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I have received the recent flurry of telegrams about the possibility of a visit by President Reagan in June.

The outgoing telegram to Washington on 3rd February (tel. no. 169) talked about The Queen receiving the President on the evening of Sunday, 6th June.

I hope that those concerned with the matter have their eye on the French programme for the Economic Summit, which includes a grand dinner in the Hall of Mirrors at Versailles that evening. If President Reagan was attending that dinner and the festivities associated with it he would not be able to arrive at Windsor until very late that evening. Conversely, we should hardly want to entice him to London earlier in the evening, so that he missed the dinner at Versailles: that would not please the President of the French Republic.

I am sending a copy of this letter to John Coles.

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