LOBBY BRIEFING

time: 11.00 date: 17.7.79

PRIME MINISTER'S ENGAGEMENTS

A meeting of Ministers began at 1000.

Present:

Prime Minister

Home Secretary
Foreign Secretary
S/S for Industry
S/S for Employment
S/S for the Environment
S/S for Energy

Minister of Agriculture Chief Secretary, Treasury Chancellor of the Exchequer Lord President of the Council.

Mrs. Thatcher will be in the House for Questions this afternoon. This evening she will have an audience of The Queen.

PRESS NOTICES

- 1. Appointment of Rev. Baelz to Deanery of Durham.
- 2. Sir Derman Christopherson appointed Chairman of the Royal Fine Art Commission.
- 3. Duchess of Westminster appointed Lord-Lieutenant of County Fermanagh.

IN THE HOUSE

PNQ running: Dr. Jeremy Bray to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster on the non publication of Parliamentary Papers.

THIS WEEK'S STATEMENTS

Shipbuilding: not this week.

National Enterprise Board: likely this week.

Meriden: likely this week (Written Answer today?).

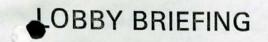
Vietnamese Refugees: tomorrow.

Royal Commission on NHS:

Statement by Patrick Jenkin tomorrow (early reports of this statement which appeared in the Daily Mail had been superseded: the original draft no longer stood).

QUEEN'S VISIT TO AFRICA

Lobby could safely assume that Mrs. Thatcher would not be advising the Queen not to undertake her tour. The Prime Minister would, of course, keep herself up to date on the situation in Zambia.



time: 4.30 date: 17.7.79

PRIME MINISTER'S ENGAGEMENTS

This morning's briefing was repeated.

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