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GERMAN VISIT - PRESS ARRANGEMENTS

The first contact with the press will be on arrival at the Chancellery in Bonn at 1400 hrs on 16 September. It is not anticipated that press will cover the arrival at Koln Airport. You will be met by Chancellor Kohl at the heliport in the Chancellery and if weather permits walk with him to the guard of honour assembled outside his office. Press will be kept some distance from the helicopter but will be able to follow your progress up to and including the playing of the National Anthems etc. A restricted (pooled) photo facility will then be available to the press inside the Chancellery before your bilateral begins.

The joint press conference will be held in the Chancellery and 45 minutes has been allotted for this. There will be a very restricted photocall at the start of the plenary session (official photographers only) before your return to the Ambassador's Residence. You have agreed a thirty minute interview with Herr Bernt Conrad, the Diplomatic Correspondent of Die Welt. A separate note covers the interview.

Photographers will again be present for your arrival for the official dinner when you return to the Chancellery to the Palais Schaumburg. Inside the Palais photographers will record the receiving line and again they will be present for the toasts at the beginning of the meal.

The "military" programme on Wednesday, 17 September, requires an early 0810 departure from Bonn. The press have been organised by the Army Public Relations team and they expect anything up to 120 journalists to be following the

series of visits you are to make with the Chancellor throughout the day. You arrive at Fallingbostal at 1000 hours and preside over the General Salute. The Staffordshire regiment and an RAF band are to be inspected and the press will be at a fixed point throughout the formal ceremonial. After briefing on British Forces Germany in the Officers Mess, you begin a brief tour of the base.

Your first visit on the tour will be to the YWCA. You will be welcomed by the manager of the small shop and recreation facility, Mr Tucker, an ex-soldier whose wife is also involved in the running of the facility. The YWCA depends entirely on donations and self help to keep going. You and Chancellor Kohl will be invited to unveil a plaque commemorating the opening of a new "tenpin" bowling alley in the building's basement. Because of very limited space, only the Army's television crew and photographers will be present. After the unveiling, Mr Tucker will lead you on a brief walkabout through the restaurant and shop which will give you a chance to meet wives and families of the servicemen in the base. Press will be present outside the building to record your arrival and departure and it is anticipated that many families will be lining the pavements to greet you.

You are then to visit the Sergeants Mess and be offered coffee and invited to spend a few moments at each of six groups of members of the Mess before setting off for Hohne and the firing range. The press contingent will be there ahead of you assembled on vehicles which will enable them to follow you when you are invited to meet some of the tank crews participating. A changing room has been organised should you wish to go on board the tanks, but as a minimum precaution and particularly if it has been raining, robust shoes are strongly recommended.

Lunch is to be served in a marquee adjacent to the firing range followed by a second joint press conference in another marquee close by. The Army feel sure that questions will be asked, by the local press particularly, on the restriction of public access and environmental problems caused by the NATO forces' use of the area for training purposes. Details of your visit were leaked to local press on 6 September by a German politician.

Your next visit is to Sennelager to view a mock attack by four Harrier Aircraft and a mopping up operation by the RAF Regiment. The noise will be awful and you will be offered ear protection.

The press will be present throughout your visit, save for the ten minute briefing you will be given on what you are about to see. There is still some confusion as to the exact timing of Chancellor Kohl's departure from Sennelager but it is assumed you will wish to say goodbye to him before he helicopters back to Bonn.

Your last port of call is at RAF Gutersloh where you are to have discussions with the Commanders in Chief. Immediately after this meeting, fifteen minutes have been allocated for brief radio and television interviews on your visit by the British Forces Broadcasting Service. Details of these are given separately.

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From the Private Secretary

1 September 1986

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE FRG: PRESS INTERVIEWS

We have now discussed with the Prime Minister the proposal that she should give an interview to Die Welt during her visit to the FRG later this month.

The Prime Minister would be prepared to give such an interview while she is in Bonn. The obvious time is between the end of the plenary session of the Anglo-German Summit and the ensuing dinner. The interview would be at the Residence. But since there will be only a very limited time for it, probably thirty minutes, it would be helpful if Die Welt could submit the main questions which they want to cover in advance (and if the FCO would provide some lines for answers).

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO WEST GERMANY 16-17 SEPTEMBER 1986:
COMMUNICATIONS

Telegrams:

1. These will be passed by secure links using FCO network to the Embassy in Bonn during the Anglo German Summit. Whilst visiting BFG bases no telegraph facilities will be available and BRAHMS (para 4) will have to be used for passing classified information.

Speech:

2. During the Anglo German Summit, direct exchange line telephones and telephones to the Embassy switchboard will be available in the Delegation Offices and in the No 10 Office in the Federal Chancellery. There is a direct tie-line from the Whitehall CBX (2920) to the British Embassy switchboard. The contact telephone numbers are contained in Appendix V of the Administrative Arrangements for the Anglo German Summit.

3. Contact telephones for the BFG visit are given in Appendix IV of the Administrative Arrangements for the visit of the Prime Minister to the British Forces Germany.

4. Secure speech will be available from each location using BRAHMS.

Press Summary:

5. A COI News Summary will be provided on 17 September.

Hand Held Radios:

6. There will be two networks: one for administrative control (in Bonn only) of vehicles etc and the second for use by Protection Officers for security.

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