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Visit of the Prime Minister, the Minister of Trade and Industry, and the Minister of Agriculture and Lands to the United Kingdom, Europe, and the United States of America - 1967.

As Members of this Honourable House are aware, I recently visited Britain, France, Holland, the Federal Republic of Germany, and the United States of America.

2. Accompanying me were :-

- The Minister of Trade and Industry
- The Minister of Agriculture and Lands
- The Jamaican Ambassador to Washington (Special Adviser to the Prime Minister on International Affairs)
- The Acting Permanent Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs
- The Personal Assistant to the Prime Minister
- The Assistant Government Public Relations Officer
- The Personal Assistant to the Minister of Trade and Industry
- The Prime Minister's Secretary.

The Jamaican High Commissioner to London joined the delegation in London, and accompanied me to France, in his capacity as Jamaican Ambassador to France.

3. The main purpose of my visit to Europe was to seek reassurances that the United Kingdom Government's attitude towards entry into the European Economic Community had not changed and, as a corollary, to endeavour to persuade other members of the European Economic Community that, should Britain succeed in gaining entry into the Community, no obstacles would be put in the way of safeguards for Jamaica's trading position. Moreover, I had decided, following my assumption of duties as Prime Minister, to get to know the Heads of Governments of these countries whose goodwill is so vital to Jamaica's economic future.

4. The Minister of Trade and Industry and the Minister of Agriculture and Lands had, earlier in the year, joined, in co-operation with other Caribbean Ministers, in attempting to convince the responsible departmental heads in the United Kingdom of the need to treat the Caribbean countries as a special case during the negotiations with the "Six". In a recent Cabinet

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Tuesday, October 3:

8:00 p.m.

THE HAGUE

Private Dinner.

Wednesday, October 4:

9:45 a.m.

THE HAGUE

The Prime Minister called on the Acting Prime Minister of the Netherlands - Vice Premier Johannes A. Bakker - in the Cabinet Room.

10:15 a.m.

The Prime Minister held talks with the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. Mr. H. J. De Koster, at the Foreign Ministry.

12:15 p.m.

The Prime Minister received representatives of industrial concerns at his hotel.

3:00 p.m.

The Prime Minister visited the International Court of Justice (Peace Palace).

4:00 p.m.

Mr. Lightbourne held discussions with the Minister of Economic Affairs, Mr. DeBlock.

5:30 p.m.

Mr. Gyles held discussions with the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Lar Dinois.

8:00 p.m.

The Prime Minister gave a press conference at the hotel.

Formal Dinner given by the Minister of Agriculture for the Prime Minister and his party.

Thursday, October 5:

10:50 a.m.

BONN

The Prime Minister departed for Ypenburg Airbase.

11:30 a.m.

The Prime Minister and party departed by special aircraft for Cologne, Bonn Airport.

12:30 p.m.

The Prime Minister arrived in Germany and was received by Ambassador Dr. Schwarzmann, Chief of Protocol.

1:15 p.m.

Arrived at Hotel Konigshof.

1:30 p.m.

Luncheon. The Chief of Protocol was host.

4:00 p.m.

The Prime Minister held discussions with the Federal Chancellor, Herr Kurt Kiesinger.

Thursday, October 5:

BONN

6:00 p.m.

The Prime Minister attended a Reception given in his honour by the British Ambassador at his residence.

8:00 p.m.

Dinner in honour of the Prime Minister by the Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation.

Friday, October 6:

BONN

8:55 a.m.

Messrs. Lightbourne and Gyles left for the Federal Foreign Office for talks.

9:00 a.m.

The Prime Minister held a press conference at his hotel.

10:10 a.m.

The Prime Minister and party left for the General Food Exhibition (Anuga), at Cologne-Deutz.

1:00 p.m.

Luncheon in honour of the Prime Minister by the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Exhibition and Fairs Company, Cologne, Chief Mayor Burauen.

2:30 p.m.

Party left for Cologne/Bonn Airport.

3:25 p.m.

The Prime Minister was seen off by the Chief of Protocol, and departed by PAA 672 for Berlin.

