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VISIT TO NEW YORK

President Reagan has invited you to lunch with other Heads of Government of the Economic Summit Seven in New York on Thursday, 24 October. It is not yet clear whether all will attend: there must be some doubt about President Mitterrand, given the French dislike of using the Economic Summit framework for political purposes. Equally the opportunity to show off about his recent visit from Gorbachev will probably be irresistible. Genscher is leading a move to get Foreign Ministers invited as well.

We need to consider the implications for your programme. There are various options. The starting point is the closing time of CHOGM, which is 1400 hrs on Tuesday, 22 October. It is probably essential for you to stay until the end in case of last minute problems on the Communique.

Option A

- fly back to London on Tuesday, 22 October. Because of time difference this will not get you back before 0430 am on Wednesday, 23 October.
  
- spend Wednesday, 23 October in London holding Cabinet that day and (?) making a statement on CHOGM.
  
- fly back to New York leaving at 0700 hrs on Thursday, 24 October, getting to the UN at 1000. (Or conceivably by Concorde which leaves at 1030 and gets in at 9.20: but there are problems about the return journey.)
  
- ~~fly~~ fly back to London overnight 24/25 October.

The advantages are that it gives you maximum working time in London (and allows you to attend the Wakehams' reception on 23 October). But it will be tiring and disorientating, with two nights out of three spent travelling. It would probably also

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rule out speaking at the UN, since our slot is on 23 October (though the options would remain for the Secretary of State speaking that day; or just possibly of moving the slot to 24 October).

Option B

- travel from Bahamas to Bermuda on the afternoon of 22 October, for a half-day visit and talks with Premier Swann.
- either overnight in Bermuda or straight on to New York.
- spend 23 October in New York. This would allow you to speak at the UN if you wanted and have a number of bilaterals with non-Commonwealth Heads of Government.
- we could also more interestingly arrange for you to have lunch or dinner with leading New York bankers and Wall Street people. Also perhaps a meeting with the editorial Board of the New York Times or Time Magazine.
- attend the President's lunch on 24 October.
- fly back overnight 24/25 October with Cabinet on the morning of 25 October. Your Statement on CHOGM would be postponed until the following Monday, (28 October) - or conceivably the Foreign Secretary could deliver it if he had returned earlier.

The disadvantages are that you will be absent for nine full days, will probably have to speak at the UN at a time when you have many other speeches, and will miss the Wakeham reception. The advantages are that it will be less exhausting, enable you to carry out a brief promised visit to Bermuda and give you a chance to meet some leading financial figures in New York which you have long wanted to do.

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<u>Agree:</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
- to base planning on Option B?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- to include brief visit to Bermuda?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- to speak at UN?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- to meet financial people in New York?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- to possible off the record meeting with editors of major New York publications (New York Times, Time Magazine)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- to postpone Cabinet till Friday, 25 October?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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