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INFORMATION DIVISION,

AIR MINISTRY,

WHITEHALL GARDENS,

LONDON, S.W.1.

8th September, 1955.

Dear Sir,

The Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Sir Anthony Eden, is spending next Tuesday, September 13th with the Royal Air Force. He will emplane in a R.A.F. Devon aircraft at 10.30 a.m. at R.A.F. Station, Halton, Bucks., to fly to the Bomber Command Station at Wittering, Northants.

On arrival at Wittering at 11.05 a.m. the Prime Minister will be received by the Secretary of State for Air, Lord De L'Isle and Dudley, V.C., the Deputy Chief of the Air Staff, Air Marshal Sir Thomas Pike, the Air Officer Commanding, No. 3 Group, Air Vice-Marshal E. C. Hudleston, C.B., C.B.E., (representing the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Bomber Command) and the Station Commander, Group Captain W. P. Sutcliffe, D.F.C. He will attend a briefing of aircrew and will then inspect a Vickers Valiant four-engined jet bomber, of No. 138 Squadron (Wing Commander R. G. W. Oakley, D.S.O., D.F.C., D.F.M.) and witness a mass take-off of 18 twin-jet Canberras for an exercise. During the take-off a number of Valiants of No. 138 Squadron will fly past.

After lunch at Wittering, the Prime Minister, accompanied by the Secretary of State for Air, will fly to R.A.F. Station Coltishall, Norfolk, where he will be received by the A.O.C.-in-C. Fighter Command, Air Marshal Sir Dermot Boyle. The Prime Minister will, immediately after landing, emplane in a helicopter to visit certain secret defence sites. The facilities to be offered at Coltishall, therefore, are confined to photography of the arrival by air and the departure by helicopter, the whole taking less than five minutes.

A statement will subsequently be issued from the Air Ministry on the Prime Minister's activities during the afternoon.

Air Ministry passes will be necessary for those wishing to cover the Prime Minister's visit to Wittering and his brief call at Coltishall and I should be grateful for early notification on extension 6409 if you wish to be represented. Those intending to go to Wittering should arrive not later than 10.30 a.m. Those intending to visit Coltishall should arrive at the Station by 1330 hours.

Yours faithfully,

J W Douglas

for Chief Information Officer.

The News Editor,

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John.

G-24135/JPB/9/55/130

Air Officer Commanding No. 5 Group: A.V.M. E.C. Huddleston, C.B., C.B.E.

ROYAL AIR FORCE, WETERING

Station Commander

Group Captain W.P. Sutcliffe, D.F.C.

Wing Commander Flying

Wing Commander D.D. Haig, D.S.O., D.F.C.

Wing Commander Administrative

Wing Commander J.H. Hoskins, D.S.O., D.F.C.

Wing Commander Technical

Wing Commander J. Gillespie, M.B.E.

Officer Commanding Bomber Command  
Amenment School

Wing Commander J.S. Rowlands, G.C., O.B.E.

Officer Commanding 1321 Flight

Squadron Leader D. Roberts, D.F.C., A.F.C.

Officer Commanding 158 Squadron

Wing Commander R.G.W. Oakely, D.S.O., D.F.C.  
D.F.M.

Officer Commanding 100 Squadron

Squadron Leader C.P.H. Kinkler,

Officer Commanding 76 Squadron

Squadron Leader J.G. Wynne, D.F.C.

Officer Commanding 40 Squadron

Squadron Leader M.B. Rogers, D.F.C., A.F.C.

Officer Commanding Support Squadron

Squadron Leader R.H.C. Huxwith.

Senior Air Traffic Control Officer

Squadron Leader E.F. Wool-Lewis.

Officer in Charge of Honours

Wing Commander J. Slessor.

VALLANT

4142197 LAC. Davies J. (Inst.Mech.Nav). Birmingham.  
 2725988 LAC. Traylen R. (Radio) Northampton.  
 4153152 SAC. Carter R. (Arm'r). London.  
 2725352 LAC. Needham R. (Airframe Mech) Boston.  
 4108024 SAC. McGonagle (Eng.Mech.) Coatbridge (Scotland).  
 1921806 SAC. Taylor K. (Elect. Mech.A.) Halifax.  
 4125801 LAC. Harvey D. (Inst.Mech.Gen). Torquay.  
 3509899 Cpl. Lorkin B. (Radar) Chelmsford.  
 567291 C.T. Claydon S.A. (Agr. Fitt.) King's. Lynn.

F.S. G. Barman  
 (Rhyl - N.Wales)

Flying Officer J.J. Harreld (Hereford)  
 Flight Lieutenant T.Tuokor (London)  
 Flight Lieutenant E. Stacey (Maryport - Cumberland)  
 Flight Lieutenant A.G. Steele, D.F.C. (London)  
 Squadron Leader U.L. Burberry (Hove)

Wing Commander R.G. Oakley D.S.O., D.F.C., D.F.M.  
 (Croydon - Resident Newark)