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TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELNO 382 OF 28/8/80

YOUR TELNO 218

ZAV (23)

FOLLOWING STRICTLY PERSONAL FOR HARDING (AUSS). NO FURTHER DISTRIBUTION WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ADDRESSEE.

1. TO MINIMISE THE RISK OF ATTRACTING ATTENTION MY ADVICE WOULD BE TO TRY THE HOTEL DU LAC IN THE PICTURESQUE LAKE-SIDE VILLAGE OF COPPET WHICH IS TEN MILES OR SO UP THE LAKE FROM GENEVA IN THE CANTON OF VAUD (TELEPHONE NUMBER 022 76 15 21). WE HAVE ESTABLISHED DISCREETLY THAT IT HAS ACCOMMODATION OF THE SORT YOU SPECIFY. WE DID NOT REPEAT NOT GO INTO DATES SINCE I NOTE THAT YOU WILL BE MAKING THE ARRANGEMENTS DIRECT FROM LONDON. IF THE HOTEL DU LAC CANNOT ACCOMMODATE YOU, WE CAN EASILY COME UP WITH OTHER IDEAS OURSELVES, BUT IT MIGHT ALSO BE A GOOD IDEA TO ASK THEM WHAT ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTIONS THEY HAVE.

2. I SEE NO DIFFICULTY ABOUT THE LINE YOU PROPOSE WITH THE PRESS. BUT I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT WE TAKE THE SWISS AUTHORITIES INTO OUR CONFIDENCE. ON THE ONE HAND THEY WOULD FEEL AGGRIEVED IF NEWS OF THE MEETING LEAKED. ON THE OTHER HAND THEY HAVE A GOOD DEAL OF EXPERIENCE AT ARRANGING PRIVATE MEETINGS AND WE COULD RELY ON THEIR DISCRETION.

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Mr Harding

cc
PS/Mr Ridley

1. Mr Ridley's Private Secretary confirms that the Minister is content with Geneva, that he will be taking his wife and that we should now go ahead with the arrangements.

2. The next step is to inform Mr Marshall in Geneva and obtain his advice on hotels. We should also now confirm Geneva to BA. I attach two draft telegrams.

G A Duggan

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South America Dept.

27 August 1980