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TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN INF TALKS. SINCE A MAJORITY OF BRITONS OPPOSE TRIDENT, THAT ARGUMENT HAS RESONANCE HERE. HMG HAS RESPONDED BY ANNOUNCING THAT IT WOULD REVIEW ITS THE FALKLANDS/BELIZE

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SUBJECT: VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO THE UK: BRIEFING

FALKLANDS: A PARLIAMENTARY SELECT COMMITTEE REPORT LEAKED DURING THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN CONCLUDES THAT "FORTRESS FALKLANDS" IS UNTENABLE, BECAUSE OF COST(CIRCA 600 MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR) AND THE DRAIN ON DEFENSE RESOURCES. THIS WILL INCREASE THE PRESSURE ON THATCHER'S FALKLANDS POLICY, BUT WE DON'T SEE THAT POLICY CHANGING. MEANWHILE, SHE IS GLAD WE HAVE NOT CERTIFIED ARGENTINA FOR RESUMPTION OF THE ARMS SUPPLY RELATIONSHIP.

BELIZE: THE 1600-MAN BRITISH GARRISON IS KEY TO BELIZEAN SECURITY. WE WANT THE BRITISH TO REMAIN. THEY CITE THE EXPENSE AND THE "ANOMALY" OF GARRISONING AN INDEPENDENT COUNTRY AS REASONS TO LEAVE, BUT THEY APPRECIATE OUR CONCERNS AND NOW LOOK LIKE STAYING AT LEAST THROUGH 1983.

-- BACKGROUND PAPER: EUROPEAN DEMOCRAT UNION/
INTERNATIONAL DEMOCRAT UNION

EDU: THE EUROPEAN DEMOCRAT UNION WAS FORMED IN AUSTRIA IN 1978 BY REPRESENTATIVES OF 18 NON-SOCIALIST POLITICAL PARTIES FROM 14 COUNTRIES. IT WAS AN ATTEMPT TO BRING
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TOGETHER THE CENTER/RIGHT PARTIES IN EUROPE TO PROVIDE A RECOGNIZED COUNTERWEIGHT TO THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL. THE ORGANIZATION'S BASIC AIM IS TO PROMOTE DEMOCRACY AND PLURALISM AND OPPOSE COLLECTIVISM. IN ADDITION, AT ANNUAL CONFERENCES, IT HAS DEALT WITH SUCH ISSUES AS ARMS CONTROL, TERRORISM, POLAND, AND AFGHANISTAN.

LEADING ROLES IN THE EDU ARE PLAYED BY BRITAIN'S CONSERVATIVES (MARGARET THATCHER WAS ONE OF THE FOUNDERS) AND THE FRG'S CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS. THE ORGANIZATION'S SECRETARIAT IS BASED IN VIENNA; THE CURRENT CHAIRMAN IS DR. ALOIS MOCK OF THE AUSTRIAN PEOPLE'S PARTY. IN 1980 AND 1981, PARTIES FROM JAPAN (LIBERAL DEMOCRATS), CANADA (PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVES), AUSTRALIA (LIBERALS), AND NEW ZEALAND (NATIONALISTS) WERE ADDED AS ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF THE EDU, EXPANDING THE GEOGRAPHIC BASE.

IDU: THE CONFERENCE IN LONDON THIS YEAR IS SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE OF THE EDU'S DECISION TO ESTABLISH THE INTERNATIONAL DEMOCRAT UNION AS AN ASSOCIATION OF SOME 25 MEMBER PARTIES WORLDWIDE. THE IDU WILL BE LAUNCHED WITH A FORMAL CEREMONY INCLUDING THE SIGNING OF A CHARTER AND SPEECHES BY A NUMBER OF PARTY LEADERS. THE NEW ORGANIZATION WILL BE BASED IN LONDON AND STAFFED INITIALLY WITH THE HELP OF CONSERVATIVE CENTRAL OFFICE. IT WILL SEEK TO PLAY A WIDE-RANGING ROLE ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE WITH EMPHASIS ON THE DEVELOPING WORLD AS WELL AS THE WEST. KEY DISCUSSION ITEMS ON THE CONFERENCE AGENDA ARE DEFENSE, ECONOMIC AND TRADE RELATIONS, AND CENTRAL AMERICA.