4:15 p.m.

The Prime Minister arrived at Berlin-Tempelhof Airport, and was welcomed by the Chief of Protocol, Department of the Berlin Senate, Senate Councillor Dr. Rauch.

8:00 p.m.

Left for Park Hotel, Zellermyer. Dinner in honour of the Prime Minister hosted by the Chief of Protocol.

Saturday, October 7:

BERLIN

9:00 a.m.

The Prime Minister and party were conducted on a sight-seeing tour of Berlin by the Chief of Protocol.

10:30 a.m.

The Prime Minister held talks with the Governing Mayor of Berlin, Herr Albertz, at Schoenberg Town Hall, and signed the Golden Book of Berlin.

Saturday, October 7:

12:30 p.m.

BERLIN

The Prime Minister attended a luncheon in his honour given by Mayor Striek, at Charlottenburg Castle.

2:00 p.m.

The Prime Minister left for Tegel Airport.

2:15 p.m.

Departed by PAA 77 for New York.

7:30 p.m.

Prestwick Airport, Glasgow.

The Prime Minister and party arrived at the Kennedy Airport. Plaza Hotel, New York.

Sunday, October 8:

NEW YORK

The Prime Minister held talks with the Jamaican Mission at the United Nations and representatives of the United Nations Missions.

Monday, October 9:

NEW YORK

12 Noon

The Prime Minister called on the Secretary General of the United Nations, U Thant.

1:00 p.m.

Private lunch.

3:00 p.m.

Visited Permanent Mission to the United Nations offices.

8:00 p.m.

The Prime Minister was host at Dinner for United Nations representatives at the Carlyle Hotel.

Tuesday, October 10:

NEW YORK

11:30 a.m.

The Prime Minister addressed the United Nations.

12:10 p.m.

Met Jamaican Nationals - Public Lobby.

12:30 p.m.

Met Jamaican staff members of the United Nations.

1:00 p.m.

The Prime Minister lunched at the residence of the Permanent Representative to the United Nations.

6:30 p.m.

Reception by Ambassador Johnson in honour of Prime Minister at Plaza for Jamaicans.

Wednesday, October 11:

NEW YORK

11:00 a.m.

The Prime Minister gave a Press Conference in his Hotel.

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Wednesday, October 11:

3:00 p.m.

NEW YORK

The Prime Minister visited the offices of the Consulate General, and the Industrial Development Corporation at the Pan American Building.

6:00 p.m.

The Prime Minister was guest of honour at Overseas Press Club - Reception and news Conference.

Thursday, October 12:

6:00 p.m.

NEW YORK

The Prime Minister attended a Reception given by the President of the General Assembly, the Rumanian Foreign Minister.

7:00 p.m.

The Prime Minister addressed a Meeting of the Local 3 Construction Union.

8:00 p.m.

The Prime Minister addressed the Jamaican Students Union at Pace College.

Friday, October 13:

9:30 a.m.

WASHINGTON

The Prime Minister and party left the Plaza Hotel for La Guardia Airport.

10:35 a.m.

The Prime Minister and party departed from La Guardia by U.S. Air Force Jet.

11:35 a.m.

Arrived Andrews Air Force Base. Party met there by Chief of Protocol James Symington and Mr. V.C. Smith, Minister/Counsellor, Jamaican Embassy.

11:45 a.m.

The Prime Minister and party departed from Andrews Air Force Base by U.S. Helicopter for the White House.

11:58 a.m.

The Prime Minister, Chief of Protocol Symington, Ambassador Richardson, Mr. DeSouza and Mr. Smith arrived at the White House (Ellipse).

12 Noon

President Johnson received the Prime Minister.

1:15 p.m.

The Prime Minister and Party departed White House with Chief of Protocol James Symington for luncheon given by Secretary of State Dean Rusk in honour of the Prime Minister in the Thomas Jefferson Room, Department of State.

3:20 p.m.

The Prime Minister and entire party viewed Jamaican exhibit at State Department.

Friday, October 13:

WASHINGTON

3:40 p.m. Prime Minister returned to Blair House.

