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WASHINGTON TEL NO 3384 OF 4 AUGUST AND YOUR TEL NO 2091 OF 5 AUGUST:
MRS. THATCHER'S VISIT.

FOLLOWING FROM HEAD OF CHANCERY.

1. THE AMBASSADOR HAS ALREADY EXPLAINED MRS. THATCHER'S CONSTITUTIONAL POSITION TO THE WHITE HOUSE AND THIS HAS BEEN TAKEN ON BOARD (WASHINGTON TEL NO 3269 OF 28 JULY).
2. THE WHITE HOUSE DO NOT EXPECT MRS. THATCHER TO KEEP HER MEETING SECRET. SHE WOULD THEREFORE BE FREE TO SPEAK TO THE PRESS ABOUT IT. THE RESTRICTION IMPOSED IS THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO PRESS PHOTOGRAPHS IN THE WHITE HOUSE. WE HAVE ASKED WHETHER THIS APPLIES ALSO TO PHOTOGRAPHS OUTSIDE THE WHITE HOUSE. HUNTER (N.S.C.) HAS UNDERTAKEN TO ANSWER THIS POINT.
3. THE AMBASSADOR IS THINKING IN TERMS OF A QUIET FAMILY DINNER ON 11 SEPTEMBER. THIS MIGHT BE PRECEDED BY A SHORT BRIEFING SESSION ATTENDED BY APPROPRIATE MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY IF MRS. THATCHER WANTS THIS. THE AMBASSADOR ALSO PROPOSES THAT HE SHOULD GIVE A DINNER FOR MRS. THATCHER ON MONDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER, TO WHICH HE WOULD INVITE SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESS.
4. ACCOMMODATION WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE RESIDENCE FOR MISS STEVENS, BUT WE SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD EXPLAIN TO HER THAT BECAUSE OF PRESSURE ON SPACE IT MAY HAVE TO BE RATHER MAKESHIFT.

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