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PRIME MINISTER

cc: Mr. Ingham

YOUR VISIT TO PORTUGAL

You will remember that a suggestion was made earlier that during your visit you should give a lecture sponsored by the BBC Portuguese Service.

We have now heard that Dr. Soares would rather that you did not give this lecture. He describes this as "falling outside the ambit of a major bilateral visit". I do not know his real reasons. But I am sure you would agree that we have no choice but to decline to give the lecture.

He has asked instead that you should make a speech at the Government's Banquet in your honour - and also that you might make a statement at a joint Press Conference. Agree?

A.J.C.

Yes ms

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MY TELNO 050 AND TELECON BYATT/WILSON
THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO PORTUGAL

1. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE BBC HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH DIRECT WITH NO 10 ABOUT POSSIBILITY THAT THE PRIME MINISTER MIGHT GIVE THE BBC/GULBENKIAN FOUNDATION LECTURE FOR 1984 DURING HER VISIT.
2. THE PORTUGUESE WOULD I AM SURE, BE GRATIFIED SHOULD THE PRIME MINISTER DECIDE TO GIVE A LECTURE WHILE SHE IS IN LISBON. THIS COULD BE ON ANY GENERAL THEME, SUCH AS THE ROLE OF EUROPE IN THE MODERN WORLD. AS SEEN FROM HERE, IT WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY TO SPEAK FOR MORE THAN 25 MINUTES, OR TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AFTERWARDS. SUCH A LECTURE WOULD GET WIDE PUBLICITY FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S VIEWS, INCLUDING THOSE ON THE COMMUNITY AND ENLARGEMENT.

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