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Dear Roger,

I am currently writing about my time in office, under the normal rules – not for publication until after the next election.

For the sake of greater accuracy I have very urgent need to refer to my papers for 2020.

I hereby append a list of all the meetings, conversations or events that will certainly have generated official documentation of one kind or another.

It would be a very great kindness if someone could help by digging out the relevant:-

* box notes
* any other submissions and replies
* background briefings
* read-outs or official notes
* cabinet and other minutes

This should be fairly simple, I hope. I have gone through the entire PM diary for 2020 and identified all the phone calls, meetings, visits, press conferences, speeches etc etc that will – I am certain – have generated some kind of official record.

I am of course very happy to come and inspect this material as soon as you can locate it.

With many thanks for your help in advance. A great deal has already been written about this period – and I am determined to ensure that my account is firmly rooted in the historical record.

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With best wishes,

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**Appendix 1**

**JANUARY 2020**

**Tuesday 7 January**

* read out of call with Erdogan

**Wednesday 8 January**

* + any notes on the meetings on Iran
  + read out of call with Trudeau

**Thursday 9 January**

* read out of call with Rouhani
* read out of call with Emir of Qatar

**Friday 10 January**

* read out call with Lotven of Sweden
* any notes from chequers discussions on government priorities

**Sunday 12 January**

* any notes on trip to Oman
* read out on Chancellor Merkel call

**Monday 13 January**

* notes or briefings on meeting with Taoiseach

**Tuesday 14 January**

* notes or briefings on bilat with Chancellor
* read out on Ardern call

**Wednesday 15 January**

* read out on Bolsonaro call

**Thursday 16 January**

* any briefings or notes on broadband round table
* any notes or briefings on Integrated security and defence review

**Sunday 19 January**

* notes on Libya conference Berlin – all briefings and bilats

**Monday 20 January**

* Africa conference - all notes and briefings including with Duke of Sussex

**Thursday 23 January**

* any notes or briefings on social care teach in
* notes or briefings on EU Exit committee

**Monday 27 January**

* broadband meeting – all notes and briefings

**Tuesday 28 January**

* read out Trump call

**Thursday 30 January**

* briefings and notes, read out of meeting with CX and Transport Sec

**Friday 31 January**

* Cabinet minutes

**FEBRUARY 2020**

**Sunday 2 February**

* any notes or briefings on Streatham terror incident

**Monday 3 February**

* Greenwich speech
* notes/briefings on domestic priorities
* notes/briefings on CX bilat

**Tuesday 4 February**

* + notes etc for COP launch
  + Sultan of Brunei readout
  + EU Exit Cabinet Committee notes

**Wednesday 5 February**

* notes etc for meetings on HS2
* read out of Netanyahu call

**Monday10 Feb**

* COP update notes

**Tuesday 11 February**

* notes on social care reform briefings
* notes on HS2 visit

**Wednesday 12 February**

* notes on tax teach in
* notes on social care discussion

**Tuesday 18 February**

* call with Xi of China read out

**Wednesday 19 February**

* notes for CX meeting
* notes for housing and planning meeting

**Thursday 20 February**

* Trump call read out

**Monday 24 February**

* notes on domestic priorities meeting
* Plenkovic read out
* CX bilat notes

**Tuesday 25 February**

* notes on Heathrow meeting with Transport Sec
* EU Exit Cabinet Committee
* notes on Integrated Security and Defence Review

**Wednesday 26 February**

* notes on homelessness and rough sleeping meeting
* read out of call with Lord Salisbury

**Thursday 27February**

* notes of visit to Kettering hospital

**Friday 28 February**

* read out of call with Witherow
* read out of call with Vucic

**MARCH 2020**

**Sunday 1 March**

* notes on visit to Public Health England

**Monday 2 March**

* notes on Erdogan call
* notes on drink with Prince Charles

**Wednesday 4 March**

* notes on Cabinet Committee on Climate Change
* Macron call read out

**Thursday 5 March**

* notes on meeting with Mark Carney et al

**Friday 6 March**

* read out MBZ call
* notes on visit to Mologic
* notes on transgender submission

