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FM COPENHAGEN 28/1715Z OCTOBER

TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 349 OF 28 OCTOBER

INFO IMMEDIATE UKREP BRUSSELS AND SAVING OTHER EC POSTS

YOUR TELNO 138: CFP

IMMEDIATE

ADVANCE COPY

1. WE DELIVERED THE PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO MR SCHLUETER'S OFFICE THIS AFTERNOON. IT GAVE US THE OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN AN UP-TO-DATE BRIEFING ON THE URGENT DELIBERATIONS NOW IN PROGRESS IN THE DANISH GOVERNMENT.

2. IT IS CLEAR THAT THIS MINORITY GOVERNMENT IS IN A REAL FIX. THEY ARE MOST ANXIOUS TO SETTLE AND TO GET THE PROBLEM OUT OF THE WAY FOR ALL THE REASONS GIVEN IN MRS THATCHER'S LETTER. BUT THE PLAIN FACT IS THAT THEY CANNOT GET THE PRESENT PACKAGE PAST THE FOLKETING. THE PROGRESS PARTY TO THEIR RIGHT (A NUMBER OF WHOSE SUPPORTERS WILL BE DIRECTLY

TO THEIR RIGHT (A NUMBER OF WHOSE SUPPORTERS WILL BE DIRECTLY
AFFECTED) WILL VOTE AGAINST, AS WILL THE TWO FAR LEFT PARTIES.
THE GOVERNMENT'S ONLY HOPE OF GETTING THROUGH DEPENDS ON THEIR
BEING ABLE TO PERSUADE THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS TO ABSTAIN, DESPITE
THE VERY HOSTILE LINE BEING TAKEN PUBLICLY BY THE ANTI-MARKETEER
MR HJORTNAES (MY TELNO 348). WE WERE TOLD IN STRICT CONFIDENCE
THAT THERE HAVE ALREADY BEEN PRIVATE CONTACTS BETWEEN MR
SCHLUETER AND MR ANKER JOERGENSEN TO THIS END. THESE ARE SO
FAR INCONCLUSIVE, BUT SOME FURTHER CONCESSIONS FROM THE NINE,
HOWEVER COSMETIC, WILL BE REQUIRED IF THE GOVERNMENT IS TO
HAVE ANY CHANCE OF INFLUENCING THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP
AS A WHOLE.

3. TOMORROW'S MEETING OF THE FOLKETING MARKET COMMITTEE WILL
CLOSE NO DOORS. THE GOVERNMENT WILL GIVE AN ACCOUNT OF THE COUNCIL
PROCEEDINGS AND OPPONENTS OF THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT ARE
EXPECTED TO SOUND OFF, BUT NO CONCLUSIONS WILL BE REACHED.
THEREAFTER IT IS LIKELY THAT EARLY NEXT WEEK CONTACT WILL BE MADE
WITH OTHER EC GOVERNMENTS TO EXPLAIN THE DANISH DIFFICULTIES
AND TO SEE WHETHER ANY FURTHER CONCESSIONS CAN BE WON. WE ^{No.}
EMPHASISED THAT AS MRS THATCHER'S MESSAGE MADE ABSOLUTELY CLEAR,
THIS WAS A FORLORN HOPE.

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