■LOBBY BRIEFING

time: 11.00 date: 26 JULY 1979

PRIME MINISTER'S ENGAGEMENTS

Cabinet started at 10.30. All present plus Attorney General and Paul Channon, Minister of State, Civil Service Department.

Mrs Thatcher will take Questions this afternoon.

This evening, at Downing Street, she will host a dinner in honour of Lord Thorneycroft (70 today).

IN THE HOUSE

Statement by David Howell on BNOC at 15.30. Possible statement by Paul Channon on Civil Service dispersal

ANSWERS OF SUBSTANCE: 237 - education of ethnic minority children 250 - Rampton Inquiry

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TODAY'S CABINET

Public expenditure considered only "marginally" - dispersal was on the agenda.

NEXT CABINET

Nothing pencilled in for August but there might well be one after Lusaka.

TUC

Chancellor meeting TUC Economic Committee at 17.00 at the Treasury (at the TUC's request) to discuss pushed.

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