

Prime Minister

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The Carnival is Saturday

It's Finchley Carnival day, so lunch won't work.

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MR POWELL

Can i do lunch on Fri

Agree to see him on the morning of 12 July & suggest that Lord President or Foreign Secretary give lunch?

Monsieur Giscard d'Estaing, the former President of the French Republic, has accepted an invitation to give the annual Ditchley Lecture at Ditchley on the evening of Friday 12 July. He will be accompanied on his visit to this country for this purpose by Madame Giscard d'Estaing.

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2. The organisers are wondering whether, as this will be in the nature of a public visit, the Prime Minister would like to have the opportunity of meeting Monsieur Giscard while he was here. Given that he has to be at Ditchley in the evening one possibility, if the Prime Minister wanted to pay him a courtesy as a former President, would be for her to entertain him and Madame Giscard to lunch on Friday 12 July.

3. I should be very glad if you could let me know whether the Prime Minister would like to receive Monsieur Giscard on the occasion of this visit, and if so when, so that I can give the organisers at Ditchley an idea of what to plan for.

REA

ROBERT ARMSTRONG

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