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From the Private Secretary

13 October 1989

PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH TO THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

I have had some discussion with Crispin Tickell about the arrangements for the Prime Minister's visit to New York to address the UN General Assembly on 7-8 November. We have agreed tentatively on the following programme:

7 November

- 1800 Arrive New York
- 2000 Dinner given by UN Secretary General at his official residence (24 guests)

8 November

- 0800-0900 Autocue rehearsal
- 0930 Call on President of the UN General Assembly
- 1000 Call on the Secretary General
- 1030 Address the UNGA
- 1105-35 Brief reception for Permanent Representatives
- 1145-1245 Time available for the press
- 1300 Depart for airport.

We have assumed that the Prime Minister and the rest of her party will stay at the UN Plaza Hotel.

I have discussed the question of the press with Bernard Ingham. He sees no point in a press conference, but thinks it better to let the Prime Minister's speech stand on its own. He would prefer to use the hour or so we have available for

a meeting with the Editorial Board of the New York Times. If at all possible, we would need to persuade them to come down the UN building for this rather than using up scarce time transporting the Prime Minister to the New York Times: but, providing we can guarantee being able to leave for the airport not later than 1300, I would not rule out going to them if it is necessary.

I am afraid this means that we could not take up on this occasion the invitation to the Prime Minister from the National Committee on American Foreign Policy, mentioned in Washington telegram 2664.

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BF // We had a word this afternoon about the draft for the Prime Minister's speech to the United Nations General Assembly on 8 November, and agreed that you would try to get it to No.10 by the end of the coming week so that it could be fax-ed out to Kuala Lumpur for the Prime Minister to see on the weekend of 21/22 October.

I also said that I assumed that your Secretary of State would be consulting his colleagues in Energy, Transport and MAFF about domestic initiatives in the environment field to which the Prime Minister could refer in the speech. She wants to balance the international aspects with a clear statement of what we are doing, or intend to do in this country, in such fields as energy efficiency, forestry, exhaust emissions and so on.

I am copying this letter to Bob Peirce (Foreign and Commonwealth Office).

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