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Dear John,

Visit of President Reagan

You asked for advice on the programme which was envisaged for the visit of President Reagan.

In the time available it is, of course, impossible to follow the normal State Visit pattern, nor do we want to. The programme will be specifically tailored, meeting the President's wishes as far as possible, and ensuring at the same time that there is adequate time set aside in the programme for the Prime Minister. Coordination of all the arrangements will be in the hands of the Comptroller of the Lord Chamberlain's Office and, as is usual for State Visits, the lead department within the Foreign and Commonwealth Office will be Protocol and Conference Department. In this particular case, however, the PUS has asked Derek Day to coordinate the FCO input.

The White House are expecting the programme to include a public appearance and speech, if possible in the form of an address to both Houses of Parliament, some time for relaxation (ie riding with Her Majesty) and a State Banquet. There could be difficulties about the address to Parliament which have already been mentioned in the Lord Privy Seal's minute to the Prime Minister of 9 February.

A third uncertainty is the precisetiming and location of the NATO Summit. We hope that this will allow the President all of Wednesday morning and lunchtime in Britain but we shall probably not know for certain whether this is possible until after Deaver's visit. If the President's departure has to be early on 9 June this will mean that all the activity will have to be crammed into one full day, the middle of which we know is already committed in the Prime Minister's diary for Questions if Parliament is sitting.

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Subject to these uncertainties, we envisage a programme on the following lines:

Monday 7 June

6 pm Arrival at Heathrow from Rome and met by The Queen's representative (probably a member of the Royal Family).
Helicopter or drive to Windsor Castle.
Guard of Honour and formal reception at Windsor Castle.
Dinner Informal at Windsor Castle.

Tuesday 8 June

am Riding in Windsor Great Park.
mid-morning Helicopter to Buckingham Palace.

OPTION A

Late morning Address to Houses of Parliament in Westminster Hall.

Luncheon with Prime Minister?

OPTION B

Mansion House Luncheon and televised speech.

OPTION C

Address to invited audience in Banqueting House, Whitehall.

Luncheon with Prime Minister?

pm Return to Windsor Castle by Helicopter.

late afternoon Talks with Prime Minister at Windsor Castle.

Evening State Banquet.

*Alternatively I can
have the speaker would
give a small reception for the President to meet leading politicians.*

? Guildhall

*Can I change it
Windsor?*



Wednesday 9 June

OPTION A

am Depart for Brussels or Bonn.

OPTION B

am Helicopter to London.

Talks with Prime Minister followed by
lunch at No 10

pm Depart for Bonn or Brussels

Other permutations of the elements outlined above are also possible.

I should be grateful to know whether the Prime Minister has views about the proposed content of the programme. Subject to any such comments we would propose to discuss the options with Mr Deaver, our aim being to get the start of the NATO meeting put back and the Wednesday morning and lunchtime freed for talks with the Prime Minister at an official level.

It would also be helpful to know whether the Prime Minister would wish to meet Mr Deaver who will be in London on 15 February. A call around midday on February 15 would be convenient if the Prime Minister could receive him then or of course we could build his programme round a call at No 10 if some other time suited better. We understand he is leaving that evening and wishes to visit Windsor Castle. He must therefore leave Central London about 3.30 pm.

In order to meet your deadline this has been sent unseen by the Secretary of State. Should he have any comments we shall let you have them in the morning.

Yours ever.

(F N Richards)
Private Secretary