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1) **Subject:** Meeting with the Economic Planning Group to discuss budget reductions as part of the Program for Economic Recovery.

2) Meeting with Senator John Tower to discuss his trip to ten European and Middle Eastern countries.

3) Meeting with Congressman Bill Frengel to discuss the tax bill, and budget cuts.

4) Meeting with Congressman W. Henry Moore to discuss the tax bill.

5) Reception and dinner at the British Embassy
to honor Prime Minister Margaret
Thatcher

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE
Friday, February 27, 1981

8:45 am (30 min)	<u>Staff Time</u> (Baker, Meese, Deaver)	Oval Office
9:15 am (15 min)	<u>National Security Briefing</u> (Richard V. Allen)	Oval Office
9:30 am (15 min)	<u>Meeting with James Baker, Ed Meese, Michael Deaver, Max Friedersdorf and James Brady</u>	Oval Office
9:45 am (1 hour 45 min)	<u>Staff Time</u> <i>Passport office 632-1492 Diego Asencio State Dept.</i>	Oval Office
11:30 am (90 min)	<u>Private Lunch</u>	Residence
2:00 pm (2 hrs)	<u>Cabinet Meeting</u> (Craig Fuller) Pool Photo Opportunity	Cabinet Room
4:00 pm (60 min)	<u>National Security Council Meeting</u> (Richard V. Allen)	Cabinet Room
<i>5:00 pm</i> 5:30 pm (30 min)	<i>Personnel Mtg.</i> <u>Staff Time</u> (Baker, Meese, Deaver)	Oval Office
6:00 pm	<u>Return to Residence</u>	
8:10 pm	Depart Diplomatic Entrance for British Embassy for Dinner hosted by Prime Minister Thatcher <u>BLACK TIE</u> Open Press Coverage	British Embassy
10:50 pm	<u>Return to White House</u>	

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(1 hour		
45 min)	(30) 10:15 - Sec. Tower (+ someone from Treasury)	
	10:45 - Photo Frenzel	
	" Moore	
11:30 am	<u>Private Lunch</u>	Residence
(90 min)		
10:15 am	<u>Congressional Time</u> (To be provided tomorrow am)	Oval Office
2:00 pm	<u>Cabinet Meeting</u>	Cabinet Room
(2 hrs)	(Craig Fuller) (TAB A)	
	Pool Photo Opportunity	
4:00 pm	<u>National Security Council Meeting</u>	Cabinet Room
(60 min)	(Richard V. Allen) (Provided separately)	
5:30 pm	<u>Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
(30 min)	(Baker, Meese, Deaver)	
6:00 pm	<u>Return to Residence</u>	
8:10 pm	Depart Diplomatic Entrance for British	British
	Embassy for Dinner hosted by Prime	Embassy
	<u>Minister Thatcher</u>	
	BLACK TIE	
	Open Press Coverage (TAB B - remarks attached)	
10:50 pm	<u>Return to White House</u>	

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TO: Schedule Distribution List
FROM: Helene von Damm
DATE: February 27, 1981
SUBJECT: The President's Schedule

Please note the following additions to the President's Schedule for Friday, February 27:

10:15 am (30 min)	<u>Meeting with Senator Tower</u>	Oval Office
10:45 am (5 min)	<u>Photo with Congressman Bill Frenzel</u>	Oval Office
10:50 am (5 min)	<u>Photo with Congressman Henson Moore</u>	Oval Office

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEETING WITH SENATOR JOHN TOWER (R-TEXAS)

DATE: Friday, February 27, 1981
LOCATION: The Oval Office
TIME: 10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m.
(30 minutes)
THRU: Max Friedersdorf *MF*
FROM: Pamela J. Turner *PJT*

I. PURPOSE

To receive a debriefing on Senator Tower's recent trip to ten European and Middle Eastern countries.

II. BACKGROUND

Senator Tower is Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee. In this capacity, he has just returned from a two-week trip to the following countries: Great Britain, Greece, Turkey, Israel, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Tunisia, West Germany, and Iceland. With the exception of Great Britain and Iceland, Senator Tower met with the Head of State in each country on the itinerary. In Germany, he participated in Wehrkunde (pronounced VER KUN DAH), an annual military seminar. The Senator is concerned about the ability of our regional forces to deter the Soviets. He also feels that our European Allies must increase their contribution to our mutual defense efforts, and expressed this sentiment to them. Finally, he feels we may need to increase our security assistance levels, particularly in the case of Turkey.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President
Senator John Tower

Staff: Richard V. Allen
Max Friedersdorf
Pamela J. Turner

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House Photographer

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Senator Tower will meet with the President in the Oval Office for 30 minutes.

