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Prime Minister

Agree?

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Yes mt

19 September 1983

Dear John,

Visit of King and Queen of Tonga as Guests of Government

You are aware that His Majesty King Taufa'ahau Tupou IV, King of Tonga, and Her Majesty Queen Halevalu Mat'aho have accepted an invitation to visit Britain as Guest of Government from 25-28 October and that the Prime Minister has agreed to host a luncheon in their honour on Wednesday 26 October.

It will also be necessary to offer the King at least a short call. This would most conveniently take place immediately before the lunch, and could be preceded by a Guard of Honour in the FCO courtyard. I suggest that the Guard of Honour could be at 1200 and the call at 1215. The Queen of Tonga would attend the Guard of Honour and the Prime Minister's luncheon but pursue a separate programme during the talks.

I will let you have a guest list as soon as possible.

Yours ever
J E Holmes

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23 September 1983

Visit of King and Queen of Tonga as Guests of
Government

Thank you for your letter of 19 September to John Coles. The Prime Minister is happy with the arrangements for this visit that you suggest: a guard of honour at 1200 and talks at 1215.

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From the Private Secretary

22 August 1983

As I told you on the telephone this morning, I have consulted the Prime Minister about how we might use the slot in our diaries relinquished by President Jayewardene. She has agreed that we should approach the President of Algeria and ask if he would like to visit this country as a "guest of Government". The Prime Minister would be willing to offer the President talks and lunch on 26 October.

If the President of Algeria does not accept the Prime Minister is willing for you to approach the King and Queen of Tonga. She would be willing to offer them lunch on 26 October.

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