

John Holmes
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*From: John Holmes
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 PRIME MINISTER

VISIT TO NORTHERN IRELAND

I attach the latest advice from the NIO. The best date is clearly 18 December, perhaps flying over the night before, after the Audience. You have to be back by late afternoon for the Conservative Friends of Israel Annual Dinner. Diary extract attached.

I have made manuscript comments on the options attached to the NIO letter. Clearly not all of them can be fitted in but I have starred those I think most attractive.

Are you content for planning to go forward on this kind of basis?

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Thursday 12 December

0900 DPM/Party Chairman
 0915 Questions Briefing
 0930 Keep free
 1030 Cabinet
 ?OPD Pre-Dublin
 1200 **MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR BARRY PORTER, ST
 MARGARET'S +JW**
 1245 Lunch and Questions Briefing
 1515 **QUESTIONS**
 1540 **KEEP FREE FOR MPs**
 1700 **RETURN TO NO. 10**
 ? **DEPART FOR DUBLIN**

Friday 13 December**EUROPEAN COUNCIL, DUBLIN**Saturday 14 December**EUROPEAN COUNCIL, DUBLIN
 CONSTITUENCY SUPPER CLUB**Monday 16 December

0900 Keep free
 0930 Sir Robin Butler
 1000 Parliamentary Business Managers
 1030 Cabinet Committee Business
 1200 Press Interview (Lady Solti) + AP
 1300 Host lunch for colleagues (Commons) +JW
 1500-1600 DPM +AA
 1730 **HOST CCO CHRISTMAS PARTY + MRS MAJOR**
 1900 **CHIEF WHIP'S CHRISTMAS PARTY + MRS MAJOR, No.12**

Tuesday 17 December

0800 Haircut
 0900 DPM/Party Chairman
 0915 ?Questions Briefing
 0930 ?Keep free
 1030 Chancellor of the Exchequer +MW
 1245 ?Lunch and Questions Briefing
 1515 **?QUESTIONS**
 1540 **?KEEP FREE FOR MPs**
 1700 **?RETURN TO NO. 10**
 1830 **AUDIENCE**

Wednesday 18 December

0900-1300 Keep free for AW
 1500-1545 Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary +JEH
 1900 **?RECEPTION BEFORE**
 2000 **CONSERVATIVE FRIENDS OF ISRAEL ANNUAL DINNER
 + HJ (DINNER JACKET)**

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Thursday 19 December

0900 DPM/Party Chairman
0915 ?Questions Briefing
0930 ?Keep free
1030 ?Cabinet
1245 ?Lunch and Questions Briefing
1515 ?QUESTIONS
1540 ?KEEP FREE FOR MPs
1700 ?RETURN TO NO. 10
1800 ?Host No 10 Christmas Party + Mrs Major

Friday 20 December

**BIRMINGHAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
ANNUAL BANQUET + MW
RETURN TO HUNTINGDON**

Saturday 21 December - Monday 30 December

THE FININGS

Tuesday 31 December

**CHEQUERS
HOST NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER**

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