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From the Private Secretary

24 June 1986

**PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO VANCOUVER
FIT OF BRITISH AIRWAYS CONCORDE**

Thank you for your letter of 23 June about the seating arrangements for Concorde. This looks perfectly acceptable.

It would be helpful to have in due course, to deal with possible Parliamentary Questions:

(a) an assessment of the cost to HMG of the journey by Concorde, perhaps comparing it to what would have been the cost of using the VC 10;

(b) details of the number of seats which have been sold to businessmen and journalists.

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Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's Visit to Vancouver:
Fit of British Airways Concorde

/ The front section of Concorde (Rows 1-10 on the attached plan) has been set aside for the Prime Minister, Mr Thatcher and the official party.

British Airways propose to remove the second row of seats, so that the Prime Minister and Mr Thatcher, sitting in the third row, will have more room. For meals, and if the Prime Minister wishes to work at a table, the front row will be used, where there are tables against the bulkhead.

The Prime Minister's and Mr Thatcher's luggage will be cabin-loaded and put into wardrobes (see plan). The classified boxes will be put on seats at the rear of the official compartment, tied down if necessary.

/ A suggested seating plan is set out on the attached plan of Concorde.

All other passengers, ie businessmen, press, British Airways officials etc, will be seated in the rear section of the aircraft (Rows 11, 12 and 14-26).

A complete passenger list will be sent to you before the departure on 11 July.

Yours ever,
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Concorde

Row 1

Prime Minister Mr Wicks
Mr Thatcher Mr Powell

for working and meals

Row 2

Removed

Row 3

Prime Minister
Mr Thatcher

Row 4

Mr Wicks
Mr Powell
Mr Ingham
Mrs Ryder

Row 5

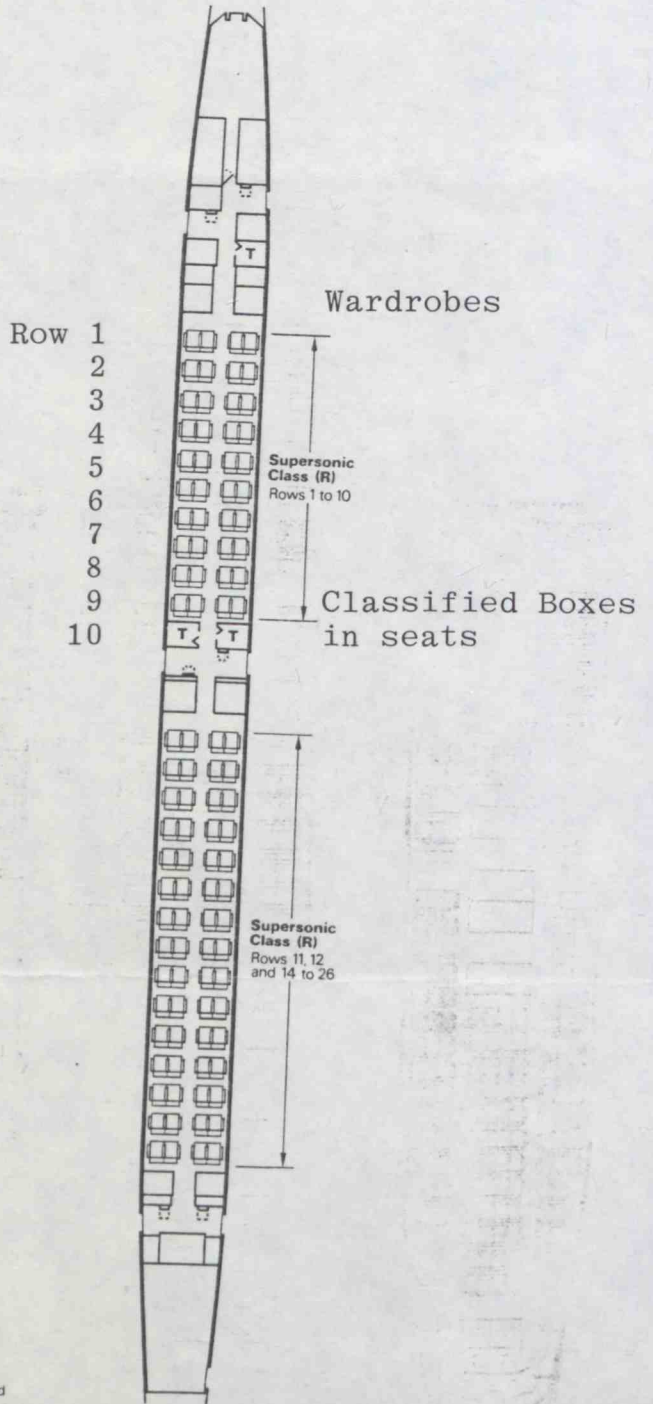
Miss Ross
Miss Outred-Rhodes
Mrs Reinholt-Webb

Row 6

Supt Waller

Rows 7-10

Spare and for Classified Boxes



Non-smoking zones are situated
at the front of each cabin