

PRIME MINISTER

VISIT TO VANCOUVER FOR EXPO '86

A full programme has been worked out for this visit on Saturday 12 July. I attach a summary. It is virtually all trade promotion and should get good media coverage.

The intention is that you would set out for London again on the Sunday morning, stopping off for a couple of hours in Montreal to see Mr. Mulroney.

The one outstanding point is the question of the Royal Ballet. Princess Margaret remains adamant in her determination to be present. The High Commissioner's considered advice is that you should attend as well. He argues that:

- the Royal Ballet is our main contribution to the cultural programme associated with Expo;
- as guest of honour for British Day, your absence would give rise to speculation;
- giving a concurrent dinner party for business and political leaders would present some of them with a difficult and perhaps embarrassing choice;
- it is envisaged that you would give a major reception after the Ballet. Princess Margaret will be giving her own small party.

Agree in the circumstances to attend the Ballet?

Yes not

Agree the rest of the programme?

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CHARLES POWELL

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VISIT TO VANCOUVER

Saturday 12 July

0830-0915 Meeting with businessmen in the hotel
0945 Visit UK Pavilion and meet exhibitors
1030 Present Sunbird Sailboat for the Disabled to
Mayor of Vancouver
1035 Meet three young Britons cycling across North and
South America to raise money for cancer research
1040 Walk through EC Pavilion (we are the President)
1050 Travel up the river by Hovercraft
1100 Arrive Plaza of Nations
1110 National Day Ceremony begins.
Flag-raising, address of welcome, bands, fly-past
1140 Meeting with Premier of British Columbia in BC
Pavilion
1230 Lunch at Canada Place
1420-1540 Visit three British store promotions
1600 Visit BREL Railbus demonstration
1635 Press Conference
1730-1930 Rest and hair
2000 Royal Ballet
2300 Reception