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10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Private Secretary*

30 October 1984

I promised to let you have the Prime Minister's programme for Sunday. It is as follows:-

1845 Arrive Congress Theatre  
Drinks with the President  
1915-2015 Question and Answer Session at the CBI Conference followed by dinner  
c2200 Depart Eastbourne for London

(Caroline Ryder)

Ian Gow, Esq., M.P.

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Mr. Barglow Done  
Pl. convey to and  
30710  
CBI making this  
point →

FLRB

Prime Minister

I think that we must take his advice from the police - and it is the Sussex police - seriously.

- 1. Mr Butler
- 2. Prime Minister

I suggest that you ask Sir Terry Beckett to let it be known in Eastbourne <sup>not later than</sup> ~~on~~ Saturday that, owing to the pressure of other engagements, you cannot arrive until 6.45 and therefore will not be able to attend the Reception. (It is important to let it be

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known in order to protect other guests).

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29.10

On present plans you are due to attend the reception before the CBI Conference at Eastbourne on Sunday. The CBI know this informally but no announcement has been made and your presence is not mentioned on the invitations.

A problem has arisen over security. The reception is to be held in the two interconnecting rooms which also house the Conference exhibition. This is being set up only the night before, by a variety of contractors, and both the local police and your own detectives are concerned about securing the premises. Because of this, they feel bound to advise you against attending the reception.

I have established that Sir Terence Beckett would entirely understand if in the light of this advice you had to pull out of the reception. He suggests that in the circumstances you might like to arrive in Eastbourne a little later - say at 6.45 pm.

Agree to accept the police advice?

DWB

Yes not.