5:30 p.m. Ambassador Richardson arrived Blair House.

5:45 p.m. Prime Minister and party departed Blair House for Shoreham Hotel (Palladian Room) to attend Ambassador's reception in his honour.

6:00 p.m. Chief of Missions presented to the Prime Minister at the Reception.

9:30 p.m. Prime Minister and party departed Shoreham Hotel for dinner, Blair House.

Saturday, October 14:

WASHINGTON

10:50 a.m. Prime Minister and party departed Blair House for Chancery, met and addressed staff of Jamaican Embassy and of British West Indies Central Labour Organisation.

11:30 a.m. Prime Minister held discussion with Mr. Donald Carmichael and Mr. William Stephanski at Chancery.

12:30 p.m. Prime Minister lunched with Ambassador Richardson at Embassy.

2:30 p.m. Prime Minister and party departed Embassy in motorcade for Andrews Air Force Base.

3:15 p.m. Prime Minister and party departed from Andrews Air Force Base by U.S. Air Force Jet.

NEW YORK

4:15 p.m. Prime Minister and party arrived Kennedy International Airport.

5:15 p.m. Prime Minister and party departed for Jamaica.

8:30 p.m. Prime Minister and party arrived at Palisadoes Airport.

reshuffle, the British Prime Minister has made new appointments to the posts of President of the Board of Trade and Secretary of State for Commonwealth Affairs. With these changes it was necessary that Jamaica should seek reassurances from the British Government, through its Prime Minister, that the changes in personnel involved no change in the Government's policy as it related to the Caribbean.

5. I left Jamaica on Friday, the 22nd of September, and returned on Saturday, the 14th of October. A detailed programme of the tour is attached at Appendix I.

6. My meeting with the British Prime Minister took place on Monday, the 25th of September. I was reassured by him that the United Kingdom is still willing to seek association with the European Common Market for the Caribbean countries which want it, and that the United Kingdom will make every effort during the negotiations with the "Six" to preserve the special marketing arrangements for sugar.

7. The visit also enabled me to get to know Mr. Wilson. Within the Commonwealth, Prime Ministers have traditionally conducted business amongst themselves on that friendly and informal basis which can only exist where it is founded upon personal knowledge of each other.

8. It was important that relations between myself, as the new Prime Minister of Jamaica, and the United Kingdom Head of Government should be put quickly on this basis, and I was able to talk with him very frankly about such delicate questions as race relations, Rhodesia, Anguilla and the future of British Honduras.

9. I also met separately with Mr. George Thomson, Secretary of State for Commonwealth Affairs, and discussed matters including British Honduras, Anguilla, Hong Kong, and the Caribbean Development Bank.

10. The Minister of Trade and Industry had valuable talks with the new President of the Board of Trade on matters affecting the Common Market and the world market for sugar.

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11. The Minister of Agriculture and Lands also had useful consultations with the Ministers of Agriculture and of Overseas Development. Greater technical assistance from Britain in respect of agriculture may well result from these discussions.

12. The visit to Britain was primarily a goodwill one, and designed to put Jamaica's case, in terms of the vital area of trade, to the most senior political leaders. Discussions were carried out in an atmosphere of frankness and goodwill, but there was no new assurance additional to the previous assurance of the intention to safeguard, as much as possible, economic preferences now accorded Jamaica.

13. During my stay in London I had the opportunity of meeting many Jamaicans who are now living in Britain, as well as representatives of several of their organisations.

14. I visited the President of France, General Charles de Gaulle, at the Elysee' Palace on Friday, the 29th of September, where we spent a considerable period of time dealing with the problems and obstacles of the United Kingdom's possible membership of the European Economic Community. The General appreciated our difficulties and problems contingent on the United Kingdom's entry, and indicated that, at the appropriate time, that aspect of the matter would be favourably considered.

