

MR. BEGIN'S CALL ON THE PRIME MINISTER

The Israeli Prime Minister is having a small working lunch with Mrs. Thatcher at 10 Downing Street today (1 for 1.15). The following will be present at the working lunch:-

The Prime Minister
Mr. Begin
Lord Carrington
Douglas Hurd
Sir Anthony Parsons - F.C.O.
The Israeli Ambassador
Mr. John Mason, British Ambassador to Israel
Mr. Hecht)
Mr. Azner) Israeli Advisers
Mr. Cartledge.

AGENDA

The talks will obviously concentrate on the Middle East and the follow-up to the recently signed Israeli-Egyptian Peace Treaty. (We should not be more specific than this about the agenda - there are some fairly sensitive bilateral issues which may emerge after the meeting).

PREVIOUS MEETINGS / VISITS

The Prime Minister has met Mr. Begin before - on 23 November, 1977 during one of Mr. Begin's visits to Britain.

Mrs. Thatcher has also visited Israel (21/24 March, 1976).

The Israeli Prime Minister is here primarily on a private visit to address various meetings of Jewish organisations in Britain. Apart from seeing Mrs. Thatcher, he is also meeting the American Secretary of State (Thursday morning). Any further details of Mr. Begin's plans should be obtained from the Israeli Embassy.