

MR ADDISON

THE PRIME MINISTER'S DIARY

I am sorry I have not replied before now to your minute of 15 December on this subject, but I wanted to see how the diary firms up in the first quarter of the new year.

A Having done so, I have to say that I broadly agree with your conclusions on page 3 of your minute. The balance of the diary looks to cover the five headings set down in my minute of 20 October and the ten headings of your minute. I also agree with you that the diary is perhaps a little light under the heading of "General Think Sessions", and I suggest that we give some more consideration to possibilities here.

B On your "modest proposals" I agree that we should earmark in the diary a slot or two each week for David's subjects. On your second proposal - building into the diary a specific session for presentation planning - I think that this can be dealt with in the various bilateral etc. meetings the Prime Minister has with colleagues. Of course, if anything more specific needs to be included, we can always include a specific session. I will speak to Bernard about this.

C Finally, I am attracted by Michael Alison's idea that one evening a week should be left completely clear. Can we budget for that?

Let us have another look at the diary a little before the beginning of the second quarter to make sure that the programme then is meeting its objectives.

N.L.W.

NLW

6 January 1986

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cc MA ✓

MR. WICKS
MR. POWELL
MR. NORGROVE
MR. FLESHER
MR. ADDISON ✓
MR. ALLISON
MR. SHERBOURNE
MRS. GOODCHILD

Handwritten initials in blue ink, possibly "MGA".

I list below all the meetings I have re-arranged with the new times alongside.

PS RESPONSIBLE

Northern Ireland

12 noon, Thursday, 16 January

CP

Personal Taxation Green Paper

1645, Thursday, 16 January

DN

Foreign Secretary's Bilateral

1930, Sunday, 19 January

CP

Misc. 122

0900, Wednesday, 22 January

DN

Sir James Goold

1545, Thursday, 23 January

SS

Lord Kinnaird

1615, Tuesday, 28 January or

1615, Thursday, 30 January

Michael Allison

Value for Monday in the Health Service

0930, Tuesday, 4 February

NW

Northern Ireland Lunch

1230, Wednesday, 5 February

CP

Chancellor of the Exchequer

Told his office to contact DN if new
slot required.

DN

The E(A) to discuss the Channel Tunnel is cancelled
altogether.

The Lobby Party and the Spanish Embassy Reception for tomorrow
are still in the diary, and the Prime Minister will attend if
possible.

CR

14 January, 1986.

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MR. ADDISON

cc Mr. Wicks
Mr. Alison

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MUEA

You asked me to earmark:

- slots for David

- a free evening each week.

As far as slots for David are concerned, I have, wherever possible, put in a 1430 slot each Monday after the lunch for colleagues for one and a half hours. These appear on the diary at k/f for DN.

Regarding the "free evening", I do this automatically in my mind though there has been no point in the past writing them in as the evening is dependent on the weekly Whip which we do not receive until Friday. But if you look at the diary you will see that there is always a minimum of one free evening a week wherever possible.

CR.

(Caroline Ryder)

9 January 1986

D. R.
MRS RYDER

cc Mr Alison (o/r)

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The attached minute from Nigel is the upshot of the exchange of minutes towards the end of last year on the dairy.

I will pursue the suggestion at 'A'. On 'B' and 'C', I should be grateful if you would go through the diary for the next three months or so and ear-mark, so far as possible, the following slots:

- keep frees for David (two x one and a half hour slots on separate days);
- one evening to be kept free each week.

It will not always be David who calls on his keep free slots. But labelling them in that way will remind us of why they are there.

MEA

MARK ADDISON

8 January 1986

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C.F.

Please b/f the diary file,
together with Nigel's note,
in the last week in March.

Mark Addison

8 January 1986