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FROM LANKESTER, PRIVATE SECRETARY TO PRIME MINISTER.

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO BOMBAY.

1. BEFORE YESTERDAY'S LUNCH WITH THE BOMBAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THE PRIME MINISTER HAD A QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION WITH A FEW OF THE CHAMBER MEMBERS. TWO POINTS CAME UP WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER SAID SHE WOULD FOLLOW UP.

2. FIRST, IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT THE NEXT "DUKE OF EDINBURGH CONFERENCE", WHICH APPARENTLY IS CONCERNED WITH INDUSTRIAL AND HUMAN RELATIONS IN INDUSTRY, SHOULD BE HELD IN INDIA. THE PRIME MINISTER WAS TOLD THAT THE NEXT CONFERENCE IS PLANNED FOR 1985, AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ARE SYMPATHETIC TO THE SUGGESTION THAT IT SHOULD BE IN INDIA. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT WE SHOULD TAKE UP THE POSSIBILITY OF AN INDIAN VENUE WITH THE CONFERENCE COUNCIL.

3. SECOND, CONCERN WAS EXPRESSED ABOUT THE INCREASE IN OVERSEAS STUDENTS' FEES, AND THE EFFECT THIS WOULD HAVE ON THE NUMBER OF INDIANS STUDYING AT BRITISH UNIVERSITIES. THE PRIME MINISTER RESPONDED THAT INDIAN STUDENTS WOULD CERTAINLY STAND TO BENEFIT FROM THE MONEY BEING ALLOCATED TO ASSIST OVERSEAS STUDENTS UNDER THE AID PROGRAMME, BUT THAT SHE COULD NOT SAY PRECISELY HOW MANY INDIAN STUDENTS WOULD BE INVOLVED. SHE SAID SHE WOULD ARRANGE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, INCLUDING IF POSSIBLE AN ESTIMATE OF THE NUMBER OF INDIAN STUDENTS WHO COULD BENEFIT UNDER THE NEW SCHEME, TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE CHAMBER.

4. GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD TAKE NECESSARY ACTION AND ADVISE DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER, BOMBAY.

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