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DIARY MEETING: 27 APRIL 1987

I attach an action note following today's diary meeting. I should be grateful if recipients would take the appropriate follow-up action, and the relevant papers are attached for the purpose.

At the start of the meeting the Prime Minister considered the forward diary for the next couple of weeks. The following points were agreed:

i) Friday 1 May

The meeting with Brigadier Cowans to be cancelled.
Ambassador Charles Price to be put in for half an hour, probably at 1530 hours.

ii) A meeting with Saatchi's to be put in for Friday 1 May or Monday, 4 May.

iii) Monday 11 May

Plowden Group Dinner to be postponed.

iv) Tuesday 12 May

Sir Y.K. Pao to be cancelled. Tim Renton, M.P. to be brought forward if at all possible.

v) All the meetings with MPs to be checked to see if any could be cancelled or brought forward.

Action on all the above in the first instance by Mrs. Gaisman.

*Spoke to Ralph Howell
to postpone his mtg
widefmrly.*

P.A. BEARPARK
27 April 1987

ACTION NOTE FOLLOWING DIARY MEETING ON MONDAY 27 APRIL 1987

1. INTERVIEW WITH HEARST NEWSPAPERS, WASHINGTON
Regrets.
Action: PAB.
2. GEORGIAN STATE DANCE COMPANY, LONDON PALLADIUM
To be kept on hold.
Action: TG.
3. NEEB/NATIONAL TRUST PROMOTION OF 'CRAGSIDE'
Regrets.
Action: PAB.
4. GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE RECEPTION
Regrets.
Action: PAB.
5. VISIT STS LORD NELSON
Regrets.
Action: PAB.
6. CONCERT AND RECEPTION AT APSLEY HOUSE
Regrets.
Action: PAB.
7. WIMBLEDON
Agree for 5 July.
Action: TG.
8. TONY WILLIAMS AND JESS CONRAD OF SHOWBIZ XI
To be considered during the football season.
Action: PAB.
9. SHARON PLANT OF TOP OFFICE EXHIBITION
To be kept on hold.
Action: PAB.

10. INTERNATIONAL POLICE EXHIBITION AND CONFERENCE
Regrets.
Action: PAB.

11. PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION, BARBICAN
Accept.
Action: TG.

12. ADDRESS ANNUAL DINNER OF BUILDING EMPLOYERS CONFEDERATION
Regrets.
Action: TG.

13. PRESENT FOLDER ON WATER SAFETY FOR ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY
Accept.
Action: PAB.

14. RECEPTION IN AID OF AYLESBURY VALE HOSPICE APPEAL
Regrets.
Action: PAB.

15. BUSINESSMAN OF THE YEAR LUNCH
Regrets.
Action: TG.

MEDIA BIDS - ACTION PRESS OFFICE

1. CAPITAL RADIO: HELP A LONDON CHILD
Agreed for 1600 hours on Tuesday 5 May.
2. LBC
Regrets.
3. SUNDAY TIMES MAGAZINE
Regrets.
4. THE COURIER, DUNDEE
Regrets for now but to be reconsidered later in the year.
5. THE SCOTTISH DAILY EXPRESS
Regrets.
6. WOMAN'S REALM
Agree but for much later in the year.
7. THE HOUSE MAGAZINE
Regrets.
8. BBC TV NEWSNIGHT
Regrets.
9. MAIL ON SUNDAY MAGAZINE "YOU"
Regrets.
10. JEWISH CHRONICLE
Agree, but not for the immediate future.
11. BORDER TELEVISION
Agree.
12. THAMES TELEVISION 'SPLASH'
To be reconsidered later in the year.

13. THAMES TELEVISION

Regrets, but a suitable function to be held at No. 10 at some stage.

14. TV-AM: GOOD MORNING BRITAIN

Regrets for now.

15. PROFESSOR MARGARET DOXEY

Regrets.

16. ROUNDUP

Regrets.

PRIME MINISTER

cc Mr. Wicks
Mr. Ingham
Mr. Powell
Mr. Norgrove
Mr. Addison
Mrs. Gaisman
Mr. Alison ✓
Mr. Sherbourne
Mr. Perks

DIARY MEETING: MONDAY 27 APRIL

I attach the list of items for discussion
at Monday's diary meeting.

PSB

(P. A. BEARPARK)
24 April 1987

DIARY MEETING ON MONDAY 27 APRIL

1. Request from Bill Hearst of The Hearst Newspapers, Washington for an interview some time between 11 and 20 May.
Notes and recommendations: We must look at the diary.

2. The Georgian State Dance Company at the London Palladium from 18 to 30 May
Notes and recommendations: We must look at the diary.

3. Request from the North Eastern Electricity Board/The National Trust to attend launch of brochure to promote 'Cragside', some time between 4 and 15 June.

