

PRIME MINISTER

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DIARY MEETING: MONDAY 26 OCTOBER

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

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DIARY MEETING FOR MONDAY 26 OCTOBER

1. Invitation from Cyril Littlewood to the Young Environmentalist of the Year Award Ceremony Luncheon on Friday 6 November at 12.30 pm at the Dorchester Hotel.

Notes and recommendations: Regrets. You are free but it is a busy week.

2. Invitation (via Mr. Roger Sims MP) from Lady Holland-Martin, Chairman of the NSPCC to her retirement party to be held on the evening of Monday 14 December at the NSPCC Headquarters in the Clerkenwell area.

Notes and recommendations: Regrets: you have drinks with MPs.

3. Mr. Peter Moore invited PM to London Business School for dinner (or lunch if preferred) on one of following possible dates: Wednesday 9 December/Friday 18 December/Tuesday 11 January. If these dates not convenient, alternatives could be mutually arranged.

Notes and recommendations: To be discussed.

4. Invitation from Save the Children Fund to 'Carols for Save the Children' at the Royal Albert Hall on Thursday 17 December.

Notes and recommendations: Might be nice. You could arrive during the interval (2000) and be away by 2130.

5. Invitation from the President of the Diplomatic and Commonwealth Writers Association to be guest of honour and speak at their annual banquet in March or April 1988.

Notes and recommendations: Regrets.

6. Ian Grant of the National Farmers' Union of Scotland invites the Prime Minister to their annual dinner on 10 March 1988 in Glasgow

Notes and recommendations: You were tempted by this but wished to reconsider.

7. Open Cardiothoracic Unit at the Great Ormand Street Hospital in March or April.

Notes and recommendations: This came via Lady Rhys Williams. Content to do the official opening?

8. Invitation from Mervyn Conn Promotions Ltd to attend a performance of the Russian Red Army Dancing and Singing Ensemble at the Albert Hall on either 24, 25 or 26 March 1988.

Notes and recommendations: You could go before the Barnet Mayor's Ball on Thursday 24th if you wanted to.

9. Invitation from The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club Wimbledon to be Guest of Honour at their Annual Dinner and reply to the toast of the guests on Thursday 21 April 1988.

Notes and recommendations: Regrets.

10. Invitation from The Lord Roll of Ipsden, to attend the Bilderberg Meeting to be held at the Interlpen Hotel near Innsbruck from 2-5 June 1988.

Notes and recommendations: To be discussed.

11. Possible reception at 10 Downing Street in aid of the American Margaret Thatcher Fund for Somerville. Late June or early July 1988.

Notes and recommendations: Daphne Park would like a reception to thank the donors and organisers. Content for us to find a date?

12. Invitation from the 1900 Club for the PM to be guest of honour at a dinner to be held in the Dorchester in the summer of 1988.

Notes and recommendations: To be discussed.

13. Suggestion by Admiral Fieldhouse that the PM should host a reception at No.10 for the NATO Military Committee who is due to tour the UK next year. The date in mind is 13 September 1988.

Notes and recommendations: You have an Audience; but the date or time could doubtless be rearranged.

14. Mr. John Sacher invited PM to be Guest of Honour at a dinner being organised by the Hebrew University of Jerusalem during an International Conference in October 1988. PM to be awarded an Honorary Doctorate at the dinner. Thursday 27 October in London, OR Sunday 30 October at Blenheim Palace.

Notes and recommendations: Always a very busy time. Regrets.

15. Invitation from Mr. T. D. Parr, Chairman of the British Clothing Industry Association for PM to be principal guest and speaker at a luncheon at BCIA's Annual Convention in the autumn of 1988 (preferably October or November).

Notes and recommendations: Regrets.

16. Invitation from Mrs P Lunn of the UK Federation of Business & Professional Women to address Golden Jubilee Luncheon on Saturday 19 November 1988.

Notes and recommendations: You were inclined to accept this. But it is the Saturday after the Lord Mayor's Banquet. We have not committed you. Better to regret?

17. Invitation from City Liaison Group to speak at a lunch or dinner. Date to be arranged.

Notes and recommendations: Regrets.

## MEDIA

### THAMES TV "THIS WEEK"

You have agreed to give a live interview to Thames TV "This Week" on Thursday 10 December. The interviewer will be Jonathan Dimbleby. The programme is 30 minutes long and is transmitted between 8.30pm and 9pm. We need to confirm this date and that you are content to go to their Euston Road Studios as you have in the past. Content?

### BBC TV "PANORAMA"

The editor of BBC TV's "Panorama" has asked for a lengthy interview with you some time in the future. The interviewer would most probably be David Dimbleby. BBC has asked if the interview could be linked to the Reagan/Gorbachev summit.

#### **Recommendation**

That you agree to give an interview to "Panorama" early in the New Year - January/February but not linked to the summit.

Content?

### BBC RADIO FOUR "TODAY"

The "Today" programme is about to celebrate its 30th anniversary and has asked if you would agree to an interview. This could either be a short recorded interview about your recollections of the changes in political broadcasting or a longer live interview from Downing Street similar to the one you gave to John Timpson last year. BBC say that in 1957 politicians simply did not appear on the programmes. Gradually they began to make appearances (sometimes with scripts) to air the issues of the day.

#### **Recommendation**

That you agree to give a short recorded interview to "Today"

Content?