ATTACHMENT: Talking Points

SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING WITH
SENATOR JOHN TOWER

- Mention that you have been wanting to meet with Senator Tower because of his important role as Chairman of the Armed Services Committee; that the crucial issue of the defense budget will require careful coordination between the Administration and the Congress and that you will be relying on his advice and assistance in this regard.
- Lead him into the subject of his recent trip to Europe and the Middle East. He will debrief you and will probably give you a written analysis of his observations.
- Senator Tower will probably bring up the defense budget, but will not expect to discuss details at this time. He may suggest that you "take your case to the people" for this, as you did with the economic recovery program. Express appreciation for this suggestion and that if you should decide to do anything along this line, you would like his input.
- Suggest that you want to get together with the appropriate Members of Congress on this whole defense budget issue, and that you will try to work this out as soon as possible.
(This need not be a commitment, but a statement of intent.)

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 26, 1981

MEETING WITH CONGRESSMAN

BILL FRENZEL (R-MINN.)

FEBRUARY 27, 1981

THE OVAL OFFICE

10:45 A.M. (10 MINUTES)

FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF 

I. PURPOSE

To meet with and become better acquainted with Bill Frenzel, who is on the Ways and Means Committee, and is also the ranking Republican on the House Administration Committee.

II. BACKGROUND

Congressman Frenzel was first elected to Congress in 1970. A moderate Republican, his district includes the western edge of Minneapolis.

As a member of the Ways and Means Committee, Congressman Frenzel is uncertain about aspects of the tax proposal. He will not be a leading advocate of the Administration's individual tax cut proposal, but he will support your efforts in this regard. He strongly supports efforts to cut the budget and wants to do that before consideration of the tax proposals.

In his role as ranking Republican of the House Administration Committee, Frenzel is leading the House Republican effort to reduce committee budgets. House Democrats are suggesting a 10-15% increase over last year's expenditures. The House Administration Committee also has a jurisdiction over the Federal Election Commission and will oversee any efforts to rewrite that law.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Congressman Bill Frenzel

Staff

Ken Duberstein

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House Photographer

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

No specific agenda

Attachment: Talking Points

SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING WITH
CONGRESSMAN BILL FRENZEL (R-MINN)

- Ask Frenzel for his help in moving the tax bill as quickly as possible.
- Emphasize that tax and spending cuts are integral parts of a total economic package. Urge him to help in resisting any exception to your budget cuts.
- Reiterate your full support for a second tax bill this year. This will be the vehicle for many of the needed tax proposals that the Republicans on the Ways & Means Committee have supported before.
- Congratulate Frenzel on his leadership of House Republicans in their efforts to reduce the budgets of the House committees.
- Express your interest in any ideas that he might have regarding the Federal Election Commission. Ask him if he has any recommendations of people to be considered for appointment to the FEC.
- Indicate that you plan to be meeting again with Frenzel, Barber Conable, and his colleagues on Ways & Means as the economic package progresses.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 26, 1981

MEETING WITH CONGRESSMAN
W. HENSON MOORE (R-LA.)
FEBRUARY 27, 1981
THE OVAL OFFICE
10:55 (10 minutes)

FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF

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I. PURPOSE

To become better acquainted with this members of the Ways and Means Committee and to solicit his advice and support on the economic proposals.

II. BACKGROUND

Congressman Henson Moore was elected in 1975 in a Louisiana court-ordered election rerun after the November, 1974, election returns were inconclusive. You appeared in his state during that election and raised approximately \$30,000 for Henson, who ultimately won a solid victory. The Congressman introduced you several times to Louisianians during your recent Presidential campaign. Henson has been a successful incumbent with near-perfect ratings from conservative organizations and he now holds a safe seat in the Louisiana 6th congressional district.

Congressman Moore is a member of the Ways and Means Committee, favors tough spending cuts, likes the 10-5-3 proposals, and he will vigorously support your economic proposals.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Congressman Henson Moore

Staff

Ken Duberstein

IV. PRESS PLAN

Photo Opportunity

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

No specific agenda.

ATTACHMENT: Talking Points

SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING WITH
CONGRESSMAN HENSON MOORE

- Indicate that you are pleased to see him again here in Washington and acknowledge your mutual support over the years.
- Indicate that even though he is a junior member of the Ways and Means Committee that you know how well he is respected by his senior colleagues on the Committee, and by the other Members of the Congress, and that you will be counting on his leadership as the Committee and the House move forward on your tax bills this year.
- Tell him that you know that he is well respected in the Congress and that you are looking to him for support.
- When Henson is leaving, wish him luck at the Democrat-Republican tennis match, which he will attend over the weekend at the Greenbriar in Virginia.

