

PRIME MINISTER

VISIT OF PRINCE SULTAN

This is an interim report on progress during the weekend:

- a. Mr. Heseltine will meet Prince Sultan on arrival;
- b. The Guard of Honour will be a large one from a Guards regiment with a band;
- c. The Minister in Attendance for the visit to Warton will be Mr. Tebbit. On reflection, I think this is all right: he was Secretary of State for Trade and Industry during most of the negotiations;
- d. the Red Arrows will perform at Warton;
- e. a call on a member of the Royal Family is more difficult. The Saudis have made clear that they are interested only in The Queen and The Prince of Wales. We are looking into the possibility of persuading the latter to reshuffle his engagements (MOD believe that he has gone back up to Balmoral);
- f. there will be no problem about starting the Saudi return dinner at 2045 hrs if you decide to go; *Agree to go?* *Yes*
- g. I attach a provisional draft guest list, to which we should add on Monday morning, for your dinner. *MS*

EDP

Saudi

21 September, 1985

MR. POWELL

A note to update you on progress with arrangements for the Saudi visit next week.

- 1) MOD have supplied a list based on the assumption that we shall have to invite 11 on that side. The Saudis are being asked to name 12. In addition, there will be the Prime Minister and Mr. Thatcher and, of course, you. That will make 26 in all.
- 2) The invitations are now being printed. The dinner will be hosted by the Prime Minister and DT, in honour of Prince Sultan. Dress - black tie/national.
- 3) MOD have made contingency plans to shorten the visit to Poole.
- 4) For the Friday, MOD are aware that the Prime Minister will not be able to join the return dinner. I have lined up the Lord President, and Lord Young (whose brother Stuart Young is apparently well known to, and has good relations with, the Saudis.) MOD will be approaching their private offices to confirm times etc. and arranging for them to be put on the Saudis' invitation list.

ACTION

You need to:

- i) Let Vanessa know who from the MOD list should be sent an invitation;
- ii) Get the Saudi names from MOD;
- iii) Ask Vanessa to arrange despatch of the invitations etc.

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20th September 1985

Dear M.A.M.,

PRIME MINISTER'S DINNER FOR PRINCE SULTAN

We spoke on the telephone about the Prime Minister's dinner next Thursday for Prince Sultan and you told me that the guest list on the British side, excluding the Prime Minister's party, would be limited to 11.

Could I suggest the following, together with some reserves:

1. Defence Secretary
2. Mr Denis Healey
3. Sir Humphrey Atkins or Sir Anthony Kershaw
4. Air Chief Marshal Sir Keith Williamson, Chief of the Air Staff
5. Mr Colin Chandler, Head of Defence Export Services, MOD
6. Sir Patrick Wright, British Ambassador to Saudi Arabia
7. Sir Antony Acland or Mr Egerton
8. Sir Ray Lygo, Chief Executive, British Aerospace
9. Mr R Robbins, Managing Director, Rolls Royce
10. Sir James Craig (former British Ambassador to Saudi Arabia)
11. Sir James Blyth (former Head of Defence Sales, joining Plessey)
12. Sir Adam Thomson, British Caledonian
13. Representative of the British media eg Andrew Knight of the Economist, Geoffrey Owen of the Financial Times or Stuart Young, BBC
14. Mr Dick Evans, British Aerospace

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We are in touch with the Saudis about their allocation of 12 places.

Yours etc,

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P.S I have not approached any of the shore