### WASHINGTON POST AND WALL STREET JOURNAL

The Washington Post and the Wall Street Journal have renewed their request to interview you. You last gave the Wall Street Journal an interview in 1985.

### Recommendation

That you give interviews to both, since they serve different audiences, at advantageous times during the next 12 months.

Content?

### "THE FIELD"

Author and freelance writer Robin Page wishes to write an article on the wildlife at Chequers for "The Field" and has asked for an interview with you. He would want to talk to you about Chequers and its garden and what the seasons, flowers and birds mean to you. He would also want to touch briefly on the Government's policies for the countryside and conservation.

### Recommendation

Mr Page would want to visit Chequers, take photographs in the grounds and talk to the gardening staff.

Decline?

### BOOK ON SISTERS

Jane Dowdeswell has been commissioned to write a book on famous women and their sisters and has asked for an interview with you. The book is to be published by Thorsons in 1989.

### Recommendation

Decline?

### DINNER WITH ITN

You have agreed in principle to have dinner with ITN. They have now asked for a date when you might also give them an interview, if you chose to do so.

### Recommendation

Like the BBC changes are taking place at ITN and now could be a good time for you to have a discussion with the ITN team. You don't need to do an interview if you would prefer just a social evening.

Agree?

### COLEMAN INTERVIEW

Terry Coleman has asked to interview you for one of the lengthy profile features he writes for the Guardian. He would want to talk to you about the moral basis of the Government's policies, particularly how this morality forms your policies for this third term; the welfare state and inner cities.

#### Recommendation

Terry Coleman is probably one of the best profile feature writers in Fleet Street and one of the few friends we have on the Guardian.

Agree to be interviewed by Terry Coleman?

### OXFORD MEDICAL SCHOOL GAZETTE

This magazine is running a series of interviews with prominent Oxonians who have made their mark in medicine and has asked for a short interview with you.

#### Recommendation

Decline?

### SUNDAY TIMES

Penny Perrick, Literary Editor of the "Sunday Times", has asked if you would list the books you have most enjoyed during the year and write about 100 words on your favourite two or three titles. She would want your contribution by 21 November.

Decline?

### UNIVERSAL PROMOTIONS

This organisation from Las Vegas has asked if you would record a Christmas Message for the US and Canada. They have approached Reagan and Gorbachev. Our Embassy in Washington has made numerous inquiries about the President of this company, Primo Harris, but have failed to find any information about him. The White House confirm that they have received a similar request but know nothing of this man.

#### Recommendation

Decline?

### EXECUTIVE WOMAN

This new woman's magazine published in Manchester have renewed their request for an interview with you. They are planning a number of profiles on women who have achieved success in their chosen field.

Recommendation

Decline?

### THE VOICE

This newspaper, published in Birmingham and describing itself as "Britain's Best Black Newspaper", has asked for an interview with you on inner cities. The interview would also include your views on the north/south divide and the race divide and what the Government and local authorities are doing to try to deal with these problems.

Recommendation

Decline?

### DUNDEE COURIER

Bill Walker MP has written on behalf of the editor of the Dundee Courier asking if you would give an interview to this newspaper which circulates in central Scotland. He says "The paper is very supportive to the Conservative Party and more importantly to you and your policy."

Recommendation

You have already agreed to be interviewed by the Scotsman Magazine. A date has yet to be found for this. It might be worthwhile doing both shortly before you next visit Scotland.

Agree to interview with Dundee Courier and Scotsman Magazine shortly before your next visit Scotland?

### THE ECONOMIST

They have asked if you would have lunch or dinner with them in the near future. They have a number of such lunches during a year and they are always worthwhile.

Recommendation

Agree to have lunch with The Economist?

## THE SCIENTIST

Bernard Dixon, who was at one time editor of New Scientist has asked if you would give him an interview for the relatively new fortnightly newspaper "Scientist". He would want to discuss with you the Government's policies towards research and development and touch on such topics as career opportunities in science, the structures involved in UK science policy-making, public scientific literacy and Britain's past and present contributions to genetic engineering and biotechnology.

### **Recommendation**

Decline?

## PEOPLE WEEKLY

The magazine's chief foreign correspondent has asked for an interview with you for publication early in the New Year. People Weekly was the first American magazine to interview you when you became Prime Minister in 1979. It has a readership of about 25 million. The interview would be about what the years at No 10 have meant to you, what you feel you have achieved and what is still to be done, and your impressions of the changing international scene. The interview would cover up to six pages.

### **Recommendation**

The one snag with this is that they would want to time the appearance of their interview with your record on 3 January. This would mean doing it in advance. So far you have refused to give British journals an interview ahead of the record being established. You will also wish to consider whether you should give an interview only to an American journal.

Agree to be interviewed?

## BBC ULSTER

BBC Ulster run a competition called "Young Correspondent of the Year" in their Sunday morning children's programme. This year's winner is 17 year old Gerilyn McNally of St Patrick's College, in Dungannon who is hoping eventually to go to university to study law. The BBC will be bringing Gerilyn to London to visit the BBC studios and have asked if you would be prepared to give an interview to the winner. They are prepared to return to London at any time if you agreed to an interview.

### **Recommendation**

This would take about 30 minutes and is worth considering.  
Agree to give Gerilyn McNally an interview.