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 26, 1981

MEETING WITH: ECONOMIC PLANNING GROUP
DATE: FEBRUARY 27, 1981
LOCATION: CABINET ROOM
TIME: 2:00 p.m. (2 HOURS)
FROM: CRAIG L. FULLER 

I. PURPOSE

The Economic Planning Group will review the results of meetings held during the past three days to achieve budget reductions sufficient to accomplish the objectives presented in the Program for Economic Recovery.

II. BACKGROUND

The departments were asked to look again for spending reductions and to review OMB recommended cuts. Most of the items presented by David Stockman represented the agreed upon reductions between the affected Cabinet member and OMB. Cabinet members have been invited to attend the meeting if they wish to raise issues for consideration.

The agenda and briefing book for the meeting is being developed by OMB and will not be available until Friday morning.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President	Murray Weidenbaum
The Vice President	Martin Anderson
Donald Regan	(others as listed prior to the
David Stockman	meeting which are approved by
Ed Meese	the Office of Cabinet Administration)
Jim Baker	
Cabinet members or their representatives	

IV. PRESS PLAN Press coverage at the beginning of the meeting.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

The President calls the meeting to order and asks David Stockman to review his recommendations

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SUMMARY SCHEDULE

EVENT: RECEPTION AND DINNER AT BRITISH EMBASSY

Friday, February 27, 1981

8:15 p.m. THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan depart White House

8:25 p.m. THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan arrive British Embassy

8:30 p.m. Mix and Mingle in Reception

8:55 p.m. Dinner commences in Ballroom

10:15 p.m. Prime Minister Thatcher toasts THE PRESIDENT

10:16 p.m. THE PRESIDENT responds to toast

10:40 p.m. THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan depart British Embassy

10:50 p.m. THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan arrive White House

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TIE**

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT
FOR
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1981

EVENT

Reception and Dinner at British Embassy

THE PRESIDENT'S PARTICIPATION

Return of Toast

WEATHER

High 30's

10% Chance of Precipitation

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TIE**

CONTACT

STUDDERT, STEPHEN M

202/456-7565

Effective 2/25/81 8:00 p.m.

STAFF AND PRESS INSTRUCTIONS

7:35 p.m. Press Pool #1 boards van at Press Lobby and departs en route British Embassy for pre-positioning.

8:10 p.m. Staff and Press Pool #2 board motorcade at Diplomatic Entrance.

8:10 p.m. THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan proceed to Diplomatic Entrance for motorcade boarding.

8:15 p.m. THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan depart en route British Embassy.

Motorcade Assignments

Lead

Spare

Medical Officer

Limo

THE PRESIDENT
Mrs. Reagan

Follow-up

Control

J. Canzeri
D. Fischer
Military Aide

Staff

Press Officer
Official Photographer

Press Van I

Tail

8:25 p.m. THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan arrive Main Entrance of the British Embassy.

They are met by:

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher
Mr. Thatcher

PRESS POOL COVERAGE

THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan, Prime Minister Thatcher and Mr. Thatcher proceed upstairs, where they are received by:

Lord Peter Carrington, Secretary of State
for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs
Lady Carrington

Effective 2/26/81 2:00 p.m.

STAFF AND PRESS INSTRUCTIONS

Staff do not accompany THE PRESIDENT, but will be escorted to Social Club in building adjacent to Main Building. (Refreshments provided.) Press will be escorted to Rotunda. (Phones provided and mult box available to cover toasts.)

8:30 p.m. THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan, escorted by Prime Minister Thatcher and Mr. Thatcher, proceed to Drawing Room and Dining Room for Reception. THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan mix and mingle with guests.

See Tab A for guest list.

8:40 p.m. Guests will be seated in Ballroom.

8:55 p.m. THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan, escorted by Prime Minister Thatcher and Mr. Thatcher, proceed to the Ballroom, where dinner will be served.

See Tab B for THE PRESIDENT's seating chart.
See Tab C for Mrs. Reagan's seating chart.

PRESS INSTRUCTIONS

10:05 p.m. Press pool will be escorted to Ballroom for coverage of champagne toast.

10:15 p.m. Prime Minister Thatcher makes champagne toast to THE PRESIDENT.

