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## Owen Barder

**From:** David North  
**Sent:** 16 March 2000 11:30  
**To:** Owen Barder; Anji Hunter  
**Subject:** FW: Manchester 2002 Reception - 5 April 2000

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Owen does sport - will be back next week

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Anji Hunter  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2000 11:29 AM  
**To:** David North  
**Subject:** FW: Manchester 2002 Reception - 5 April 2000

I presume you are handling this?

-----Original Message-----

**From:** jane.mckeown [SMTP:jane.mckeown@manchester2002.co.uk]  
**Sent:** 15 March 2000 17:50  
**To:** Anji Hunter (E-mail)  
**Subject:** Manchester 2002 Reception - 5 April 2000

Dear Anji,

Please find attached our bullet points for the Prime Minister's speech at the above event.  
These have been passed Mr McCartney's office.

Regards,  
Jane McKeown

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Bullet Points for PM -  
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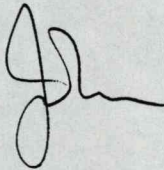
**From: John Sawers**  
**Date: 3 December 1999**

**PRIME MINISTER**

**cc: Jonathan Powell**

**GEOFF HOON**

Geoff was taken ill at yesterday's NATO Defence Ministers' meeting. He fainted a couple of times and had to leave Brussels without taking part in the NATO meeting. His doctors are not sure what it was but suspect it was a virus. He is having tests today. He is still keen to come to your dinner on Saturday evening but will cry off if he feels ghastly when he wakes up on Saturday morning. I have assured his office that the dinner is not a three line whip, and if it is a struggle for him he should not go.



**JOHN SAWERS**



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From: Deputy Chief of Defence Staff (Commitments)  
Air Marshal Sir John Day KCB OBE BSc RAF

30 November 1999

Dear Prime Minister and Mrs Blair,

Thank you very much indeed for inviting me to attend the dinner in No 10 Downing Street to mark the Kosovo campaign's successful outcome.

It was a most memorable evening, with delicious food and wine in an historic setting. Above all, it was so enjoyable to be re-united with the people, from many elements, with whom I had worked so closely during the crisis.

It was a privilege to be involved  
in the Kosovo campaign, and it  
was an especial honour to be  
invited to the dinner at No 10.

Once again, many thanks for your  
warm and generous hospitality.

Yours sincerely,

John Jay.

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CHIEF OF THE DEFENCE STAFF



30 November

Dear Prime Minister,

Many thanks

for entertaining so many of us  
on Monday at the Kosovo dinner.

It was a generous gesture and  
warmly appreciated by all those

this side of Whitehall.

Yours ever,  
Charles





CABINET OFFICE

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Dear John,

Through you I should like to thank the Prime Minister and Mrs Blair most warmly for an excellent dinner last night. I think all of us realised that it was a special occasion when the Prime Minister and his wife came up on evening for a dinner which was largely domestic, plus a few honorary Brits such as SACFOR & Javier Sorana. The gesture, as well as some very fine food & wine, was doubly appreciated.

I was delighted to be included.

Yours,

Richard Sorany

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**From:** John Sawers  
**Date:** 19 July 1999

**PRIME MINISTER**

**cc:** Jonathan Powell  
Alastair Campbell  
Kate Garvey

**DINNER FOR WES CLARK**

Kate is identifying a date for the proposed dinner for Wes Clark – 31 July is possible if you don't go to Kosovo, otherwise it will be one evening the following week.

I am not sure what sort of occasion and how many guests you have in mind. Presumably you would want partners/spouses, and that suggests a larger event. I attach a list of possible guests which is heavy on the military side, but includes a few of the more helpful journalists if you wanted variety.



**JOHN SAWERS**

**POSSIBLE GUESTLIST FOR DINNER FOR  
GENERAL WESLEY CLARK  
CHEQUERS, FIRST WEEK OF AUGUST**

General and Mrs Wesley Clark	Mr and Mrs Robin Cook
General and Mrs Naumann	Mr and Mrs Emyr Jones Parry
General and Mrs Rupert Smith	Mr and Mrs Peter Ricketts
General Sir Charles Guthrie and Lady Guthrie	Sir John and Lady Goulden
Air Marshal Sir John Day and Lady Day	
Air Marshal Sir Richard Johns and Lady Johns (Chief of Air Staff)	
Mr and Mrs George Robertson	
General and Mrs John Reith	
Field Marshal Sir Peter and Lady Inge	Clare Short
Mr and Mrs Edgar Buckley	Mr and Mrs John Vereker
Mr Bernard Gray	Mr and Mrs Richard Gozney
Mr and Mrs Mike Durkee, Political Adviser of SACEUR	Admiral(?) and Mrs West, CDI Mr and Mrs Michael Pakenham
Alastair Campbell and Fiona Millar	
Julian Braithwaite and partner	
Mr and Mrs John Keegan, Daily Telegraph	
Mr and Mrs Max Hastings, Evening Standard	
Mr (?and Mrs) Mark Laity, BBC	
Sir Richard and Lady Evans, BAe	

