

PRIME MINISTER

IDU CONFERENCE IN BERLIN

I attach the programme for your visit to Berlin for the IDU Conference.

You have formal bilaterals with Chancellor Kohl, Prime Minister Chirac and Prime Minister Ozal. You also pay a courtesy call on the Governing Mayor. Briefs for these meetings are in the attached folders.

Other IDU leaders you are likely to come across include:

- Dr. Mock of Austria. He may try to raise problems connected with President Waldheim;
- Herr Strauss. He is in the process of a major public wrangle with Kohl. You will not want to appear too friendly. He may raise BA's decision to purchase Boeing rather than Airbus;
- Mr. Willoch. You will want to bear in mind that he is a candidate for the NATO job;
- Mr. Holkeri, Prime Minister of Finland. He has brought the Finnish conservatives into government for the first time for more than 20 years. He may invite you to visit Finland;
- Mr. Seaga. He may raise continuing problems over our £7.5m loan which he wants to see transformed into a grant (although he will be seeing the Chancellor at the Commonwealth Finance Minister's meeting first, and it may be solved there);

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- Mr. Fenech-Adami of Malta. You could invite him to visit the United Kingdom as an official guest.

(C.D. POWELL)

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PROGRAMME FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO BERLIN,
24-25 SEPTEMBER 1987

24 September

1330 Depart RAF Northolt by HS 125

1630 Arrive at RAF Gatow. Met by Major-General Patrick Brooking (British Commandant) and Mrs Brooking, Mr Michael Burton (Minister, British Military Government) and Mrs Burton, Group Captain Eustace (Station Commander Gatow) and Herr von Bredow (Chief of Senat Protocol). Inspect Guard of Honour.

1710 approx Call on Governing Mayor at Rathaus Schöneberg, accompanied by Mr Powell and Mr Burton. Opportunity for press photographs. Return to Ambassador's Residence thereafter.

1845 approx Depart from Residence for IDU Reception and Party Leaders' Dinner, accompanied by Mr Hamilton (Conservative Central Office) and Mr Powell.

Late Evening Meeting with Mr Ozal at Schweizerhof Hotel. Notetakers will be present.

25 September

0745 Working breakfast with M Chirac at the Residence. Notetakers will be present.

0840 Depart from Residence for the Reichstag, accompanied by Mr Hamilton and Mr Powell.

0900 Opening of IDU Conference in the Reichstag.

1200 IDU lunch hosted by Dr Jenninger (President of the Bundestag).

1400 Press Conference given by Party Leaders, followed by wreath-laying ceremony at the Berlin Wall.

1500 Television interviews in the Reichstag.

1600 Meeting with Chancellor Kohl in Federal Government's Guest House. Notetakers will be present. Opportunity for press photographs.

1800 approx Depart from Guest house for RAF Gatow, accompanied by Major-General Brooking.

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From the Private Secretary

21 September 1987

IDU CONFERENCE IN BERLIN

There are additional points about the Prime Minister's visit to Berlin which I mentioned to you this morning.

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- it would be helpful to have some positive points to make about the British presence in Berlin and the Allied initiative on Berlin which the Prime Minister could draw on in her television and radio interviews;
 - we need to arrange interpretation for the Prime Minister's bilateral with Chancellor Kohl. If Herr Weber is to translate for Chancellor Kohl and is prepared to do it both ways, that would be excellent. Otherwise I think that we shall need Herr Lederer.

Charles Powell

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Lyn Parker, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Charles

with thanks for your help.

Christine

PRIME MINISTER

PRESS ARRANGEMENTS FOR IDU CONFERENCE

You have agreed to do 4 interviews after the press conference on Friday. These are:

ITN - Jon Snow

BBC TV - John Simpson or David Shukman

SSB TV - German station to be arranged

BFBS - Jeff Roberts

Each will last approximately 5-7 minutes and will take place in a room we have set aside in the Reichstag.

MEDIA INTEREST

This will be the media's first substantial opportunity to probe your reaction to the arms agreement. You will know that press reports so far say you are cautiously optimistic and want to guard against premature euphoria. You have also made it clear that Britain's plans for updating Polaris and Trident remain unchanged. The press will also ask about anti terrorism progress and what you have to say to Chancellor Kohl.

MESSAGE

There will be a substantial gathering of the world's media present (about 100 representatives). If you are content, the key points I would like to get over in advance of your arrival are:

- this is the first opportunity for 'right-thinking' Leaders to get together since Washington in 1985.
- the Conference provides a platform for a substantial movement of more than 30 Party Leaders (amongst them 10 heads of Government) to review developments in East-West relations, terrorism and the economy.
- In Washington, you were seen to have played a key role and at this critical, historic moment in arms control negotiation, other Leaders will look to you as the foremost thinker in the development of a common approach to East-West relations.
- Your ideas have been welcomed and pursued by other Leaders - not just on arms control, but also on the economy and anti-terrorist initiatives.

Christie
July 1985 was the last
meeting, the PM then
But I think there
was another meeting
in 1986 re which
GH met. CD

NOTE ON INTERVIEWERS

I have spoken to Jon Snow at some length. He seems sympathetic to your achievement in world affairs and despite difficulties with him in the past, I do not believe he will go out of his way to be difficult. John Simpson you will know well. Again he is not an ideal choice but I expect him to do a fair piece of reporting. There is a possibility that his deputy David Shukman will do the interview. He is a relative unknown and has not interviewed you before. The BFBS chap has served in the Falklands and is shortly to be posted to Gibraltar. The German station ARD/SSB can be picked up on the other side of the Wall.

WARDROBE

The backdrop for the TV interviews will be *cream*. I will have some make-up to hand in case it is needed. Please let me know if you would like any help with your wardrobe.

You were last in Berlin in October 1982.

Content with all this?

Christine

Christine Wall

21 September 1987

Copies to: Mr Tebbit
Mr Hamilton
Mr Powell ✓
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