10:16 p.m. THE PRESIDENT responds to the toast.

Coffee will be served after toasts.

STAFF/PRESS INSTRUCTIONS

At conclusion of toasts, press will be escorted from Ballroom to motorcade.

10:35 p.m. Staff and remaining press board motorcade.

10:35 p.m. THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan depart Ballroom en route Main Entrance to board motorcade.

10:40 p.m. THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan, escorted by Prime Minister Thatcher and Mr. Thatcher, depart British Embassy en route The White House.

Motorcade Assignments

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Spare

Medical Officer

Limo

THE PRESIDENT
Mrs. Reagan

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Military Aide

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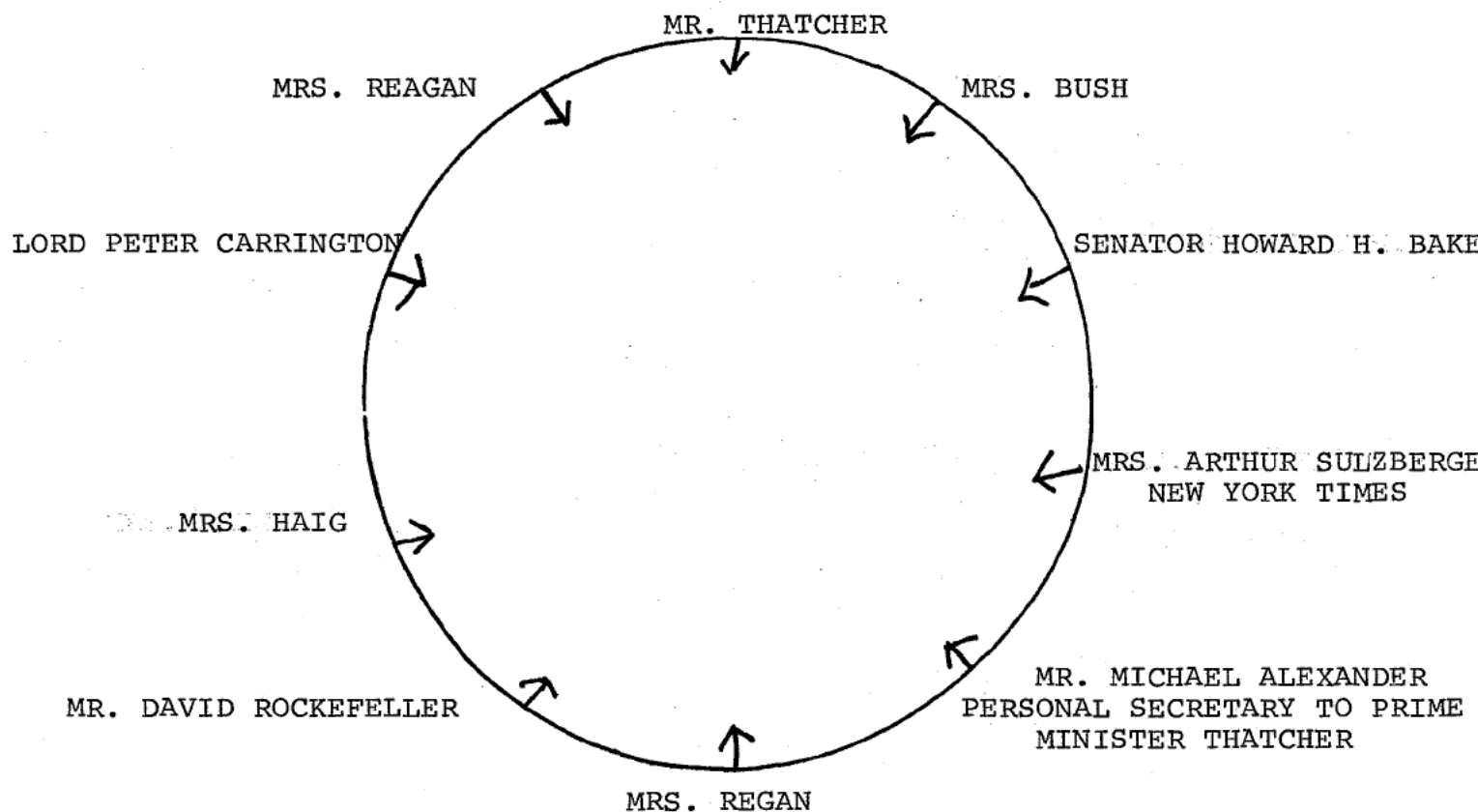
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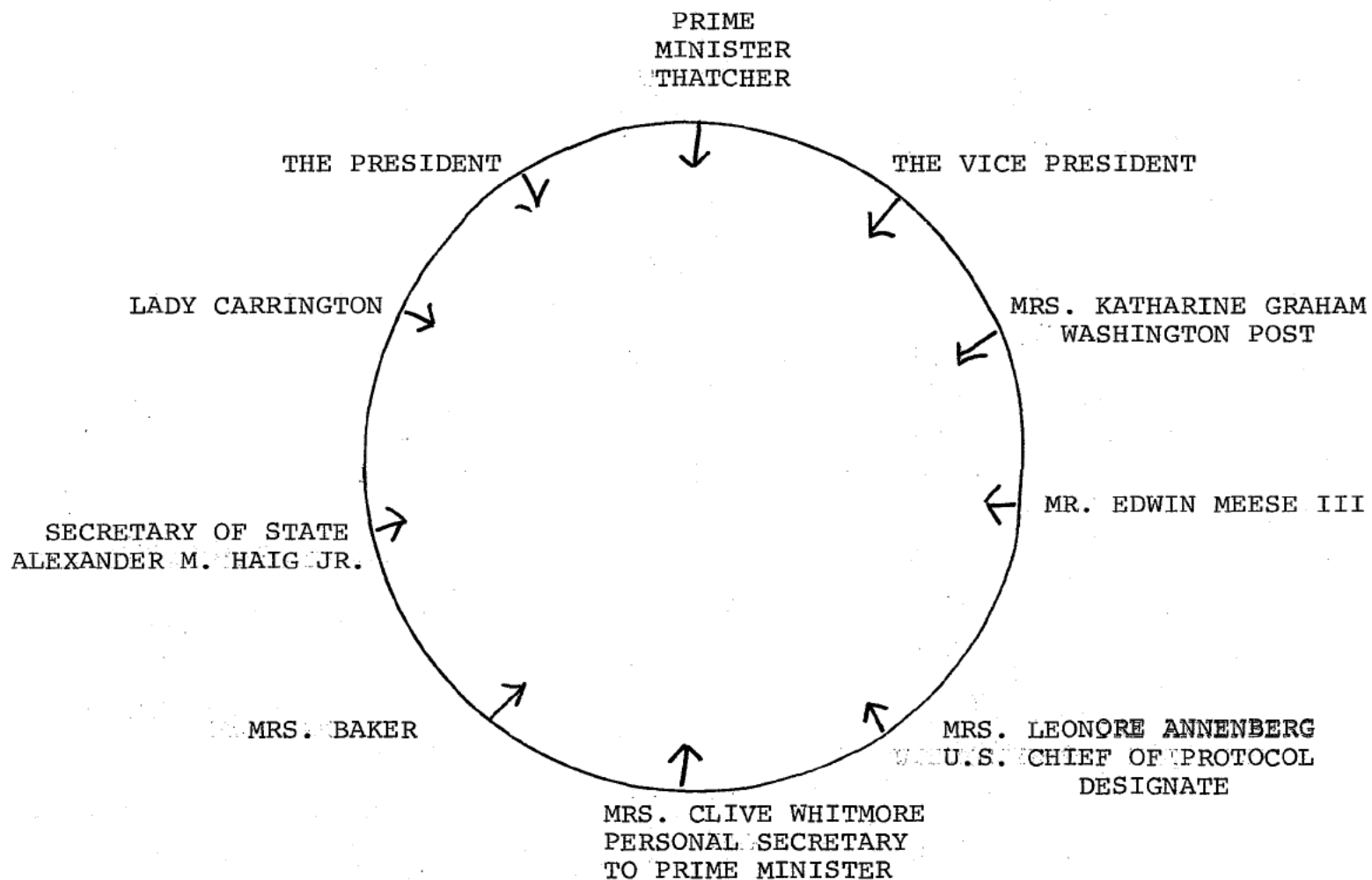
Tail

10:50 p.m. THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan arrive The White House and proceed inside Residence.

MRS. REAGAN'S SEATING CHART



THE PRESIDENT'S SEATING CHART



Mr. George Will and Mrs. Will
Syndicated Columnist

Mr. Jurek Martin and Miss Kathleen Newland
The Financial Times

Mr. Clive Small
British Broadcasting Corporation

Mrs. David Bruce
Widow of Former U.S. Ambassador to the Court of St. James

Mr. Hugh Bullock and Mrs. Bullock
The Pilgrims Society

Mr. W. Averell Harriman and Mrs. Harriman

Mr. Bob Hope and Mrs. Hope

Mr. Geoffrey Jones
Veterans of O.S.S.

