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9 YOUR TELNO 322: GREEK PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO LONDON  
10 1. It is now clear that pressure on the Prime Minister's  
11 time before the European Council would not permit a meeting  
12 with Mr Papandreou on 25 November. You should therefore  
13 continue to be guided by <sup>my</sup>tel 232.  
14 2. The Queen will give a lunch for participants on 26  
15 November, to which Mr Papandreou should wear a dark lounge suit.  
16 This will also be acceptable for the dinner at Number Ten that  
17 evening.

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TO IMMEDIATE FCO TELNO 322 OF 4 NOV 1981  
SAVING INFO TO UKREP BRUSSELS(FCO PSE PASS)

MIPT AND YOUR TEL 232: MY CALL ON THE GREEK PRIME MINISTER  
ON 4 NOVEMBER.

1. IT IS NOT IMPOSSIBLE THAT PAPANDREOU COULD BE IN LONDON ON THE AFTERNOON OF 25 NOVEMBER. AS I WAS LEAVING, HE RAISED THE QUESTION OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL, SAYING THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT HM THE QUEEN WOULD BE OFFERING ENTERTAINMENT, AND WOULD WELCOME GUIDANCE ON WHAT CLOTHES TO BRING. (GRATEFUL FOR SUCH GUIDANCE). HE ADDED THAT HIS TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS WERE NOT SETTLED BUT HE THOUGHT HE WOULD HAVE TO GO TO LONDON ON 25 NOVEMBER, AND IN THIS CASE COULD GO AT ANY TIME OF THE DAY. A MID-MORNING DEPARTURE WOULD GET HIM TO HEATHROW IN THE EARLY AFTERNOON. THIS REOPENS THE POSSIBILITY OF A BILATERAL MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, A POSSIBILITY TO WHICH I DID NOT OF COURSE REFER. WE CANNOT BE CERTAIN THAT HE WILL NOT BE OBLIGED BY PARLIAMENTARY BUSINESS TO DELAY HIS DEPARTURE UNTIL EARLY ON 26 NOVEMBER BUT HE SAID THAT HE COULD FIX THE TIMING OF THE VOTE OF CONFIDENCE AND I BELIEVE THAT IF PAPANDREOU WERE OFFERED A MEETING IN THE AFTERNOON OR EVENING OF 25 NOVEMBER HE WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ADJUST HIS PARLIAMENTARY PROGRAMME TO FIT.
2. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES YOU MAY WISH TO RECONSIDER THE QUESTION OF A RECOMMENDATION TO THE PRIME MINISTER FOR A BILATERAL MEETING WITH PAPANDREOU.

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