

PRIME MINISTER

cc Tessa Gaisman

**AUSTRALIA**

You agreed with Mr. Hawke that he would visit the UK next summer with a team of Ministers. John Coles is anxious to settle dates now, as well as a number of other details.

DATES

The most promising period looks likely to be 20-24 June. I attach your diary for that time. It is not ideal: you have <sup>the Welsh Conference</sup> a regional tour slotted in for 23 June and the European Council in the next week. But you would probably need to be involved on the first two days only (Mr. Hawke will probably want to go to the Test Match on 23/24 June); and they are better than the alternative which is 4-7 July (close to the Economic Summit and the inward State visit).

Agree to the period 20-24 June?

FORMAT

The idea is that there should be a seminar-type discussion between teams of Ministers on one day, followed by a Trade Conference on the next day.

One possibility would be to hold the talks down at Chequers on Wednesday 21 June with a working lunch (indeed you might like to invite Mr. and Mrs. Hawke to stay down at Chequers on the night of Tuesday 20 June). You could then return to London on the evening of 21 June to prepare for questions and Cabinet. You would need to be prepared to make an appearance at least at the Trade Conference on Thursday 22 June, and give a big dinner at No. 10 that evening.

Agree this format?

PARTICIPATION

The recommendation is that other Ministers taking part should be the Foreign Secretary, the Chancellor, the Defence Secretary and the Trade and Industry Secretary, together with their Australian counter-parts.

John Coles also suggests that the invitation to London should be extended to wives.

Agree on both points?

CDP

C. D. POWELL

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KKIADH

I am very worried  
about the timetable. I don't  
like being absent from London  
on Tuesday <sup>night</sup> morning Wednesday.  
However I doubt whether it is  
right to start at the present.  
I should prefer to start at  
Downing Street

Friday 21 April

FINCHLEY COCKTAIL PARTY

Wednesday 3 May

Lunch for 1922 Committee

Friday 5 May

? CCO

Family Party

Monday 8 May

Keep free for speech writing

Tuesday 9 May

STATE BANQUET - BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Wednesday 10 May

Lunch in honour of President Babangida - No.10

Keep free for speech

Thursday 11 May

ATTEND RETURN STATE BANQUET

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Friday 12 May

SCOTTISH CONFERENCE

Monday 22 May

EUROPEAN CANDIDATES CONFERENCE AND MANIFESTO LAUNCH

Wednesday 24 May

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Thursday 25 May

HOUSE RISES?

Tuesday 30 May

EURO PRESS CONFERENCE

Wednesday 31 May

KEEP FREE - OVERSEAS?

wednesday 7 June

REGIONAL TOUR

Saturday 10 June

Trooping the Colour?

Monday 12 June

EURO RALLY

Wednesday 14 June

FINAL EURO PRESS CONFERENCE

CONFIDENTIAL

Thursday 15 June  
Euro Elections

Tuesday 20 June  
AUDIENCE?

Friday 23 - Saturday 24 June  
WELSH CONFERENCE

Monday 26 -Tuesday 27 June  
EUROPEAN COUNCIL

Wednesday 28 - Friday 30 June  
? Keep free

+ Srdj Visir.

Friday 7 July  
FINCHLEY CARNIVAL (or 14th)

Thursday 13- Sunday 16 July  
ECONOMIC SUMMIT

Friday 21 July  
REGIONAL TOUR?

Monday 4 September  
IPU CENTENARY CONFERENCE

Monday 11 - Friday 15 September  
KEEP FREE

Friday 29 September  
REGIONAL TOUR?

Tuesday 10-Friday 13 October  
PARTY CONFERENCE

Saturday 21 October  
FINCHLEY SPECIAL BALL

Wednesday 25-Tuesday 31 October  
KEEP FREE?

Friday 27 October  
FINCHLEY LADIES LUNCH

Saturday 11 November  
FINCHLEY FAIR

Sunday 12 November  
Remembrance Sunday (or possibly 5th)

Monday 13 November  
LORD MAYOR'S BANQUET?

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