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Derek Edgar

David Barclay

MR. BUTLER

Thank you. I agree.

I have spoken to Sir Terence Beckett's office. They promise to make sure that the PM does not have to enter (and is not invited into) the two exhibition halls.

CBI Conference

Derek Edgar has raised a couple of points about the arrangements for the Prime Minister's attendance at the CBI Conference which illustrate the sort of problems we may encounter from now on.

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You will recall that the Prime Minister has agreed to attend a reception (which is for about 1,200 people) before the question and answer session starts. The local police (East Sussex) are unhappy about the Prime Minister entering two of the four reception rooms, since these house an exhibition which will have only been set up the night before, under conditions which are difficult to control stringently.

The second point concerns the hotel, which Derek Edgar says is uncannily similar to the Grand Hotel at Brighton. At the request of the police, the CBI have agreed to move the Prime Minister's accommodation into the same wing of the hotel as the dining room where she will be after the session. This wing will be subject to exhaustive security precautions, but the rest of the hotel will not, and they would much prefer the Prime Minister not to venture into it.

The local police have told our detectives that they would like these points brought specifically to the Prime Minister's attention. This seems to me rather heavy handed, and if you agree I think it might be more sensible for me to have a quiet word with the CBI organisers to see if they can rearrange the reception slightly to avoid the need for the Prime Minister to enter the exhibition halls. If they could, then I think we could bring the second point to the Prime Minister's attention more informally nearer the time.

David Barclay,  
Seen thank you.  
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CBI CONFERENCE, EASTBOURNE

Could you please telephone Sir Terence Beckett's Secretary, Linda Turner on 01-379 7400 about security arrangements for the CBI Conference at Eastbourne on 4 November.

The Prime Minister at present plans to travel to Eastbourne from No.10 arriving at about 6.15. She would look in at the Reception before taking part in the Question and Answer Session which begins at 7.15. There is a Dinner afterwards which is due to begin at 8.30 and Linda Turner says that one of you would be very welcome to attend as a guest. The CBI understand that the Prime Minister will have to return to London the same evening.

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