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**From: Jonathan Powell**  
**Date: 27 November 1998**

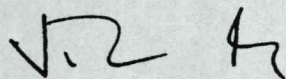
**PRIME MINISTER**

**cc:**  
**Philip Barton**  
**Anji Hunter**

### **DINNERS WITH THE FRENCH AND GERMANS**

Kohl used to have regular fireside chats with Brits and French people he would not otherwise meet. Both our Embassies in Paris and Bonn favoured this idea when I first floated it in July (see letter). Lord Weidenfeld has returned to the charge and made some suggestions on how this might work (see letter). You would host a dinner with say 8 or 9 senior German businessmen, political and cultural figures and newspaper editors such as those on the attached list. The Government would pay for the dinner and the Club of Three would pay for any of those who could not afford to pay to transport themselves. We would try to choose English speakers, but you could go for an interpreter if necessary. We might then widen this to both French and Germans at the same time.

Do have any interest? Would you rather keep your evenings to yourself?



**JONATHAN POWELL**

**From: Sue Goodchild**  
**Date: 13 October 1998**

**CLARE HAWLEY**

**GENERAL RECEPTION ON 10 DECEMBER**

I attach the lists of names on file for a General Reception. The first compiled at the end of 1997 and the second with suggestions since January '98. I have not included Commonwealth Games Gold Medal winners, etc.

Quite a lot to think about!

I have also copies of correspondence regarding possible Receptions for 'The Family' Letter from Eileen Ware (Bill Morris's partner) re Family Welfare Association

Ex-Service Community letter from Lord Morris of Manchester

Mencap Blue Sky Appeal - letter from Lord Rix

Not sure what is happening about these?

*Sue*  
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conqueror

ANGUS LAPSLEY

(P)

**From: Jonathan Powell**

**Date: 28 August 1997**

**cc: John Holmes  
David Miliband  
John Holroyd  
Moirra Wallace  
Philip Barton o/r  
Anji Hunter  
Kate Garvey  
Sue Goodchild**

## DINNERS

The Prime Minister has agreed that we should, on an experimental basis, try two informal dinners as you propose. If he finds them valuable we will then extend the experiment. He does not want Ministers to attend. If the Moscow visit goes ahead, he would like one of the dinners to be on Russia. If not, we could do one on Europe and one on NHS reform. Can you put in hand? If this is to succeed, the participants will need to be genuinely stimulating.

J.P. 29/8

**JONATHAN POWELL**

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**Jonathan Powell**

**From: Angus Lapsley**  
**Date: 11 August 1997**

**cc: John Holmes**  
**David Miliband**  
**John Holroyd**  
**Moira Wallace**  
**Philip Barton**  
**Anji Hunter**  
**Kate Garvey**  
**Sue Goodchild**

## **DINNERS**

We have previously discussed organising small informal dinners here at No 10, the aim of which would be to give the Prime Minister the chance to talk through big/complicated policy issues with a mixture of advisors and outsiders. This minute explains out how I intend to set about organising them – drawing on helpful suggestions from David.

I think that we should aim for 1 a month, starting in October. Given that we already have regular business events, a monthly regional tour, at least two receptions a month and ad hoc events (eg. the education summit), this is probably as much as the diary will support. However, if TB really likes the concept, we may be able to fit more sooner.

We will use the small dining room, which means 12 people. This would normally translate into, say, 3 from here, 3 Ministers/advisors and six outsiders.

I, or Moira where appropriate, will generally start by asking departments for nominations, but it will be for No 10 to decide the guest lists. Policy Unit already

have a pretty good network to draw from, but we should also try to cast the net a little wider on occasion.

The key decision for now is what to focus on. Suggestions are attached. They are basically the same as David's, with the following changes

- I think we need to hold an NHS dinner sooner rather than later – how to fund/reform the NHS is a fundamental question which has so far not engaged the Prime Minister to anywhere near the same extent as education or welfare reform;
- law and order should not be overlooked;
- if we are looking for another foreign issue, China and relations with Asia might appeal, especially if there is going to be a trip there at some point.

Subject to the views of others, Moira and I will start to push ahead with these straightaway.

Angus



PROPOSED NO 10 DINNERS

<u>Month</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Departmental and No 10 leads</u>
October	NHS reform	DOH already thinking; AL and RH
November	Local Government	DETR; MW and RH
December	Education	DFEE; MW and DM
January	Europe	FCO/CO, JEH and RL
February	Welfare reform	DSS/DFEE, MW and DM/SW
March	Law and order	HO/LCD, AL and LL
April	Churches	JH and DM
May	Centre left; where next?	DM
June	China and Asia	FCO, PB
July	Re-inventing Govt/ constitution	RR/AL and DM

① August - re proposal  
a dinner on evening



Fr. (Dinners)

② New letter

Thanks. We  
are looking

at ways of introducing  
it to science group

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From the Chief Scientific Adviser and Head of Office of Science and Technology

Sir Robert May FRS

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Mr David Miliband  
No 10 Policy Unit  
10 Downing Street  
London SW1

06 August 1997

Dear David

Attached is an account of a highly-publicised seminar that Clinton and Gore recently held in the White House.

