LOBBY BRIEFING

time: 11.00 date: 24.5.79



The official Cabinet photograph was taken this morning and would be available in due course. Cabinet met at 1030 - all present. The Prime Minister will be in the House for Questions this afternoon.

BOYD REPORT

This would be available from the Foreign Office at 1600 today. Correspondents will be able to read advance copies from 1500 in Room 25 at the FCO but will not be able to file until 1600.

RESPONSE TO MR. LEN MURRAY

A meeting between the Prime Minister (accompanied by Mr. Prior) and Mr. Murray was likely next week. We did not know at this stage if other trade union leaders would be present. We envisaged that this would be a fairly wide-ranging meeting - we did not see it as getting into specifics such as trade union reform.

MR. CALLAGHAN'S REMARKS ON "POLITICAL" STRIKES

We did not know of the Prime Minister's thinking on this but guessed she would almost certainly welcome Mr. Callaghan's remarks since they were consistent with her own views.

RESIGNATION HONOURS LIST

We understood that the Leader of the Opposition was still giving this some thought.

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PRIME MINISTER'S ENGAGEMENTS

After the official Cabinet photograph, the Cabinet met from 1030 to 1245.

MEETING WITH MR. LEN MURRAY

Clearly there was a need for any incoming Government to establish a dialogue with the Trade Unions - there was a general disposition on both sides to have a meeting of this kind.

BOYD REPORT (ZIMBABWE ELECTIONS)

Published today at 1600. FCO were arranging for the Lobby to receive copies.

COMING "EVENTS"

Boyle Report - MPs' pay - still awaited.

Doctors' and Dentists' Review Body Report - Government reaction still awaited.

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