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	9	Your telno 934: PRESIDENT'S VISIT
	10	1. You took exactly the right line with Deaver.
	11	2. Ministers have now approached the Lord Great Chamberlain
	12	about the use of the Royal Gallery, and Opposition Parties
	13	have also been informed that, following its consultation with
	14	them, HMG is inclining towards using the Royal Gallery and
	15	proposes to seek the views of the US Government on this
	16	possibility.
	17	3. We have informed the US Embassy of these approaches and
	18	told them that, subject to formal agreement from the Lord
	19	Great Chamberlain and confirmation that this plan is acceptable
	20	to President Reagan, we would intend announcing from No 10
	21	<u>the decision to use the Royal Gallery</u> on the morning of
///	22	Wednesday 24 March
//	23	4. When we informed the US Embassy of this, Streater asked
/	24	whether it would be helpful if the President were to make a
	25	statement tomorrow, Tuesday, saying that he attached importance

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 2 to addressing Parliament, but was completely relaxed about the
 3 venue. It was decided that such a statement by the President
 4 could most helpfully be made after our own announcement on
 5 Wednesday. (For your own information we are concerned lest ~~the~~
 6 *idea of* another statement from Washington before our announcement might
 7 *delay matters or otherwise* ~~not further~~ muddy the waters.)
 8 5. Please now inform the White House of our plans as outlined
 9 above. You should add that we much appreciate the suggestion
 10 that the President might pave the way for a decision in favour
 11 of the Royal Gallery, but on reflection we think the most
 12 helpful thing would be a quick response by the White House
 13 welcoming the decision after it has been announced by us.
 14 6. You should know that the US Embassy had no knowledge of
 15 Deaver's conversation with you nor of the "instructions to
 16 Louis on the 19th" to which Deaver referred. On the contrary,
 17 Streater emphasised that he was under instructions "to be as
 18 helpful as possible" in exploring all possibilities of a
 19 suitable venue for the President's speech.

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