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1 October 1990

VISIT TO UK BY PRESIDENT VON WEIZSACKER

Thank you for your letter of 28 September about the change of plans for President von Weizsacker's visit on 14 November. Charles Powell has asked me to reply in his absence with the Prime Minister in New York.

I am afraid that the Prime Minister would not be free to see the President during the evening of 14 November.

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28 September 1990

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*Dear Charles,*

*Ananda*  
*is this feasible?*  
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Visit to UK by President von Weizsacker:  
14 November 1990

In your letter of 24 August you said the Prime Minister would be able to see President von Weizsacker at 0930 on Wednesday 14 November. This was subsequently changed to 1000.

The President's Office have now told us that his plans have been changed and that he will need to fly directly to Coventry. He would be available after the Commemoration ceremony. We understand that the ceremony will not finish before about 1630. A meeting with the Prime Minister would not therefore be possible much before 1900. Would this be possible? If the Prime Minister were free we wonder if she would consider offering a dinner for the President. The President will not now be seeing HM The Queen, who will be out of London, and there is obvious significance in the first visit to the UK of the Head of the unified Germany.

*Yours ever,*

*Richard Gozney*

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*From the Private Secretary*

24 August 1990

VISIT TO UK BY PRESIDENT VON WEIZSAECKER

Thank you for your letter of 23 August about the visit by President von Weizsaecker on 14 November. The Prime Minister would be able to see him at 0930 that day, but not before.

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0930 on  
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23 August 1990

*Dear Charles,*

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Visit to UK by President von Weizsaecker:  
14 November 1990

In your letter of 19 July you said the Prime Minister would be happy to see President von Weizsaecker when he visits the UK to attend a service marking the Fiftieth Anniversary of the bombing of Coventry on 14 November - but not if it turned out to be the day of the State Opening of Parliament.

We now understand that the State Opening will take place on 7 November. The President's Office have told us that he can stay only for the day of 14 November. A meeting before 10 am would allow the President to reach Coventry in time for the events planned there. Would the Prime Minister be able to see him at about 9.00 am? If so, we shall put the proposal to the Germans.

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*From the Private Secretary*

19 July 1990

VISIT OF PRESIDENT VON WEIZSACKER

Thank you for your letter of 18 July about President von Weizsacker's visit. I am sure the Prime Minister would in principle be happy to see him, but not if 14 November turns out to be the day of the State Opening. We should therefore leave it vague for the time being, explaining the reason to the Germans.

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18 July 1990

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*Can we do this?*  
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*Dear Charles,*

Visit to UK by President von Weizsäcker  
14 November 1990

President von Weizsäcker will be attending a commemoration at Coventry Cathedral of the 50th anniversary of the bombing of Coventry on Wednesday 14 November: HM The Queen Mother will also attend. The Foreign Secretary believes it would be worth considering a call on the Prime Minister, the State Opening of Parliament permitting.

*This is one of the 2 dates we are holding for the State Opening*

The President is an important figure for the German people (both West and East) and a good friend of Britain. He is likely to be the first President of a united Germany. The visit, which will take place in the first few weeks before the achievement of Germany unity, will give us an opportunity to strengthen our relationship both with Germany and with von Weizsäcker personally. He paid a successful state visit in 1986 and a shorter visit in 1988.

We are also approaching the Palace with a recommendation that an audience with The Queen be arranged if possible nearer the time.

*Yours ever,*

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