**Monday 9 March**

* notes on meeting on Huawei

**Tuesday 10 March**

* notes on Crime and Justice Taskforce

**Wednesday 11 March**

* Cabinet minutes
* notes on meeting on NI protocol

**Thursday 12 March**

* Modi call read out

**Friday 13 March**

* Merkel call read out
* Conte call read out

**Saturday 14 March**

* Morrison call read out
* Trump call read out

**Sunday 15 March**

* Abe call read out
* MBS read out

**Monday 16 March**

* G7 leaders read out

**Tuesday 17 March**

* cabinet minutes
* notes for meeting with CX
* notes for mass testing roundtable

**Thursday 19 March**

* notes on call with Varadkar
* notes on call with CX

**Saturday 22 March**

* notes on post-Covid 19 strategy meeting

**Monday 23 March**

* Xi read out

**APRIL 2020**

**Friday 24 April**

* notes on the meeting to update me at Chequers

**Tuesday 28 April**

* bilat with CX

**Thursday 30 April**

* Cabinet minutes

**MAY 2020**

**Friday 1 May**

* notes on strategy meeting
* notes on update on schools

**Saturday 2 May**

* notes on strategy meeting with CX

**Monday 4 May**

* notes on schools meeting

**Tuesday 5 May**

* notes on EU exit meeting
* notes on education strategy meeting

**Wednesday 6 May**

* notes on meeting of quad of ministers

**Friday 8 May**

* Putin read out
* Morawiecki read out
* notes on cycling meeting

**Tuesday 12 May**

* notes on meeting on origins of Covid
* notes on domestic priorities meeting

**Wednesday 13 May**

* notes on Kate Bingham meeting

**Thursday 14 May**

* Croughton notes
* Emir of Qatar read out
* notes on meeting with SoS Transport

**Friday 15 May**

* education meeting
* notes on China policy meeting
* Trudeau read out
* Varadkar read out

**Monday 18 May**

* notes on Middle East Peace Process meeting
* MBZ read out

**Tuesday 19 May**

* box notes on protocol

**Wednesday 20 May**

* update on Test and Trace
* notes for Crime and Justice Taskforce
* notes for meeting with SoS transport

**Friday 22 May**

* notes on economy meeting

**Thursday 28 May**

* notes on meeting to discuss Hong Kong

**Friday 29 May**

* notes on Obesity Strategy meeting

**JUNE 2020**

**Monday 1 June**

* notes on EU exit meeting
* notes on meeting w SoS Scotland, Wales, NI
* notes on meeting Simon Stevens

**Tuesday 2 June**

* notes on economy meeting
* cabinet minutes
* notes on meeting with Defence Sec

**Thursday 4 June**

* notes on economy meeting
* notes on domestic priorities meeting

**Friday 5 June**

* notes on meeting SoS Transport

**Tuesday 9 June**

* notes on economy meeting
* EU exit strategy meeting

**Friday 12 June**

* notes on trip to lighthouse lab
* economy seminar on skills and the labour market

**Monday 15 June**

* notes on meeting w EU presidents

**Tuesday 16 June**

* notes on phone call w Marcus Rashford

**Wednesday 18 June**

* Morrison read out
* notes on macron visit

**Thursday 19 June**

* op note Bovingdon Primary

**Wednesday 24 June**

* notes on capabilities meeting
* National Security Council
* EU exit strategy

**Friday 26 June**

* economy seminar
* all the papers relating to this including the presentation by Vivian Hunt

**Saturday 27 June**

* phone call w Morawiecki
* phone call w Stoltenberg

**Tuesday 30 June**

* any notes surrounding economic recovery speech in Dudley

**JULY 2020**

**Wednesday 1 July**

* notes on call with Sunil Mittal

**Thursday 2 July**

* notes on CX economic statement
* notes on meeting w Paul Deighton
* all notes and papers from economy seminar

