



CABINET OFFICE

70 Whitehall London SW1A 2AS Telephone 01-233 7665

21 June 1985

a
24/6

Dear Private Secretary

THE QUEEN'S SPEECHES ON THE PROROGATION AND OPENING OF PARLIAMENT

During the Summer Adjournment The Queen's Speeches and Future Legislation Committee (QL) will need to prepare for consideration by Cabinet drafts of The Queen's Speeches on the Prorogation and Opening of Parliament.

I should accordingly be grateful if you would let me have by 17 July the texts of any passages which your Minister wishes to propose for inclusion in the Speeches. Contributions should be short and clear, and should give the exact wording of the suggested text. It should be assumed that each of the Speeches will follow the normal sequence, with a section on foreign and European Community policies followed by one on domestic policies and legislation. Normally references to legislation are confined to the politically more important measures, corresponding broadly with the 'programme' category of Bills.

I should be grateful if you would use separate sheets of paper for the material proposed for each Speech, classify it CONFIDENTIAL and let me have three copies of each text.

I am sending this letter to the Private Secretaries to all Ministers in the Cabinet, and to the Private Secretaries of the Law Officers, of the Parliamentary Secretary, Treasury, of the Paymaster-General and of the Captain of the Gentlemen-at-Arms.

Yours sincerely

S B HICKSON

The Private Secretary to -

Prime Minister

CONFIDENTIAL



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

17 July 1985

not to see

Dear Simon,

The Queen's Speeches on the Prorogation and Opening of
Parliament

In response to your letter of 21 June, I enclose three copies of our proposed contributions to The Queen's Speeches on the Prorogation and Opening of Parliament.

Some of the material in the drafts must be regarded as provisional at this stage and may need to be brought up to date nearer to the time. The passages in square brackets in the first two paragraphs of the Opening Speech concern State Visits which have not yet been officially announced. Those on defence have been approved by the Defence Secretary.

The words in square brackets in the passage on Hong Kong in the Opening Speech have been cleared with Home Office officials who are now consulting their Ministers.

I am copying this letter, with enclosures, to Charles Powell (No 10), Richard Mottram (MOD) and Hugh Taylor (Home Office).

Yours ever,
L V Appleyard
(L V Appleyard)
Private Secretary

S B Hickson Esq
Cabinet Office

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

DRAFT (16 July)

THE QUEEN'S SPEECH ON THE PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT
1985

The Duke of Edinburgh and I were pleased to receive the State Visits of the Life President of Malawi in April and the President of Mexico and Senora de la Madrid in June.

We look back with much satisfaction on the State Visit to Portugal in March. I have also visited Belize, and was in the Bahamas for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting. Our subsequent tour of Commonwealth countries in the Eastern Caribbean is still in progress.

My Government welcomed the decision of the Maldives and of St Vincent and the Grenadines to become full members of the Commonwealth.

My Government have maintained Britain's contribution to Western defence, and have played a full part in the Atlantic Alliance. They have enhanced the United Kingdom's own defences through the introduction of new and improved equipment and by strengthening the regular and reserve forces. They have continued to

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

promote British and Western defence interests outside the NATO area.

My Government, with the United Kingdom's allies, have continued to work vigorously for verifiable agreements on arms control and disarmament and to seek improved relations with the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. They warmly welcomed the opening of talks in Geneva between the United States and the Soviet Union on nuclear and space arms and fully support the United States' efforts to reach concrete agreements. They have expressed the hope that the forthcoming meeting between President Reagan and Mr Gorbachev will help this process.

My Government have signed the Treaty on the Accession of Spain and Portugal to the European Communities, and have signed and ratified the third Convention of Lomé. An Act has been passed implementing the Fontainebleau Agreement on the future financing of the European Communities, including the correction of the British budgetary contribution.

My Government share the widespread public concern for the victims of the famine in Africa. They have continued to provide substantial emergency assistance both directly and through the European Community.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

My Government welcomed the wide measure of agreement reached at the Bonn Economic Summit in May on economic and political issues.

My Government have continued fully to honour their undertakings to the people of the Falkland Islands, while taking positive steps to seek more normal relations with Argentina. The Sino-British Joint Declaration on Hong Kong was signed last December and instruments of ratification were exchanged in May. An Act consequent upon the terms of the Joint Declaration was passed. My Government reached agreement with Spain on the implementation of the Lisbon statement concerning Gibraltar.

My Government have supported efforts to restore the independence and non-aligned status of Afghanistan. They have urged peaceful change in South Africa and the early independence of Namibia. They have supported the efforts of the United Nations Secretary-General to reach a settlement of the Cyprus problem.

My Government welcomed to the United Kingdom in June the Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China. The great importance my Government attach to their relations with the countries of South East and South Asia was marked by the Prime Minister's visit there in April.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

DRAFT (16 July)

THE QUEEN'S SPEECH ON THE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT 1985

I look forward with great pleasure to receiving His Highness the Amir of Qatar, [their Majesties the King and Queen of Spain] and [the President of the Federal Republic of Germany and Frau von Weizsaecker] on State Visits during the next 12 months.

I also look forward to paying a State Visit to Nepal in February followed by visits to New Zealand, and Australia and [to paying a State Visit to China and visiting Hong Kong in October].

My Government continue to hold as their highest priority the maintenance of national security and the preservation of peace with freedom and justice. They will accordingly continue to play a full and active part in the Atlantic Alliance. They will also maintain their programme of strengthening the United Kingdom's own defences.

My Government will make vigorous efforts to combat international terrorism.

With their allies, my Government will work for progress in arms control and disarmament negotiations.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

They will continue to strive for greater cooperation and trust between East and West.

My Government will introduce a Bill on the Accession of Spain and Portugal to the European Communities to enable the United Kingdom to ratify the Accession Treaty, and look forward to welcoming these two countries to full membership. My Government will continue to work for the further development of the European Community, for continued reform of the Common Agricultural Policy, for the early completion of the common market in goods and services, and for close cooperation on foreign policy and security issues.

My Government will continue fully to honour their undertakings to the people of the Falkland Islands while continuing to seek more normal relations between the United Kingdom and Argentina. [They still look to Argentina for a constructive response.] My Government will also continue to discharge their obligations to the people of Hong Kong; and will propose provisions to implement the nationality arrangements arising from the Sino-British Joint Declaration on the question of Hong Kong.

My Government will continue to seek peaceful change in South Africa, including a settlement in Namibia. In the Middle East they will work for the

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

restoration of peace and stability in Lebanon, and for solutions to the conflict between Iraq and Iran and to the Arab/Israel dispute. They will seek the restoration of an independent and non-aligned Afghanistan and a settlement of the Cyprus problem. They will support the efforts of the Contadora Group to resolve peacefully the tensions in Central America.

My Government will give full support to the Commonwealth, and play a constructive role at the United Nations. They will continue to maintain a substantial aid programme, to play their part in the relief of famine and other disasters and to encourage investment in developing countries.

[A Bill will be introduced to give effect to an Australian request to terminate certain remaining constitutional links between the United Kingdom and the Australian States.]

CONFIDENTIAL

PARLIAMENT : Opening of HC : PEU

