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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER

Confirming our telephone conversation, I have now heard from Mr. Wrong in Washington that the State Department are very happy to extend to you an informal invitation to stay in Blair House while you are in Washington. The most convenient time for the President, at the moment, would be the week-end of April 19th. If you agree, therefore, I will ask Mr. Wrong to inform the State Department that you appreciate the invitation, which you are happy to accept; that you will be in Washington on Saturday the 19th and will probably leave on Monday the 21st.

The State Department have also arranged an appointment with the President, either Saturday evening or Sunday, if that is agreeable to you. When the time for your visit with the President is fixed, Mr. Wrong can then arrange for you to have a chat with the Acting Secretary of State. I know from my visit to Washington a fortnight ago that Mr. Acheson would be greatly pleased if you found it possible to have a talk with him.

Mr. Wrong has told me that the Embassy car is, of course, at your disposal while you are in Washington, and they will send it to Williamsburg to pick you up on April 19th, unless they hear from you to the contrary.

I hope to send you two or three books tomorrow which you may be interested in reading while you are away.

CM Curson