**Monday 6 July**

* op notes and briefings for siemens visit
* Netanyahu call

**Tuesday 7 July**

* Merkel call
* notes of Barnier dinner

**Wednesday 8 July**

* notes on meeting with SOSNI - victims’ payments etc

**Thursday 9 July**

* notes on teach in on carbon capture and wind power

**Friday 10 July**

* meeting with Dowden on 5G

**Monday 13 July**

* meeting on skills policy CX, Alison Wolf et al

**Tuesday 14 July**

* meeting on the economy – all notes, briefings, papers
* Abbas of Palestine read out

**Wednesday 15 July**

* notes on meeting to discuss planning CX, Jenrick, Pincher et al

**Thursday 16 July**

* notes on Randox meeting
* notes on Crime and Justice task force meeting

**Friday 17 July**

* notes on cabinet conference call

**Monday 20 July**

* op note for visit to school in Tonbridge

**Tuesday 21 July**

* seminar on green investment
* meeting with Mike Pompeo

**Wednesday 22 July**

* notes on Jet Zero Council
* all notes and papers on economic seminar on local growth

**Thursday 23 July**

* op note and briefing for visit to Orkney

**Friday 24 July**

* notes and papers on National Infrastructure Summit at Chequers

**Tuesday 28 July**

* op note for meeting with Darren Henry
* Sanchez call read out

**Wednesday 29 July**

* update on small boats – all notes etc

**Friday 31 July**

* minutes of Cabinet update

**AUGUST 2020**

**Wednesday 5 August**

* notes for meeting on population testing
* call with Vizcaya of Peru
* notes for project Leith

**Thursday 6 August**

* housebuilding visit op notes

**Monday 10 August**

* op notes for trip to catholic school
* Welsh business leaders notes and papers

**Wednesday 12 August**

* notes for fiscal strategy meeting
* meeting on population testing

**Thursday 13 August**

* meeting with Taoiseach

**Monday 17 August**

* conversations with education team? Any notes?

**Monday 24 August**

* papers and notes for China seminar
* notes for meeting with green innovation business leaders
* notes for meeting on small boats

**Thursday 27 August**

* mass testing meeting notes and papers

**SEPTEMBER 2020**

**Wednesday 2 September**

* Abe read out
* papers on Covid enforcement meeting
* read out of call with Mohammed bin Salman

**Thursday 3 September**

* any notes of meeting with Kushner?
* papers on meeting on population testing
* al Thani read out
* EU exit committee

**Friday 4 September**

* op note and background for HS2 visit

**Saturday 5 September**

* notes of call with Cressida Dick

**Monday 7 September**

* notes of visit to Beechfield School
* Macron phone call
* notes of Severin Schwan call

**Tuesday 8 September**

* call with King of Saudi Arabia
* papers for meetings on skills reform and draft speech

**Wednesday 9 September**

* Conference call with Cabinet
* phone call with Taoiseach

**Thursday 10 September**

* notes on meeting with Matt Hancock
* notes on social care discussion with CX
* notes on population testing meeting with Dido Harding

**Friday 11 September**

* notes on economy seminar

**Monday 14 September**

* notes on UKIM debate prep
* notes on Climate Change Cabinet Committee

**Tuesday 15 September**

* briefings for Liaison Committee

**Friday 18 September**

* op notes for visit to Jenner Institute

**Sunday 20 September**

* notes on round table with Covid scientists

**Tuesday 22 September**

* Cabinet minutes

**Wednesday 23 September**

* notes on economic policy meeting with CX

**Friday 25 September**

* notes on policy meetings

**Monday 28 September**

* notes on meeting with Defence Sec
* notes on vaccines update meeting
* Erdogan read out

**Wednesday 30 September**

* notes on skills speech

**OCTOBER 2020**

**Thursday 1 October**

* papers on Space Council
* National Security Council
* nuclear deterrent meetings