15. My visit to the Acting Prime Minister of the Royal Netherlands, Vice Premier Johannes A. Bakker, took place on Wednesday, the 4th of October. I obtained an undertaking from the representatives of the Dutch Government that, having understood Jamaica's position and all the facts connected with our trade position and our dependence on this special type of trading relationship, the Dutch Government would seek solutions to the problems in the negotiations, and that Jamaica's interests would be protected as best as possible.

16. From the Hague, I went to Bonn on Thursday, the 5th of October, and held discussions in the afternoon with the Chancellor of the Federal

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Republic of Germany, Herr Kurt Kiesinger. The Chancellor assured me that in the negotiations for Britain's entry into the European Economic Community, every effort would be made to support Jamaica's position and safeguard her interests.

17. As a result of the visit to Europe, the following emerged :-

- (i) three powerful members of the Community have been placed notice that Jamaica would seriously desire association with the Community if Britain should enter;
- (ii) these same member countries have been informed authoritatively that the United Kingdom recognizes the Caribbean countries as a special case having a special entitlement to a reserve position in her market for certain commodities;
- (iii) the Ministers consulted can now distinguish between the case which exists for the Caribbean countries keeping part of Britain's market and the case which might exist for the Commonwealth as a whole or other parts of it;
- (iv) we have also ascertained the views of the Netherlands Government and asked for that of Germany on the appropriate procedure for association;
- (v) in negotiating for association with the Community, it is not enough that Britain should ask for it on our behalf, but that we should have to deal with the "Six" ourselves.

18. Consultations serve the purpose of emphasising to the political leaders the importance of the agricultural sector to our economy, particularly in terms of labour content and foreign exchange earning capacity.

19. On Saturday, the 7th of October, I left Berlin for New York where the following three days were occupied with discussions with the Jamaican Mission to the United Nations; representatives of other United Nations

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Missions; a call on the Secretary General of the United Nations; my address to the United Nations General Assembly (on Tuesday, 10th October) setting out Jamaica's foreign policy; press conferences; visits to the Jamaican Consulate-General, the Industrial Development Corporation; and various other meetings and receptions at which I had the opportunity for discussions with Jamaicans living in New York.

20. On Friday, the 13th of October, I went to Washington for a meeting with the President of the United States of America.

21. The talks dealt with a number of international issues and also subjects related to development programmes in Jamaica, which require outside assistance.

22. I also had talks with the United States Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Rusk, on a wide range of topics - from the policy being followed in international development lending and levels of unemployment in Jamaica, to birth control, Anguilla, the Middle East and Vietnam.

23. These visits have achieved their purpose in that I have met at the highest level with the leaders of powerful countries whose goodwill and assistance are so vital to Jamaica's interests. I have found much sympathy and goodwill for Jamaica throughout my tour. I propose, in due course, to make arrangements to follow-up my European tour with visits to other members of the European Economic Community.

24. At home, the valuable information gained on the tour will be carefully studied so that decisions on trade can be taken. I intend to strengthen our links with Europe, and will shortly put to this Honourable House

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proposals for the establishment of an Embassy in Brussels, which is the headquarters of the Common Market. The Jamaican High Commissioner to London has been appointed as Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany and will present his credentials next week. Consideration will also be given to accreditation of representatives to the remaining Community countries.

7:40 p.m.

The Prime Minister arrived in New York and moved to the Airport Hotel for consultations with the Jamaican Permanent Representative to the United Nations.

10:00 p.m.

The Prime Minister left New York for London.

HUGH L. SHEARER,
Prime Minister
and Minister of External Affairs.

2nd November, 1967.

Saturday, September 23:

9:40 a.m.

The Prime Minister arrived at the London Airport and was met by the British Chief of Protocol and the Jamaican High Commissioner.

Ministry of External Affairs,
Kingston.

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The Prime Minister arrived at the Savoy Hotel as guest of the Government of the United Kingdom.

LONDON

Sunday, September 24:

12:30 p.m.

Working lunch with Ministers Lightbourne and Oyles, High Commissioner Sir Laurence Lindo, and team of advisers - Savoy Hotel.

6:30 p.m.

Reception given in honour of Prime Minister of Jamaica by Jamaica High Commissioner, Sir Laurence Lindo, and Lady Lindo.

