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INFO IMMEDIATE UKMIS NEW YORK UKDIS GENEVA IN NEW YORK

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON

1. THE WHITE HOUSE ARE CONTENT WITH THE PROPOSED TIMETABLE OUTLINED IN YOUR TELNO 56 TO UKDIS GENEVA IN NEW YORK. ON PRESENT PLANS, THE PRIME MINISTER WILL BE MET AT ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE BY HAIG AND WILL FLY FROM THERE BY HELICOPTER TO THE REFLECTING POOL WHICH IS ONLY A FEW MINUTES BY CAR FROM THE WHITE HOUSE. STATE DEPARTMENT ARE ARRANGING FOR TWO HELICOPTERS, WHICH CAN ACCOMMODATE A TOTAL OF 14 PEOPLE ON OUR SIDE. THEY SAY THAT THIS IS THE MAXIMUM NUMBER FOR WHICH THEY EVER CATER AND THAT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE A BIGGER HELICOPTER OR A THIRD HELICOPTER FOR ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE PARTY AND THE PRESS. WE ARE EXPLORING WAYS AROUND THIS.

2. BLAIR HOUSE IS CLOSED FOR RENOVATIONS. IF IT CANNOT BE OPENED UP TO PROVIDE OFFICE ACCOMMODATION WE WILL FIND A SUITABLE ALTERNATIVE. THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE NEW EXECUTIVE OFFICE BUILDING (BEHIND BLAIR HOUSE). THIS WILL BE EASIER THAN BLAIR HOUSE FROM THE SECURITY POINT OF VIEW. ALL THE FOLLOWING GROUPS WOULD BE INCLUDED: WHITE HOUSE PRESS CORPS, RESIDENT BRITISH PRESS CORPS AND THOSE TRAVELLING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, AND THE TV NETWORKS.

3. THE WHITE HOUSE WILL LET US KNOW TOMORROW WHO WILL BE WITH THE PRESIDENT AT THE TALKS, BUT NUMBERS, AT LEAST INITIALLY, ARE LIKELY TO BE LIMITED ON THE AMERICAN SIDE TO THE PRESIDENT, HAIG, CLERK AND ONE OR TWO OTHERS.

4. AGAINST THE ABOVE BACKGROUND, THE OUTLINE PROGRAMME FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT IS AS FOLLOWS.

1630 ARRIVE ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE. MET BY HAIG, LUCKY ROOSEVELT (HEAD OF PROTOCOL), STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS AND MYSELF.

BY HELICOPTER TO THE REFLECTING POOL AND THENCE BY CAR TO THE WHITE HOUSE FOR

1700- TALKS WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN

1815

1815- PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE NEW EXECUTIVE OFFICE BUILDING

1840

1840 LEAVE BY CAR FOR THE REFLECTING POOL

1850 BY HELICOPTER TO ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE

1910 DEPART ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE.

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IN PRACTICE, THE ABOVE TIMINGS MAY SLIP SOMEWHAT: IF THE TALKS WITH THE PRESIDENT LAST UNTIL 1815 IT IS UNLIKELY, THAT THE PRESS CONFERENCE CAN BEGIN MUCH BEFORE 1830.

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