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PRIME MINISTER

Visit of Yugoslav Prime Minister

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You said that you wanted to see the text of Mrs. Planinc's speech at lunch before approving your own.

I am afraid that this will be difficult. She does not arrive until tomorrow evening. Even if her speech is ready, it will then have to be translated. And if you do not approve yours until over-night on Tuesday we shall have little time to translate yours the next morning.

As you know, because of the language difficulty, we should like to have both the texts agreed, translated and made available to all your lunch guests so that they can follow the speeches without the need for translation.

I do not suppose that Mrs. Planinc's speech will be at all controversial. We have asked her to confine her remarks to 5 minutes. Would you be prepared to approve the attached speech tonight?

A. J. COLES

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