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TC PRIORITY TOKYO
TELEGRAM NUMBER 248 OF 9 JULY
AND TO PRIORITY PEKING HONG KONG

FROM CONFERENCE SECTION
PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE FAR EAST

1. OFFICIAL PARTY

COI CORRESPONDENT SHOULD BE ADDED TO THOSE LISTED IN PARA 3 OF OUR TEL NO 221. HE WILL STAY IN THE SAME ACCOMMODATION AS PRESS THROUGHOUT.

2. GRATEFUL FOR GUIDANCE ON WHAT CLIMATIC CONDITIONS SHOULD BE EXPECTED AND ON APPROPRIATE CLOTHING, INCLUDING FOR FORMAL OCCASION (BLACK TIE ETC).

3. BLOOD GROUPS

PRIME MINISTER - A RHESUS POSITIVE
MR THATCHER - O RHESUS POSITIVE

4. THE SERVICES OF A HAIRDRESSER WILL BE REQUIRED EVERY MORNING BEFORE START OF THE PROGRAMME, EG AT 0730 HOURS. THE APPOINTMENT WILL LAST APPROXIMATELY HALF TO THREE QUARTERS OF AN HOUR.

5. DIET ETC

THE PRIME MINISTER'S TASTE IS FOR SIMPLE RATHER THAN ELABORATE, RICH FOOD, AND SHE IS VERY PARTIAL TO FRUIT. HER USUAL DRINK IS WHISKY AND SODA.

6. SECURITY - FOR TOKYO AND PEKING

WE SHOULD IDEALLY HAVE A 24 HOUR GUARD IN OUR OFFICES IN GUEST HOUSES, BUT OTHER DEMANDS FOR SPACE IN THE VC10 WILL PROBABLY LIMIT US TO BRINGING ONLY ENOUGH RMP TO COVER THE SILENT HOURS. GRATEFUL TO KNOW IF PERSONNEL FROM POSTS COULD COVER THE WORKING DAY. IF NOT, WE SHALL HAVE TO ENSURE THE OFFICES ARE ALWAYS MANNED BY MEMBERS OF THE PARTY. POSTS SHOULD ALSO BEAR IN MIND THAT THEY WILL NEED TO MAKE PROVISION FOR A 24 HOUR SAFEHAND

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SERVICE. THROUGHOUT THE TOUR THIS WILL TEND TO RUN ON AN ADHOC RATHER THAN REGULAR , EG HOURLY, BASIS. COMBINATION LOCK-UP CUPBOARDS WILL BE REQUIRED IN OFFICES. ALTERNATIVE TO ALL THESE ARRANGEMENTS IS TAKING PAPERS BACK TO CHANCERY OVERNIGHT, BUT NO 10 SAY THIS IS UNWORKABLE. PAPERS COULD BE NEEDED AT ANYTIME OF NIGHT.

7. TELEPHONES

INSTRUCTIONS ON SPECIAL INSTALLATIONS SUCH AS EXTENTIONS AND PRIVATE WIRES WILL FOLLOW.

EMBASSY SWITCHBOARD WILL NEED TO BE MANNED ON 24 HOUR BASIS.

8. NO 10 HAVE REQUESTED THAT THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF ALL MAJOR SITES BEING VISITED BY THE PRIME MINISTER DURING HER TOUR (FACTORIES ETC) ARE AVAILABLE TO THE PARTY ON ARRIVAL. THIS WILL ENABLE THE NO 10 STAFF MANNING THE OFFICE IN THE GUEST HOUSES TO CONTACT PM'S PARTY IF NEED ARISES.

9. COMMUNICATIONS REINFORCEMENT - FOR TOKYO AND PEKING SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION, COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER WILL TRAVEL TO TOKYO IN EARLY SEPTEMBER TO HELP GIVE COVER THERE AND THEN TRAVEL ON TO PEKING AND HONG KONG ON OFFICIAL AIRCRAFT. DETAILS FROM COD TO FOLLOW.

10 LIVING ACCOMMODATION

WE ARE WORKING ON DETAILED ALLOCATION. SEPARATE TELEGRAMS FOR EACH POST WILL FOLLOW.

FOR HONG KONG

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