It seems to me this kind of event does them good in at least two ways. Firstly, it generates an extremely favourable reaction among the academic and research community (a lot of which translates into votes). Second, it gives those members of the Cabinet who are involved a more direct sense of the issues, and the play of opinion, than can easily be gained from written summaries.

Perhaps this general kind of event is something we might talk about next time we meet.

A copy of this note also goes to Peter Mandelson.

Yours

Sir Robert May

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Department of Trade and Industry



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# Clinton pulls out the stops in bid to win backing for carbon cuts

WASHINGTON] President Bill Clinton met prominent scientists at the White House last week and began what he promised would be a sustained campaign to win US public support for action on climate change in the run-up to the international meeting in Kyoto, Japan, in December.

"There is ample evidence that human action is already disrupting the climate," Clinton said. "We can see the train coming but most ordinary Americans, in their day-to-day lives, can't hear the whistle blowing." This is true throughout the world, Clinton said, and represents "a great test for our democracy".

Clinton and Vice-President Al Gore met seven scientists, including Nobel prizewinners Sherwood Rowland, Mario Molina and Henry Kendall, before banks of television cameras and an audience of officials. The scientists gave presentations on different aspects of climate change, and were questioned by Clinton and Gore.

Clinton asked John Holdren, a physicist and professor of public policy at Harvard University, "why people are underrating the importance of the issue" and what he, as president, should do about it.

In a swipe at global warming sceptics, Holdren responded that there is "a solid consensus among scientists who have studied these matters seriously". He asked for early action to cut carbon emissions because "every year of business as usual, the more difficult it becomes to do anything about it".

Clinton said after the meeting that it had been the beginning of "a consistent, long-term effort" to educate the public on the issue. "I believe it will give us the support we need to take the action that we are going to take," he said in remarks directed toward the Kyoto meeting, at which countries are due to agree



Top class: Vice president Al Gore and president Bill Clinton listen as Mario Molina (right) of MIT explains the dynamics of climate change at a heavily publicized seminar in the White House.

on moves to curb carbon emissions.

The White House event appeared to indicate that Clinton has been convinced by Gore and other environmentalists in his administration to try to build public support for action on climate change, as the environmentalists have been seeking.

But it remains to be seen how far he will take the effort in the face of public apathy on the issue and widespread hostility to taxation or any other government action aimed at reducing energy consumption.

The event received modest media coverage, and the following day the Senate unanimously backed a resolution from Senators Robert Byrd (Democrat, West Virginia) and Chuck Hagel (Republican, Nebraska), calling on the administration not to agree on anything in Kyoto that would damage the US economy or set emission limits for developed countries while leaving develop-

ing countries without restrictions.

The Senate will have to ratify any agreement signed at Kyoto, and the Byrd resolution is seen as a warning that it will not accept an agreement that places most of the burden for reducing emissions on the United States.

Having failed in earlier efforts to modify the Byrd resolution, environmentalist senators and administration officials now say they can live with it. "The notion that developing countries need to be part of the solution is something we agree with," said Katie McGinty, head of the environment office in the White House.

McGinty says that the United States will call for the creation of a new category of countries at Kyoto which will take on binding obligations under the climate treaty as they reach a certain level of economic development. An automatic graduation process would transfer developing countries into the new category as their economies developed, she adds.

Earlier in the week, Gore had re-emphasized his strong commitment to action on climate change. "Will we accept responsibility for protecting our children from what we're doing or will we pretend it doesn't matter?", he asked an audience of engineers from the Partnership for a New Generation of Vehicles, a programme to develop a 'clean' car. "I think the question answers itself."

Jack Gibbons, the president's science adviser, told reporters that a carbon tax "should be considered" in response to global warming, along with other options. Asked about the preference of US consumers for large, uneconomical 'utility vehicles', Gibbons said: "We have to learn to better understand the long-term implications of our short-term decisions."

Colin Macilwain

## IPCC reports 'should be more user friendly'

LONDON] Members of the United Nations climate convention will this week meet in Bonn to consider the structure and content of the third five-yearly assessment of the world's climate.

The members - from the convention's Subsidiary Body on Scientific and Technical Advice - will discuss the assessment at a meeting to be conducted by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) under

its new chair, Bob Watson.

Some countries have indicated they would like the new report to reflect better the different views of scientists and not to shy away from delving into debates on climate change, areas of uncertainty, and 'alternative' views. Environmentalist groups, too, support this direction, according to a report in the newsletter *eco*.

The second assessment

report, published last year, contained the famous phrase: "the balance of evidence suggests a discernible human influence on global climate", which convinced governments of the need to take action.

Switzerland has said it is concerned that this report was not user-friendly enough - particularly the synthesis, which condensed the three-volume document into a summary for policy-makers. □

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