TALKING POINTS PAPER: MEETING WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY PYM:

(NOTE: THATCHER IS EXPECTED TO RESHUFFLE HER CABINET
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FOLLOWING THE ELECTION. SOME BELIEVE SHE MAY DO SO PROMPTLY, PERHAPS EVEN IN ADVANCE OF JUNE 22 WHEN THE NEW GOVERNMENT WILL OUTLINE IN THE QUEEN'S SPEECH ITS MAJOR LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY OBJECTIVES. PYM MAY THUS BE REPLACED BY A NEW FOREIGN SECRETARY SHORTLY BEFORE JUNE 23; OR, IF A RESHUFFLE HAS NOT BEEN ANNOUNCED, THERE MAY STILL BE SPECULATION ABOUT HIS EARLY DEPARTURE FROM THIS POST.)

-- I WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON THE SUCCESS OF THE

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CONSERVATIVE PARTY IN THE RECENT ELECTION. WE FOLLOWED THE CAMPAIGN WITH GREAT INTEREST, AND THOUGHT YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES CONDUCTED IT BRILLIANTLY.

-- BEYOND THE GENERAL POINTS COVERED IN THE QUEEN'S SPEECH YESTERDAY, WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE NEW GOVERNMENT IN THE YEAR AHEAD?

-- ON EAST-WEST RELATIONS, WE WERE PLEASED WITH THE BROAD COINCIDENCE OF ALLIED VIEWS AT THE WILLIAMSBURG SUMMIT AND AT THE NATO MINISTERIAL. WE WERE, AS ALWAYS, APPRECIATIVE OF BRITISH SUPPORT AT THESE MEETINGS. HOW DO YOU SEE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MONTHS AHEAD? (THE FOREIGN SECRETARY WILL LIKELY BE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN ANYTHING YOU CAN TELL HIM ABOUT U. S.-SOVIET RELATIONS, E.G., GRAIN AGREEMENT, U. S.-SOVIET BILATERAL CONTACTS, AS WELL AS MBFR INITIATIVE, OUR VIEWS ON THE END GAME AT CSCE/CDE, AND OUR APPROACH TO POLAND FOLLOWING THE POPE'S VISIT.)

-- ON DEFENSE, WE ARE PLEASED TO NOTE THE STRONG SUPPORT FOR YOUR POLICIES AS EVIDENCED IN THE ELECTIONS. HOW DO YOU SEE THE TRENDS IN ANTI-INF ACTIVITIES IN EUROPE OVER

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THE NEW FEW MONTHS?

-- IN THE MIDDLE EAST, WE WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN FORCES FROM THE LEBANON AS THE FIRST STEP TOWARD A BROADER PEACE. WE WELCOME YOUR SUPPORT

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IN THIS AREA AND YOUR CONTINUED CONTRIBUTION TO THE MNF.
HOW DO YOU VIEW PROSPECTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND EC
RELATIONS WITH THE ARAB STATES IN THE MONTHS AHEAD?

-- WE ARE EXPECTING SOMETHING IMMINENTLY FROM LUANDA.
WE REALIZE THAT WITHOUT IT, TIME WILL SOON START TO CUT
AGAINST US. HOW DO YOU READ THE STATE OF PLAY ON NAMIBIA
AND SOUTHERN AFRICA?

-- ON HONG KONG, WE APPRECIATE THE BRIEFINGS YOUR GOVERN-
MENT HAS GIVEN US ON YOUR TALKS WITH THE CHINESE. HOW DO
YOU SEE THE NEGOTIATIONS AND ECONOMIC CONFIDENCE IN THE
FUTURE OF HONG KONG DEVELOPING OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS?

