



Prime Minister
Agree to message?

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

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9 February 1982

Dear John,

Yes ✓

Visit of President Reagan

Sir Nicholas Henderson in his telegram No.395 (copy attached) suggested that he thought that, in the light of his conversations with Mr Eagleburger yesterday, a message from the Prime Minister to President Reagan would be useful. We agree.

I attach a draft message for the Prime Minister's consideration. You will see that it takes account of the Prime Minister's wish for talks in London but leaves the detailed arrangements to be discussed during Mr Deaver's visit early next week. I will write again shortly with a draft programme, indicating also the ground that we would propose to cover with Mr Deaver.

We need to agree urgently with the Americans the terms of press announcements about the visit. FCO News Department are in touch with the Press Office at Buckingham Palace, and I shall let you have a draft press statement as soon as possible.

I am copying this letter to David Wright.

Yours ever,

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DRAFT MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO PRESIDENT REAGAN

I was delighted to hear from Sir Nicholas Henderson that you are able to accept the invitation of Her Majesty The Queen to visit Britain and stay at Windsor Castle between the Economic and NATO Summits in June.

I realise that your stay is bound to be a short one, but we are all greatly looking forward to greeting you here, and I particularly welcome the opportunity your visit will provide to talk over some of the issues which concern us both.

I understand that Mike Deaver will be coming over here shortly. We plan to discuss with him the details of the programme which should be arranged for your visit and any other related matters.



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TO FLASH FCO

TELEGRAM NO 395 OF 8 FEBRUARY

AND TO IMMEDIATE SINGAPORE (FOR PRIVATE SECRETARY), MADRID (FOR PS/MR HURD)

INFO IMMEDIATE UKDEL NATO

MY TELEGRAM NO 394

1. AS REGARDS A MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO THE PRESIDENT I THINK THAT THIS WOULD BE USEFUL, PARTICULARLY IN THE LIGHT OF THE INFORMATION I HAVE JUST HAD FROM EAGLEBURGER SINCE SENDING THE TELEGRAM UNDER REFERENCE.

2. EAGLEBURGER SAYS THAT HE HAS HEARD FROM THE WHITE HOUSE THAT THE PLAN THEY ARE NOW THINKING OF WOULD INVOLVE THE ARRIVAL OF THE PRESIDENT IN LONDON ON THE EVENING OF MONDAY 7 JUNE (FROM ROME). THE NEXT MORNING THE PRESIDENT WOULD LIKE TO HELICOPTER INTO LONDON AND ADDRESS A JOINT MEETING OF PARLIAMENT. HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE AFTERNOON OF THE 8TH FREE AND VERY MUCH LOOKS FORWARD TO RIDING AT WINDSOR. HE WOULD THEN LIKE TO ATTEND A BANQUET THAT EVENING AND DEPART THE FOLLOWING MORNING, THE 9TH FOR BRUSSELS.

3. I SAID TO EAGLEBURGER THAT I WAS NOT AT ALL SURE THAT THE IDEA OF ADDRESSING BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT ON THE TUESDAY MORNING WOULD BE FEASIBLE. PARLIAMENT DID NOT MEET BEFORE LUNCH. I POINTED OUT THAT THE PROGRAMME DID NOT INVOLVE ANY TALK WITH THE PRIME MINISTER EXCEPT POSSIBLY AT THE BANQUET, TO WHICH EAGLEBURGER GAVE ME THE ANSWER THAT THAT WAS HOW THE PEOPLE AT THE WHITE HOUSE WERE SEEING IT. HE REALISED IT WAS INADEQUATE. I SAID THAT THE PRESIDENT SHOULD EXPECT TO HAVE SOME DISCUSSION WITH THE PRIME MINISTER. EAGLEBURGER AGREED.

4. AS YOU WILL KNOW FROM AN EARLIER TELEGRAM IN THIS SERIES, DEEVER IS SHORTLY SETTING OFF ON A TOUR OF EUROPEAN CAPITALS TO PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT. I AM SURE NOW THAT HE WILL INCLUDE LONDON AND THIS WILL BE THE TIME TO THRASH THE WHOLE THING OUT WITH HIM PROPERLY.

5. IN THE MEANTIME IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR THE PRIME MINISTER TO SEND A MESSAGE TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

LOOKS FORWARD TO SEEING HIM IN LONDON;

REALISES IT WOULD BE A SHORT VISIT BUT CONFIDENT THAT ALL REQUIREMENTS CAN BE MET;

WOULD CERTAINLY LIKE THE CHANCE FOR A DISCUSSION WITH THE PRESIDENT DURING THE STAY;

HOPES THAT THE DETAILS OF THE PROGRAMME CAN BE WORKED OUT IF MIKE DEEVER COMES TO LONDON IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

Prime Minister

You can ignore these 2 paras.

which are already out of date. I

shall let you have a proposed programme tomorrow night

A.J.C.

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6. I HAVE ALSO THOUGHT ABOUT A MESSAGE FROM THE QUEEN, I WOULD SUGGEST THAT THIS SHOULD WAIT A BIT. IT IS REALLY FOR THE PRESIDENT TO RESPOND TO HER INVITATION, WHICH HE HAS NOT DONE PERSONALLY, SOMETHING THAT I HAVE POINTED OUT SEVERAL TIMES HERE. AS YOU KNOW THOSE SURROUNDING THE PRESIDENT ARE NOT DELIBERATELY RUDE: IT IS SIMPLY THAT THEY ARE NOT VERY WELL ORGANISED AND DO NOT HAVE EXPERIENCE OF THIS SORT OF THING. I HOPE THEREFORE THAT THE PRESIDENT WILL SEND SOME REPLY TO THE QUEEN'S INVITATION. WHETHER OR NOT THIS OCCURS IT MIGHT BE SUITABLE FOR SOMETHING TO COME FROM BUCKINGHAM PALACE AFTER DEEVER'S VISIT AND WHEN WE HAVE GOT THE PLANS STRAIGHTENED OUT.

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