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MY TELNO 101 : MR RIDLEY'S VISIT.

1. IT WILL BE IMPORTANT TO PORTRAY THE VISIT IN ADVANCE AS TENTATIVE AND FOR GENERAL PASTORAL PURPOSES. BUT STRICTLY FOR YOUR OWN INFORMATION, MR RIDLEY'S INTENTION WILL BE TO SOUND OUT ISLANDERS ON POLICY FOLLOWING MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION EARLY NEXT MONTH OF THE PROPOSALS OF WHICH YOU ARE AWARE. VISIT WILL BE SUBJECT TO CABINET VIEW OF THESE PROPOSALS.

2. WE DO NOT WISH TO RAISE EXPECTATIONS OR TEMPERATURE OR TO APPEAR TO BE PROPOSING A HASTY VISIT AT SHORT NOTICE. WE ARE THEREFORE GIVING YOU AS MUCH FOREWARNING AS POSSIBLE. IN ANY CASE COUNCILLORS WILL NEED TIME TO ARRANGE TO BE IN STANLEY BETWEEN 22 AND 29 NOVEMBER, THE MOST SUITABLE DATES FOR THE TRIP. WE WANT TO AVOID PRESS SPECULATION OR PUBLICITY PRESSURES BEFORE THE VISIT. IF FOR ANY REASON VISIT PROVES INOPPORTUNE AND HAS TO BE POSTPONED, MR RIDLEY WILL PROBABLY WANT TO PLEAD PARLIAMENTARY COMMITMENTS.

3. PLEASE DESTROY THIS AFTER READING.

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