Mr. Lane Kirkland and Mrs. Kirkland
President, AFL/CIO

Mr. James Symington and Mrs. Symington
Lawyer, Former Congressman

Miss Gloria Vanderbilt
Fashion Designer

Congressman Clement J. Zablocki
Democrat, Wisconsin; Chairman, House Foreign Affairs Committee

Mr. John Bookout and Mrs. Bookout
President and Chief Executive Officer, Shell Oil Company

Mr. Justin Dart
Dart Industries, Inc.

Dr. Armand Hammer and Mrs. Hammer
Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, Occidental
Petroleum Corporation

Mr. Reginald H. Jones and Mrs. Jones
Chairman, General Electric Company

Mr. David Rockefeller and Mrs. Rockefeller
Chairman, Chase Manhattan Bank

Mr. John M. Shaheen and Mrs. Shaheen
President, Shaheen Natural Resources Co., Inc.

Mr. Roger B. Smith and Mrs. Smith
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, General Motors Corporation

Sir Rupert Speir
Chairman, Matthew Hall & Company Limited

Mr. T. A. Wilson and Mrs. Wilson
Chairman, The Boeing Corporation

Mrs. Katharine Graham
Chairman of the Board, The Washington Post

Mr. William Paley
Chairman of the Board, CBS

Mr. Arthur O. Sulzberger and Mrs. Sulzberger
Publisher, New York Times

Mr. Henry Grunwald
Editor-in-Chief, Time Inc.

Miss Barbara Walters
Interviewer, ABC Television

Mr. Joseph Kraft and Mrs. Kraft
Syndicated Columnist

Mr. James Reston and Mrs. Reston
Syndicated Columnist

Mr. William J. Casey and Mrs. Casey
Director, Central Intelligence Agency

Mr. Edwin Meese III and Mrs. Meese
Counsellor to The President

Mr. James A. Baker III and Mrs. Baker
Chief of Staff to The President

Mr. Richard V. Allen and Mrs. Allen
Assistant to The President for National Security Affairs

Mr. William Wilson and Mrs. Wilson
Adviser to the President

Mr. Michael K. Deaver and Mrs. Deaver
Deputy Chief of Staff to The President

Mr. James S. Brady and Mrs. Brady
Assistant to The President and Press Secretary

Mr. Walter J. Stoessel, Jr. and Mrs. Stoessel
Under-Secretary for Political Affairs, Department of State

Ambassador Walter H. Annenberg and Mrs. Annenberg
Mrs. Leonore Annenberg - U.S. Chief of Protocol-designate

Mr. Lawrence S. Eagleburger and Mrs. Eagleburger
Assistant Secretary for European Affairs, Department of State

Mr. Edward J. Streator, Jr. and Mrs. Streator
Charge d'Affaires, United States Embassy, London

Mr. Henry Brandon and Mrs. Brandon
Mrs. Muffie Brandon - Social Secretary at The White House

Senator Howard H. Baker, Jr. and Mrs. Baker
Republican, Tennessee; Senate Majority Leader

Senator Paul Laxalt and Mrs. Laxalt
Republican, Nevada; Senate Majority Leadership

Senator Claiborne Pell and Mrs. Pell
Democrat, Rhode Island; Ranking Minority Member, Senate Foreign
Relations Committee

Senator John G. Tower and Mrs. Tower
Republican, Texas; Chairman, Senate Armed Services Committee

Congressman James C. Wright, Jr. and Mrs. Wright
Democrat, Texas; House Majority Leader

GUEST LIST

Miss Carol Thatcher

Lord Peter Carrington and Lady Carrington
Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs

Sir Robert Armstrong
Secretary of the Cabinet

Sir Michael Palliser
Permanent Under-Secretary of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Sir Frank Cooper
Permanent Under-Secretary of State, Ministry of Defense

Sir Nicholas Henderson and Lady Henderson
Ambassador to the United States

Mr. Clive Whitmore
Principal Private Secretary to the Prime Minister

Mr. Julian L. Bullard
Deputy Under-Secretary of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Mr. Bernard Ingham
Press Secretary

Mr. Nicholas M. Fenn
Head of News Department, Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Mr. Michael O.B. Alexander
Private Secretary to the Prime Minister

Mr. George G.H. Walden
Private Secretary to the Secretary of State for Foreign and
Commonwealth Affairs

