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MRS THATCHER'S VISIT

1. MRS THATCHER LEFT HERE LAST NIGHT EN ROUTE FOR SINGAPORE (THEN TO NEW ZEALAND) AFTER A VISIT OF SOMETHING UNDER 48 HOURS. SHE RECEIVED VERY HIGH CLASS TREATMENT THROUGHOUT, BEING RECEIVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE PRIME MINISTER AND BEING DINED BY THE LATTER. SHE CALLED ON 3 MINISTERS (AND A FURTHER ADDITIONAL MEMBER OF THE CABINET) AND 2 MINISTERS ACCEPTED LUNCH WITH ME FOR FURTHER TALK WITH HER. SHE WAS MET AND SEEN OFF BY THE ACTING HEAD OF THE MFA, WHO ALSO CONDUCTED HER ROUND THE TARBELA DAM.
2. AS FAR AS I CAN DISCOVER AT PRESENT NOTHING VERY EXCITING OCCURRED AT MRS THATCHER'S TALK WITH MR BHUTTO (WHICH I DID NOT ATTEND). ON IMMIGRATION HE APPEARS TO HAVE TAKEN THE LINE THAT THIS WAS A PROBLEM FOR THE BRITISH AND UNLESS SHE IS CONCEALING IT FROM ME HE DID NOT OFFER ANY ADVICE ABOUT THE PROBLEM. AT ANY RATE SHE TOLD ME THAT THERE WAS NO MATTER WHICH SHE FELT OUGHT TO BE REPORTED TO YOU.
3. THE VISIT WAS PROMINENTLY REPORTED ON RADIO AND TELEVISION (A BBC CAMERA TEAM WAS ALSO PRESENT) AND SHORTLY BEFORE DEPARTURE MRS THATCHER GAVE A PRESS CONFERENCE.
4. MRS THATCHER DISCUSSED IMMIGRATION PROBLEMS AT LENGTH WITH US, MET A NUMBER OF INTERVIEWING OFFICERS AND INSPECTED THE EMBASSY PREMISES AND FACILITIES. SHE SEEMED GENERALLY SYMPATHETIC TO OUR DIFFICULTIES. BOTH SHE AND ADAM BUTLER HAVE STUDIED THE RECENT RUNNYMEDE REPORT IN DETAIL.

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