

PRIME MINISTER (WEEKEND BOX)

cc. Mr. Howe
Press Office

You have agreed to visit Howden Engineering in Renfrew on 3 September, at the start of your Balmoral trip.

The Company have now written suggesting an outline programme. This programme should perhaps be compressed somewhat - six hours is a long time to spend with one company. The Company hope that you will not only open their new factory in the morning, but that you will visit more of their work after lunch. They have suggested as an alternative for the afternoon that you might see their products in action at Hunterston. We have some doubts about this suggestion: the Hunterston AGRs have a chequered history, whilst the Magnox is now more of historic than future interest. Agree that you should not visit Hunterston, but should settle for a curtailed version of the outline programme attached to Mr. Hume's letter? (If you are still keen to visit Falmers Jeans factory, we might be able to work it into this day's programme.)

Should rather go to Falmers in the afternoon. day in too much in one factory.

MAD

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If they are not big enough - suggest we send 2 big rooms for either the place (high) or the white room (yellow) We could do with something more elegant. there's not