Air Marshall Sir Roy D. Austen-Smith and Lady Austen-Smith
Head, British Defense Staff, Washington

Mr. John Fretwell and Mrs. Fretwell
Minister, British Embassy, Washington

Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig, Jr. and Mrs. Haig

Secretary of the Treasury Donald T. Regan and Mr. Regan

Secretary of Defense Caspar W. Weinberger and Mrs. Weinberger

Attorney General William French Smith and Mrs. Smith

RESPONDING TOAST: BRITISH EMBASSY DINNER HONORING PRIME MINISTER
THATCHER -- FEBRUARY 27, 1981

NANCY AND I WANT TO THANK PRIME MINISTER MARGARET THATCHER FOR THE WARMTH OF HER TOAST AS WELL AS HER GRACIOUS HOSPITALITY. IT HAS BEEN DELIGHTFUL FOR US TO SPEND AN EVENING WITH THE THATCHER FAMILY, GETTING TO KNOW BETTER MR. DENIS THATCHER AND MISS CAROL THATCHER. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK SIR NICHOLAS AND LADY HENDERSON, WHO HAVE MADE THIS HOUSE SUCH A GRACIOUS CENTER OF HOSPITALITY IN THIS CITY.

THE THREE MOST DIFFICULT THINGS A MAN CAN BE ASKED TO DO, WINSTON CHURCHILL IS BELIEVED TO HAVE SAID, ARE CLIMB A WALL LEANING TOWARDS HIM, KISS A WOMAN LEANING AWAY FROM HIM AND GIVE A GOOD AFTER-DINNER SPEECH.

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THIS EVENING MARKS THE FIRST STEPS I HAVE TAKEN AS A PRESIDENT ON FOREIGN SOIL. WHAT AN HONOR TO VISIT GREAT BRITAIN FIRST. HOW SYMBOLIC OF THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS THAT I ONLY HAD TO GO 15 CITY BLOCKS TO IT. I WONDER IF THIS IS WHAT IS MEANT BY THE SAYING: THE SUN NEVER SETS ON THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

BUT I DO HOPE YOU AGREE, PRIME MINISTER, THAT THIS CITY IS AN EXCELLENT VANTAGE POINT FROM WHICH TO SEE THE BRILLIANT SUNLIGHT THAT STILL FALLS UPON THE EMPIRE. I DO NOT MEAN THE EMPIRE OF TERRITORIAL POSSESSIONS -- I MEAN THE EMPIRE OF CIVILIZED IDEAS: THE RIGHTS OF MAN, UNDER GOD: THE RULE OF LAW: CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT; PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY; ALL THE GREAT NOTIONS OF HUMAN

LIBERTY STILL SO ARDENTLY SOUGHT BY SO MUCH OF MANKIND. THESE ARE THE ENDURING GRANDEUR OF THE BRITISH HERITAGE.

YOU WILL NOTE, PRIME MINISTER, THAT WE HAVE A HABIT OF QUOTING WINSTON CHURCHILL. TELL ME, IS IT POSSIBLE TO GET THROUGH A PUBLIC ADDRESS TODAY IN BRITAIN WITHOUT MAKING REFERENCE TO HIM? IT IS INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO DO SO HERE -- NOT JUST BECAUSE WE AMERICANS SHARE SOME PRIDE IN HIS ANCESTRY BUT BECAUSE THERE IS MUCH TO LEARN FROM HIM. HIS FEARLESSNESS. I DO NOT MEAN JUST PHYSICAL COURAGE. I MEAN HE WAS, FOR INSTANCE, UNAFRAID TO LAUGH.

I CAN REMEMBER WORDS ATTRIBUTED TO CHURCHILL ABOUT ONE SOMBER, STRAIGHTLACED COLLEAGUE IN PARLIAMENT -- "HE HAS ALL

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THE VIRTUES I DISLIKE AND NONE OF THE VICES I ADMIRE," HE SAID.

SIR WINSTON ONCE SAID OF ONE OF OUR BEST KNOWN DIPLOMATS: "HE IS THE ONLY CASE OF A BULL I KNOW WHO CARRIES HIS CHINA CLOSET WITH HIM."

EVEN AS THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN RAGED, HE COULD USE HIS GIFT FOR WIT AND UNDERSTATEMENT TO RALLY BRITAIN AND HER ALLIES. IN 1941 HE REFERRED TO THOSE WHO ONCE SAID THAT BRITAIN'S NECK, IN THREE WEEKS, WOULD BE WRUNG LIKE A CHICKEN'S. WHO CAN FORGET HIM PEERING OUT OVER THE PODIUM AT THE CANADIAN PARLIAMENT AND THEY SAYING: "SOME CHICKEN! SOME NECK!"

