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Prime Minister

Dear David

You will recall that
Sir Philip Powell was
made a CH in the
Birthday Honours. ^{2ms}
15/6

18 June 1984

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT

I enclose a brief note about the presentation that the Prime Minister will be seeing on Monday. My Secretary of State is attending a meeting of H Committee on Monday evening, and therefore is unable to accompany the Prime Minister himself. He has asked Sir George Young to do so.

The exhibition is set up in the Eastern Block of St Christopher House - the block nearer to London Bridge station. Sir George Young will meet the Prime Minister at the main entrance at 6pm on Monday 18 June, and will be accompanied by Gordon Manzie, John Dole and Gordon Johnston from PSA. Sir Philip Powell - the Consultant Architect - will also be at the exhibition.

Yours etc

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE

BRIEF FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT

INTRODUCTION

The International Conference Centre (ICC) is under construction at Broad Sanctuary. It is being built for the PSA under a Management Contract with Bovis, to the design of Powell Moya & Partners, consultant architects. Construction started in April 1982 and is on programme for completion early in 1986. Allowing for furnishing and fitting out, conferences could be held there in the latter part of 1986.

PURPOSE OF THE PRESENTATION

Powell Moya & Partners have prepared proposals for the treatment of internal surfaces, colour schemes, furnishings and works of art. They have taken into consideration the names approved by the Queen for the main rooms and suites. The furnishings will be purchased through the Crown Suppliers, who have been closely associated in the development of the furnishing plan.

The presentation and exhibition are to allow 2 groups to see the general decor before final commitments are made:

- (a) The PSA's Design Panel, which includes outside experts on design matters
- (b) Representatives of the main potential users of the Conference Centre - FCO, Ministry of Defence and others.

No specific decisions or choices are being offered - the architects seek general endorsement of their scheme.

THE CONFERENCE CENTRE

The Conference Centre has been planned to meet the needs of major government conferences. It provides:

an auditorium for up to 700

4 major conference rooms (for 480, 260, 80 and 80 respectively)

a specially protected security suite for 200 (for top secret meetings)

delegates lounge and restaurant

delegates and secretariat offices

Press facilities

The intention is to lease most of these facilities out for private sector use (subject to security safeguards) when not needed for government purposes. A General Manager has just been appointed.

A model of the building will be on display and the PSA Project Manager (Mr David Day) will be available to answer questions on the project and its progress.