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TELEGRAM NUMBER 001 OF 13 APRIL  
INFO ROUTINE TO FCO (FOR CONFERENCE SECTION, PROTOCOL DEPT)

FOLLOWING FROM AMBASSADOR IN RIYADH FOR PS TO PM

MY TELNO 209 FROM JEDDA: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT

1. I HAVE DISCUSSED ARRANGEMENTS TODAY IN GREATER DETAIL WITH CHIEF OF ROYAL PROTOCOL.
2. CEREMONIES AT THE AIRPORT ARE CONFIRMED AS IN MY TUR AND THERE IS LIKELY TO BE A FULL TURN-OUT OF SAUDI MINISTERS PRESENT. THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE CROWN PRINCE WILL BE LED TO A Dais FOR THE NATIONAL ANTHEM, BUT WILL NOT (NOT) INSPECT THE GUARD OF HONOUR.
3. AFTER COFFEE AT THE ROYAL PAVILION, THE PARTY WILL DRIVE TO THE KHUZAMA PALACE (ABOUT 10 MINS FROM THE AIRPORT) IN THE ORDER GIVEN IN MY TUR. ON ARRIVAL AT THE PALACE, THE WHOLE PARTY WILL BE GREETED BY THE KING, A MEETING OF ABOUT HALF AN HOUR WILL FOLLOW, ATTENDED ON THE SAUDI SIDE BY PRINCE ABDULLAH, PRINCE SULTAN (MINISTER OF DEFENCE), PRINCE SAUD (MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS) AND POSSIBLY THE MINISTERS OF PETROLEUM AND FINANCE. ON OUR SIDE, THE SAUDIS ASSUME THAT MR THATCHER WILL, AS ON PM'S PREVIOUS VISIT, WITHDRAW FOR THE MEETING AND RETURN FOR THE LUNCH (AT WHICH HE WILL BE SEATED ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE KING). THE SAUDIS EXPECT SIR A ACLAND, MR BUTLER, MR POWELL AND MYSELF TO ATTEND THE MEETING, AND HAVE EXPRESSED THE HOP THAT MR INGHAM CAN ATTEND FOR THE GREETING AND LUNCH ONLY. I WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF, IN THE EVENT, IT PROVED POSSIBLE FOR MR INGHAM TO ATTEND THE MEETING ALSO.
4. I HAVE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THERE WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PM TO HAVE A PRIVATE WORD WITH THE KING. THE KING HAS BEEN TOLD OF THIS, AND THINKS THERE WILL BE AN OCCASION FOR A PRIVATE WORD AFTER LUNCH, IF NOT AT THE LUNCH ITSELF. FOR THE LATTER, THE KING WILL HAVE AT HIS TABLE, IN ADDITION TO THE PM AND MR THATCHER, THE CROWN PRINCE, PRINCE SULTAN, PRINCE SAUD AND MYSELF. THE REST OF THE PARTY, POSSIBLY INCLUDING OUR PRESS TEAM, WILL BE AT SEPARATE TABLES.
5. WE ARE IN TOUCH WITH THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE PRESS PARTY AT THE AIRPORT (COLOMBO TELNO 002 OF 12 APRIL REFERS). THEY WILL DO WHAT THEY CAN, BUT THE AIRPORT IS OVER 45 MINS FROM RIYADH AND TIME WILL BE VERY LIMITED.

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