

PRIME MINISTER

Bud McFarlane has been in touch to say that he is likely to pass through London on Saturday 23 November on his way back to Washington after the Summit. If you would find it useful he would be happy to pop down to Chequers to give you a rather fuller and more personal briefing about it than would be possible in the NATO Meeting. The most convenient time for him would be after 5.00 pm on Saturday afternoon. You will be at Chequers then and at present have no engagement.

He has let it be known in a neutral way that his wife will be with him. You may like to consider whether you should ask them both to come down to Chequers and stay for supper, although you have a small lunch party (Sir John Junor and Lord Forte) the next day. In that event, you might want to invite the Foreign Secretary and Lady Howe, the Defence Secretary and Mrs Heseltine and the American Ambassador and Mrs Price for instance.

Agree to invite Mr. McFarlane to Chequers to brief you?

*Yes*

Agree that the Foreign Secretary should be present for the briefing?

*Yes*

Agree to invite both McFarlanes to stay for supper alone?

Agree to invite 2 or 3 other couples?

*Yes*

*↓ would they like to stay the night?*

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