

PRIME MINISTER'S ENGAGEMENTS

The Prime Minister is working at No. 10 this morning. A meeting of Ministers began at 11.00.

The Prime Minister will be carrying out constituency engagements in North London on Saturday - at Chequers on Sunday.

RHODESIA

Sir Ian Gilmour had announced the appointment of Lord Soames as Governor. Lord Soames would go to Rhodesia within the next week. Questions on the other advisers (military, police, etc.) should be addressed to the FCO.

The story in the Daily Telegraph (Peterborough Column) relating Lord Soames' appointment as Governor, with additional responsibilities for Mr. St. John-Stevas, was completely without foundation. in the Cabinet

NORTHERN IRELAND : MR. LYNCH'S SUCCESSOR

The arrangements made between the Prime Minister and Mr. Lynch were between two Governments. We would not expect them to be nullified by Mr. Lynch's departure. The Government will obviously seek to work with the new Government of the Republic in a constructive a way as possible.

The Prime Minister had indicated that she had enjoyed a good working relationship with Mr. Lynch and was sad that he had decided to go.

IRAN

We said the situation was extremely delicate - about 50 lives were at risk. If any reports appeared suggesting that the UK was providing help, it could limit the amount we were able to do. The less said by the media on this matter the better.

NUCLEAR STATEMENT

This was expected towards the end of next week.