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THE GIFT OF HUMOR CAN MAKE A PEOPLE SEE WHAT THEY MIGHT ORDINARILY OVERLOOK. AND IT SUPPLEMENTS THAT OTHER GIFT OF GREAT LEADERS -- VISION.

WHEN HE ADDRESSED PARLIAMENT IN THE DARKEST MOMENTS AFTER DUNKIRK, CHURCHILL DARED TO PROMISE THE BRITISH THEIR FINEST HOUR AND EVEN REMINDED THEM THAT THEY WOULD SOMEDAY ENJOY "THE BRIGHT, SUNLIT UPLANDS" FROM WHICH THE STRUGGLE AGAINST HITLER WOULD BE SEEN AS ONLY A BAD MEMORY.

WELL, MADAME PRIME MINISTER, YOU AND I HAVE HEARD OUR SHARE OF SOMBER ASSESSMENTS AND DIRE PREDICTIONS IN RECENT MONTHS.

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I DO NOT REFER HERE TO THE PAINFUL BUSINESS OF ENDING OUR ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES. WE KNOW THAT WITH REGARD TO THE ECONOMIES OF BOTH OUR COUNTRIES: WE WILL BE HOME SAFE AND SOON ENOUGH.

I DO REFER, HOWEVER, TO THOSE OF OUR ADVERSARIES WHO PREACH THE SUPREMACY OF THE STATE.

WE HAVE HEARD ALL THE SLOGANS: THE END OF THE CLASS STRUGGLE, THE VANGUARD OF THE PROLETARIAT, THE WAVE OF THE FUTURE, THE INEVITABLE TRIUMPH OF SOCIALISM. INDEED, IF THERE IS ANYTHING THE MARXIST-LENINISTS MIGHT NOT BE FORGIVEN FOR, IT IS THEIR WILLINGNESS TO BOG THE WORLD DOWN IN TIRESOME CLICHES --

CLICHES THAT ARE RAPIDLY BEING RECOGNIZED FOR WHAT THEY ARE:
A GAGGLE OF BOGUS PROPHECIES AND PETTY SUPERSTITIONS.

PRIME MINISTER, EVERYWHERE ONE LOOKS THESE DAYS THE CULT
OF THE STATE IS DYING. AND, I WONDER, IF YOU AND I AND OTHER
LEADERS OF THE WEST SHOULD NOT NOW BE LOOKING TOWARDS "BRIGHT,
SUNLIT UPLANDS " -- AND BEGIN PLANNING FOR A WORLD WHERE OUR
ADVERSARIES ARE REMEMBERED ONLY FOR THEIR ROLE IN A SAD AND
RATHER BIZARRE CHAPTER IN HUMAN HISTORY.

THE BRITISH PEOPLE, WHO NOURISHED THE GREAT CIVILIZED IDEAS,
KNOW THE FORCES OF GOOD ULTIMATELY RALLY AND TRIUMPH OVER EVIL.

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THAT, AFTER ALL, IS THE LEGEND OF THE KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE.
THE LEGEND OF THE MAN WHO LIVED ON BAKER STREET. THE STORY OF
LONDON IN THE BLITZ. THE MEANING OF THE UNION JACK SNAPPING
SMARTLY IN A BRISK WIND.

AND MADAME PRIME MINISTER, I WILL MAKE ONE FURTHER PREDICTION:
THAT THE BRITISH PEOPLE ARE, ONCE AGAIN, ABOUT TO PAY HOMAGE TO
THEIR BELOVED SIR WINSTON BY DOING HIM THE HONOR OF PROVING HIM
WRONG -- AND SHOWING THE WORLD THAT THEIR FINEST HOUR IS YET TO
COME. HOW HE WOULD HAVE LOVED THE IRONY IN THAT, HOW PROUD IT
WOULD HAVE MADE HIM!

SO LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I ASK YOU NOW TO JOIN ME IN A TOAST
TO THE MEMORY OF A GREAT LEADER OF FREE PEOPLE, TO HIS VISION OF
"BRIGHT, SUNLIT UPLANDS," A TOAST TO HIS BRITANNIA -- ALL THAT
SHE HAS BEEN, ALL THAT SHE IS AND ALL THAT SHE WILL BE, AND TO
HER FINEST HOUR YET TO COME. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, TO HER
MAJESTY, THE QUEEN. THE QUEEN.