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MRS PLANINC'S VISIT

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO MRS MILKA PLANINC, PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA.

'YOU WILL HAVE HEARD THAT ON 9 MAY I RECOMMENDED TO HM THE QUEEN THAT SHE DISSOLVE PARLIAMENT IN TIME FOR THERE TO BE A GENERAL ELECTION HERE ON 9 JUNE.

I AM PARTICULARLY SORRY THAT THIS DECISION MEANS THAT I MUST ASK YOU TO POSTPONE YOUR VISIT TO BRITAIN PLANNED FOR 17-20 MAY. I WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR DISCUSSIONS AND ALSO FOR AN OPPORTUNITY OF RETURNING THE GENEROUS HOSPITALITY WHICH I RECEIVED IN YUGOSLAVIA IN 1980. WITH YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF HOW OUR POLITICAL SYSTEM WORKS, YOU WILL UNDERSTAND THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR A VISIT AT THE TIME PLANNED TO MAKE THE IMPACT THAT WE WOULD BOTH DESIRE.

I HOPE THAT IT WILL PROVE POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE ANOTHER DATE FOR YOUR VISIT REASONABLY SOON AFTER THE ELECTION'.

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