Monday, September 25:

LONDON

10:30 a.m.

The Prime Minister visited the Offices of the Jamaican High Commissioner, 5-10 Bruton Street, and held discussions with the High Commissioner and the Senior Diplomatic Officials of the High Commission.

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APPENDIX I

HONOURABLE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO EUROPE
AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER, 1967

Friday, September 22:

JAMAICA

3:00 p.m.

The Prime Minister left the Palisadoes Airport by Air Jamaica, Flight 474.

7:40 p.m.

The Prime Minister arrived in New York and moved to the Airport Hotel for consultations with the Jamaican Permanent Representative to the United Nations.

10:00 p.m.

The Prime Minister left New York for London on BOAC Flight 506.

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LONDON

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6:30 p.m.

Reception given in honour of Prime Minister of Jamaica by Jamaica High Commissioner, Sir Laurence Lindo, and Lady Lindo.

Monday, September 25:

LONDON

10:30 a.m.

The Prime Minister visited the Offices of the Jamaican High Commission, 6-10 Bruton Street, and held discussions with the High Commissioner and the Senior Diplomatic Officials of the High Commission.

Monday, September 25:

LONDON

11:00 a.m.

The Prime Minister addressed the staff of the High Commission, the Jamaica Industrial Development Corporation and the Jamaica Tourist Board.

12 Noon

The Prime Minister had talks with the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, the Rt. Honourable Harold Wilson, P.C. at 10 Downing Street.

1:15 p.m.

The Prime Minister was the guest of Mr. Wilson at lunch.

3:00 p.m.

The Prime Minister held discussions with Secretary for Commonwealth Affairs, the Rt. Honourable George Thomson, P.C. and Lord Shepherd, Minister of State.

Tuesday, September 26:

LONDON

11:00 a.m.

Press Conference at Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych, W.C. 2.

1:30 p.m.

Luncheon - Orchid Room, Dorchester Hotel (Host, His Excellency the High Commissioner for Jamaica).

3:30 p.m.

Rt. Honourable Reginald Maudling, Deputy Leader of the Opposition, called on the Prime Minister.

4:30 p.m.

Mr. George Woodcock, General Secretary, Trades Union Congress, called on the Prime Minister.

Wednesday, September 27:

LONDON

11:30 a.m.

The Rt. Honourable Frederick Mulley, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, called on the Prime Minister.

1:00 p.m.

Luncheon (Hosts: West India Committee) Gondoliers Room, Savoy Hotel.

Thursday, September 28:

PARIS

10:00 a.m.

The Prime Minister left London Airport for Paris BEA Flight 338.

11:00 a.m.

Arrived Paris, met by Chief of Protocol and left for Hotel Meurisse, Rue De Rivoli.

1:00 p.m.

The Prime Minister and party left for the Quai D'Orsay for luncheon given by the Deputy Foreign Minister.

4:30 p.m.

Mr. Edgar Faure, Minister of Agricultural Affairs, received Mr. Gyles and Ambassador Richardson at the Ministry of Finance.

5:30 p.m.

Mr. Gyles and Ambassador Richardson called on Mr. Michel Debré, Minister of Finance.

6:30 p.m.

Mr. Lightbourne, with Messrs. Collymore and Priester, called on the French Minister of Industry, Mr. Oliver Guichard.

Friday, September 29:

PARIS

12 noon

The Prime Minister held talks with the President of France, General Charles de Gaulle at the Elysee Palace.

1:30 p.m.

Luncheon at the Hotel Meurisse in honour of the Prime Minister by the Jamaican Ambassador.

4:00 p.m.

The Prime Minister and party left Paris for London.

Saturday, September 30:

LONDON

Sunday, October 1:

LONDON

Monday, October 2:

LONDON

Tuesday, October 3:

THE HAGUE

5:25 p.m.

The Prime Minister left London - Flight BEA 434.

6:20 p.m.

Arrived Schipol Airport, Amsterdam, and was met by the Chief of Protocol. Proceeded to Hotel Oud Wassenaar - The Hague.