-- WE EXPECT THAT GIBRALTAR, THE FALKLANDS, AND BELIZE WILL
CONTINUE TO BE IMPORTANT ISSUES FOR YOUR NEW GOVERNMENT.
WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE LIKELY DEVELOPMENT REGARDING YOUR
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OVERSEAS COMMITMENTS IN THE YEAR AHEAD?

-- ON CENTRAL AMERICA, WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR
CONTINUED UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT FOR OUR EFFORTS. WE
RECOGNIZE THAT WE WILL HAVE TO CONTINUE TO WORK HARD TO
PRESENT OUR POLICIES CONVINCINGLY TO OUR EUROPEAN ALLIES.
WHAT DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD BE DOING IN THIS AREA IN THE
COMING MONTHS?

TALKING POINTS PAPER: MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER THATCHER:

-- I BRING YOU THE PRESIDENT'S WARM GREETINGS, AS WELL AS
HIS HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR IMPRESSIVE ELECTORAL
VICTORY. THE PRESIDENT FOLLOWED YOUR CAMPAIGN WITH GREAT
INTEREST. HE WAS IMPRESSED BY YOUR LEADERSHIP THROUGHOUT
THE CAMPAIGN.

-- I HAD A CHANCE TO BRIEFLY REVIEW THE QUEEN'S SPEECH
YESTERDAY. I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HOW YOU PERSONALLY
SEE THE MAJOR INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC OBJECTIVES OF YOUR
GOVERNMENT IN ITS SECOND TERM.

-- WE APPRECIATED YOUR COMING TO WILLIAMSBURG IN THE MIDDLE
OF YOUR CAMPAIGN. WE WERE DELIGHTED WITH THE TONE AND
OUTCOME OF THE SUMMIT, AND AGAIN APPRECIATIVE OF YOUR STRONG
PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION. WE BELIEVE THE SUMMIT HAS HELPED
TO STRENGTHEN THE CONSULTATIVE PROCESS ON ECONOMIC
CONVERGENCE. WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH YOU ON THIS
EFFORT TO ENSURE A STABLE, NON-INFLATIONARY RECOVERY. WE
ARE PARTICULARLY LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR'S SUMMIT HERE

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-- WHAT SPECIFIC ECONOMIC POLICY INITIATIVE DO YOU HAVE IN
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MIND FOR YOUR NEW TERM? CAN YOU FORSEE ANY SIGNIFICANT
REDUCTIONS IN UNEMPLOYMENT? WHAT SPECIFIC STEPS DO YOU
HAVE IN MIND TO PROMOTE HIGH TECHNOLOGY AND OTHER NEW
INDUSTRIES TO EASE BRITAIN'S TRANSITION AWAY FROM
TRADITIONAL MANUFACTURING?

-- WE ARE AWARE OF YOUR CONCERN ABOUT OUR BUDGET DEFICITS.
AS YOU KNOW FROM WHAT THE PRESIDENT SAID AT WILLIAMSBURG,
WE ARE COMMITTED TO REDUCING THESE DEFICITS AS FAST AS WE
CAN PRUDENTLY DO SO.

-- WHAT IS THE OUTLOOK FOR RESOLUTION OF BRITAIN'S PROBLEMS
WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY'S BUDGET?

-- I AM AWARE OF THE CLOSE PERSONAL ATTENTION YOU ARE
GIVING TO INF DEPLOYMENTS. HOW DO YOU SEE CND AND ANTI-
NUCLEAR EFFORTS PLAYING OUT IN BRITAIN OVER THE COMING
YEAR? WE, OF COURSE, ARE DETERMINED BOTH TO STAY ON
SCHEDULE ON DEPLOYMENTS AND TO DO ALL WE CAN TO MAINTAIN
THE WESTERN INITIATIVE ON ARMS CONTROL. LOUIS

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