4. Invitation from General Register Office to attend a reception to celebrate 150 years of registration on Friday 3 July.
Notes and recommendations: This will be on the House of Lords terrace. Accept.

5. Invitation from the Jubilee Sailing Trust to visit the STS Lord Nelson in the Pool of London on Friday 3 July.
Notes and recommendations: Accept but find another engagement to combine with it.

6. Invitation from the President and Chief Executive of IMS International, Mr Robert Louis-Dreyfus, via David Ginsburg, to a concert and reception at Apsley House on the evening of Saturday 4 July.
Notes and recommendations: Regrets.

7. You and Mr. Thatcher have been invited to attend Wimbledon this year. The dates are Monday 22 June to Sunday 5 July.

The Ladies Singles finals are Saturday 4 July and Mens Finals Sunday 5 July. Would you like to go?

8. Possible meeting with Tony Williams and Jess Conrad of Showbiz XI on 30th anniversary.
Notes and recommendations: Invite the whole team at some stage for a photocall?

9. Sharon Plant of Top Office Exhibition 14 to 16 July 1987.
Notes and recommendations: Decline to visit but send comments on photograph of it.

10. John Wheeler MP: Invitation to attend the International Police Exhibition and Conference: 14-18 September.
Notes and recommendations: Regrets. Home Office recommend that there is no need for PM to attend.

11. Invitation from Mr. Jim Davidson of the Sharon Allen Leukaemia Trust to be Guest of Honour and open a sponsored photographic exhibition at the Barbican on 9 November.
Notes and recommendations: Regrets.

12. Invitation from Building Employers Confederation to address Annual Dinner provisionally arranged for 1 December.
Notes and recommendations: Regrets.

13. Request from the Royal Life Saving Society to present the 30,000th folder on water safety to a group of primary school children at 10 Downing Street.
Notes and recommendations: Agree to photocall in front hall.

14. Request to host a fund-raising reception in aid of the Aylesbury Vale Hospice Appeal.

15. You have been asked by Jocelyn Hambro to speak at the Businessman of the Year lunch on Monday 7 December. You had agreed to do this in 1984, but had to withdraw at the last moment. Is this something you would like to do this year?

MEDIA

CAPITAL RADIO: HELP A LONDON CHILD

You agreed before Easter for an auction to take place over the Bank Holiday on Capital Radio as part of the Help a London Child and for the winner to have tea with you at No 10. The man who bid the highest-£4,100, the highest figure ever reached in such an auction - is a Mr Neil Scott, chairman of a travel company. He describes himself in the Press as "an East End socialist who got rich." Mr Scott will bring his wife and six children who helped to raise money to tea at No 10. It is expected that Help a London Child will have raised about £300,000 this year from Capital Radio's efforts over Easter.

We now need an early date for Mr and Mrs Scott and the six children to have tea with you at No 10.

LBC

Steve Dodd, producer of LBC's "The Gill Pyrah Programme", has asked if you would take part in this phone-in programme which runs every weekday afternoon between 3pm and 5pm. Gill Pyrah would ask you to explain "Conservative policies and in particular what the Party has achieved, and hopes to achieve in the future, for women." Listeners would then phone-in with their questions to you.

Recommendation

LBC covers London and the Home Counties. As you have a London constituency you may wish to consider this request.

SUNDAY TIMES MAGAZINE

Meriel McCooey, Senior Editor of the "Sunday Times Magazine" is organising a feature on people in their offices and is interested in the items that they find "absolutely indispensable." She has asked to talk to you briefly about such items and also have you photographed with them.

Recommendation

Decline?

THE COURIER, DUNDEE

Iain Stewart, Editor of "The Courier", Dundee, is unable to attend the dinner for Scottish editors on 28 April and has asked if you would agree to give an interview to his newspaper. This would be used in two parts in "The Courier" which is the morning newspaper for central Scotland.

Recommendation

Decline? You have already declined to give an interview to Grampian TV at the time of the Scottish Conference. "The Courier" will have an opportunity to carry your Conference speech in full and an interview beforehand could limit coverage on the day.

THE SCOTTISH DAILY EXPRESS

George Birrell, of the "Scottish Daily Express" has asked if you would give him an interview before the May Conference in Scotland. He wants your views on the political scene in Scotland and the prospects for Scotland as you see them.

Recommendation

Decline? You gave an interview to Nick Lloyd, Editor of the Daily Express, and Paul Potts, the Political Editor, last Wednesday. And you are seeing Scottish Editors tomorrow for dinner.

