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## BBC TELEVISION COVERAGE OF THE STATE FUNERAL OF SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL

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BBC-1 is to give full coverage to Sir Winston Churchill's state funeral in St. Paul's Cathedral and the procession through London on Saturday, 30 January, beginning at 9.20 a.m. Richard Dimbleby will be the sole commentator.

Thirty-six cameras will be used. Their positions are: New Palace Yard (four), Trafalgar Square (two), St. Mary-le-Strand and Bush House (three), outside St. Paul's Cathedral (four), inside St. Paul's Cathedral (six), Cannon Street (one), Eastcheap (one), Tower of London (five), Southwark (one), Embankment (one), Royal Festival Hall Pier (four), and Waterloo (four).

To cover the firing of the minute guns in front of Wellington Barracks, another camera will be placed in St. James' Park.

Richard Dimbleby will be in BBC-tv's Central Control in St. Paul's Cathedral from where he will describe the funeral procession, the service, and the departure from Waterloo.

A recording of the funeral will be shown simultaneously on BBC-1 and BBC-2, later the same day.

The Archbishop of Canterbury will broadcast direct from Westminster Hall on the religious significance of the Lying in State ceremony at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, 26 January. The following day at 9.15 p.m. Richard Dimbleby will broadcast a reflective piece from there. The 6 p.m. Television News the same day will also include a direct transmission in its bulletin. Two cameras will be used for these broadcasts

### International Plans

The whole of Europe has been offered a direct transmission of the funeral, including the USSR, East Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Roumania and Bulgaria (all on 'Intervision'). Those European countries sending their own commentators will broadcast from monitor screens in the International Commentary Area at Television Centre. Richard Dimbleby will brief them at Television Centre on Friday evening.

Direct satellite transmission to the United States may be possible through the use of a ground station at Raisting, Germany. Television Enterprises are sending recordings of the funeral to the J.S.A., Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and a number of other Commonwealth countries. It is likely that the recordings for the J.S.A. and Canada will be made at London Airport, where special facilities are available, direct from the live outside broadcast.

'Visnews', with which the BBC is associated, will supply news film of the Lying in State and funeral to about 60 countries, including Communist China, Nigeria, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Upper Volta, Gabon, Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia, Sudan, Morocco, Algeria, Egypt, Syria, Cyprus, Malta, Japan, Pakistan, Malaysia, Singapore, Hong Kong, Cuba, Barbados, Mexico and Jamaica.