

PRIME MINISTER

You may like to know that  
President Jayewardene has asked  
that his State Visit in October  
should be postponed.

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17 August 1983

*Sri Lanka relations*

*Algeria UK Relations  
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THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE IS FOR THE PRIME MINISTER FROM  
WILLIE RICKETT

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THE FOREIGN OFFICE WOULD LIKE TO OFFER THE SLOT IN THE  
DIARY RELINQUISHED BY PRESIDENT JAYAWARDENE TO ANOTHER  
FOREIGN HEAD OF GOVERNMENT FOR A QUOTE GUEST OF GOVERNMENT  
QUOTE VISIT V(RATHER THAN A FULL BLOWN STATE VISIT).

THEY WOULD LIKE TO APPROACH FIRST THE PRESIDENT OF  
ALGERIA. IF HE DOES NOT ACCEPT, THEY WOULD LIKE TO  
APPROACH THE KING AND QUEEN OF TONGA (WHO MAY WELL BE  
COMING TO THE COUNTRY FOR ANOTHER PURPOSE).

A VISIT BY THE PRESIDENT OF ALGERIA WOULD INVOLVE YOU IN  
TALKS AND LUNCH ON 26 OCTOBER. A VISIT BY THE KING  
AND QUEEN OF TONGA WOULD ONLY INVOLVE LUNCH.

CONTENT FOR THE FCO TO PROCEED ON THIS BASIS?

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