WOMAN'S REALM

Christine Evans, Deputy Features Editor of "Woman's Realm" has asked for an interview for their "Sunday Best" feature. This is an informal, family orientated look at the traditional day of rest - Carol was the subject in November 1983. "Woman's Realm" has a weekly circulation of over 640,000 and Christine Evans says that in a recent poll their readers chose you as one of the people they would most like to read about in this feature.

Recommendation

You have already agreed to give an interview later in the year to the "Sunday Express" Magazine about your working week. Also you are to give an interview to the "Sunday Telegraph" Magazine after the "Sunday Express" Magazine.

Decline at present because of your heavy commitments but suggest that they make a further approach later in the year?

THE HOUSE MAGAZINE

Sue Crawford, editorial assistant to "The House Magazine" runs a regular feature called 'Parliamentary Profile' in which leading Parliamentarians are interviewed and give a personal account of their lives.

The Magazine is hoping to feature the four main Party leaders in the near future and Miss Crawford has asked for an interview with you.

Recommendation

For you to decide, but it is not essential.

BBC2 TV NEWSNIGHT

BBC2 TV programme "Newsnight" is planning to transmit a short feature, probably a couple of days before the local elections on 7 May, about the difficult decision Prime Ministers have to make about when to call a General Election, and have asked if you would agree to be interviewed.

The reporter, Chris Lowe, is to approach a number of former Prime Ministers including Lord Home and Lord Wilson and will be looking at General Elections over the last 40 years. He says that the item will in no way be party political. His interest is in how Prime Ministers reach a decision to call a General Election, the loneliness of the office at this particular time, what advice, if any, is sought and how they finally reach a decision. Mr Lowe will not be asking you about the date of the next election but will ask about your memories in the period leading up to the 1983 election.

A recorded interview with you would last about 8-10 minutes.

Recommendation

Decline? This is for former not present Prime Ministers.

MAIL ON SUNDAY MAGAZINE "YOU"

Judy Greenaway, a freelance, has interested the Mail on Sunday Magazine "You" in a series of articles she is planning to write about "the gardens of Britain's political leaders" and has asked if you would agree to be interviewed and be photographed in the gardens at No10 and Chequers.

Recommendation

Agree later?

JEWISH CHRONICLE

Joseph Finklestone, Foreign and Diplomatic Editor of the "Jewish Chronicle" has asked if he could interview you about your talks in the Soviet Union about human rights and about peace generally. This would be useful politically.

Recommendation

Agree?

BORDER TELEVISION

ITV runs a networked programme between 9.25am and 11am on Sunday mornings called "Get Fresh". This is a relaxed, laid back magazine programme aimed at children between the ages of 9 and 14.

Each of the companies contributes to this programme and Border Television are running a series of telephone calls to famous people asking them about what they do on a Sunday morning and about their work in general. They have asked if you would agree to a short telephone interview for their part of the programme which is transmitted between 10am and 10.30am. Border TV asked children who they would like to hear about and they received a heavy response "The Prime Minister".

The telephone interview would be recorded at some suitable point during the week with still pictures of you on the screen.

Recommendation

Agree when convenient?

THAMES TELEVISION

Thames TV run a magazine programme for 9-16 year olds called SPLASH every Tuesday between 4.45 and 5.15 and have asked if you would appear to answer questions from about a dozen teenagers. The programme attracts over five million viewers.

They are planning three recorded programmes to be transmitted in the middle of May focussing on what each of the political leaders feels about the young and how their party's policies affect them. Yours would be the last of the interviews.

Recommendation

Decline? You refused recently to take part in a BBC TV Programme "John Craven's Newsround" who were planning mock elections to take place in schools at the time of the General Election. The question areas were similar.

THAMES TELEVISION

Richard Dunn, Managing Director of Thames TV, has invited you to visit them for an informal meeting to discuss broadcasting issues.

Recommendation

Decline? You recently turned down a request from a small group of ITV companies to dine with them.

TV-AM: GOOD MORNING BRITAIN

Anne Diamond, presenter of TV-AM's "Good Morning Britain" has asked for an interview for her breakfast time programme. The interview could be done live from Downing Street or recorded.

Recommendation

Jeffrey Archer recommends you to give this interview and you should also respond to BBC's "Breakfast Time" to whom you promised an interview some months ago.

Agree?

PROFESSOR MARGARET DOXEY

Professor Margaret Doxey, of the London School of Economics, is writing a book for Macmillan Press on the role of the Commonwealth Secretariat in the contemporary Commonwealth and has for an interview with you about Britain's attitudes towards the Commonwealth.

Recommendation

Decline?

ROUNDUP

June Davis, Editor of "Roundup", the house journal of the Robert Gordon's Institute of Technology, Aberdeen, has asked for an interview with you about the future of tertiary education in general and the Scottish Central Institutions in particular.

Recommendation

That you decline an interview but offer her a question and answer article.

Agree?