**Saturday 3 October**

* op note for trip to FM Conway Heathrow

**Monday 5 October**

* papers for visit to Octopus energy

**Wednesday 7 October**

* Charles Michel call
* papers for discussion of exams

**Thursday 8 October**

* Zelensky meeting – briefings and read out
* Covid NHS meeting

**Friday 9 October**

* Jet Zero technical briefing

**Saturday 10 October**

* Macron read out

**Sunday 11 October**

* Merkel read out

**Monday 12 October**

* Covid statement and press conference notes

**Wednesday 14 October**

* von der Leyen call

**Thursday 15 October**

* notes on call with Scottish business

**Friday 16 October**

* briefings and notes for press conference

**Monday 19 October**

* notes for Net Zero teach in
* Covid update notes

**Tuesday 20 October**

* Cabinet minutes
* call to business leaders

**Wednesday 21 October**

* discussion on jobs with CX

**Thursday 22 October**

* Iraq PM meeting
* Press conference notes
* meeting with Defence Secretary

**Friday 23 October**

* meeting on testing

**Monday 26 October**

* Foreign Secretary bilat
* climate diplomacy discussion

**Tuesday 27 October**

* meeting on Industrial Strategy
* Integrated Review meeting

**Thursday 29 October**

* op note for SBS trip

**Friday 30 October**

* Covid strategy meeting

**Saturday 31 October**

* press conference notes and briefings

**NOVEMBER 2020**

**Thursday 5 November**

* press conference notes

**Friday 6 November**

* op notes and briefing for testing visit

**Saturday 7 November**

* von der Leyen visit
* Rashford call read out

**Monday 9 November**

* meeting on NHS capacity
* meeting with Sir John Armitt
* press conference notes
* Trudeau call

**Tuesday 10 November**

* call with President Moon of Korea
* Cabinet minutes
* notes on bilat with Gavin Williamson
* Green Recovery speech
* call with President Biden

**Tuesday 17 November**

* Carney meeting
* vaccines update
* Green Industrial Strategy op-ed

**Wednesday 18 November**

* mass testing meeting
* Green Investment round table

**Thursday 19 November**

* statement on Integrated Review
* EU Exit Strategy Cabinet Committee

**Friday 20 November**

* Aung San Suu Kyi call read out
* Priti Patel meeting
* population testing meeting
* NI investigation meeting with Brandon

**Tuesday 24 November**

* Sultan of Oman meeting
* MBS call

**Wednesday 25 November**

* Spending Review notes

**Thursday 26 November**

* Cabinet conference call
* Foreign Secretary meeting

**Friday 27 November**

* Porton Down op notes and briefing
* Modi read out
* Exams 2021 meeting

**Monday 30 November**

* Wockhardt op note

**DECEMBER 2020**

**Tuesday 1 December**

* Covid speech to parliament
* Nuclear meeting

**Wednesday 2 December**

* Brexit legislative plan meeting
* vaccines meeting
* press conference

**Thursday 3 December**

* Future economy meeting with CX, Gove et al
* NSC

**Saturday 5 December**

* Ministerial small group meeting

**Monday 7 December**

* von der Leyen call

**Tuesday 8 December**

* vaccine roll-out visit
* catch up with Kate Bingham
* Brexit update

**Wednesday 9 December**

* trip to Brussels notes and briefings

**Thursday 10 December**

* MBZ bilateral

**Friday 11 December**

* visit to National Renewable Centre

**Saturday 12 December**

* Climate Ambition summit

**Sunday 13 December**

* call with Von der Leyen
* Cabinet call

**Monday 14 December**

* Covid update
* briefings on UK Internal Market Bill
* briefings on COP

**Tuesday 15 December**

* Cabinet
* Vaccines meeting
* Covid strategy
* Fisheries meeting

**Wednesday 16 December**

* schools discussion

**Thursday 17 December**

* Brexit update
* meeting to discuss airports
* call with VDL
* Openreach visit notes

**Saturday 19 December**

* Brexit update papers
* Cabinet conference call
* press conference

**Monday 21 December**

* Brexit calls and papers
* Macron call
* press conference

**Tuesday 22 December**

* VDL call
* vaccines meeting

**Wednesday 23 December**

* VDL calls (at least three of them!)

**Tuesday 29 December**

* vaccines meeting

**Wednesday 30 December**

* meetings with Pascal Soriot and Louise Richardson of Oxford