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FORTHCOMING FOREIGN VISITORS: SPEECHES

It may be helpful to set down the likely requirement for draft speeches on occasions when the Prime Minister is giving a lunch or dinner for a distinguished foreign visitor over the next few months. They are as follows:

- President Reagan. This will be a small dinner and a speech by the Prime Minister is likely to be of a highly personal nature. But it would be helpful if Sir Antony Acland could be asked to suggest one or two points for it, in particular references which would give the President pleasure (i.e. specific events, decisions or achievements of his Presidency). It would be helpful to have this by 26 May.
- President of Tanzania. We need a draft for an after-dinner speech by 26 May (to allow for the Whitsun recess). It should have some historical and personal allusions.
- Crown Prince Abdullah. We need to establish whether or not there will be speeches. If there are to be, then a draft will be needed by Wednesday 8 June.
- President Evren. Again we need to decide whether there will be speeches. If there are, then a draft would be needed by 6 July.
- President Jaywardene. I am not sure whether his visit is confirmed yet. Assuming it is, we shall need a speech (bearing in mind that the Prime Minister has already made speeches both at Downing Street and in Sri Lanka on occasions when he has been present). A draft please by Wednesday 20 July.
- Prime Minister of Malta. We shall need a draft speech by 7 September.

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