the Headquarters of the Household Division have liaised over the programme with Nicholas Barrington, the Summit Co-ordinator.

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