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TO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON

TELEGRAM NUMBER 786 OF 21 APR

YOUR TELNO 1370: FALKLANDS ISLANDS: MY VISIT TO WASHINGTON

1. THE ACCOMPANYING PARTY WILL CONSIST OF SIR I SINCLAIR, MESSRS BULLARD, URE, PENN PLUS PA. FALL AND RICHARDS (PRIVATE SECRETARIES), MISS PEAREY (SECRETARY, PRIVATE OFFICE) AND DAY (DETECTIVE). WE ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE BY CONCORDE FLIGHT BA 189 AT 1010 WASHINGTON TIME.
2. I AM CONTENT TO START THE TALKS-SOON AFTER ARRIVAL BUT I SHOULD PREFER THE FIRST SESSION TO BE KEPT FAIRLY SHORT. SAY TWO HOURS, AND CONFINED TO BROAD QUESTIONS. I SUGGEST THAT EXAMINATION OF THE TEXTS SHOULD BE DEFERRED UNTIL A SESSION ON FRIDAY MORNING. THIS LEAVES SOME TIME ON THURSDAY AFTERNOON FOR OTHER ENGAGEMENTS.
3. I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE INVITATIONS TO SOCIAL OCCASIONS ON THURSDAY BUT WOULD PREFER A QUIET DINNER AT HOME.
4. YOUR PARAGRAPH 3:
 - a) MEDIA.

I SHOULD LIKE TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

- (I) ONE (BUT NOT MORE THAN ONE) OF THE BREAKFAST TELEVISION PROGRAMMES ON FRIDAY MORNING.
- (II) A BRIEFING FOR THE BRITISH PRESS AROUND LUNCHTIME ON FRIDAY, FOLLOWED BY SHORT NEWS INTERVIEWS WITH BBC TV AND ITN. BBC RADIO NEWS HAVE ASKED FOR A SHORT LIVE INTERVIEW AT 6.00 PM BST ON FRIDAY, AND THIS MIGHT BE FITTED IN AT THE SAME TIME:
- (III) CBS NATIONAL NEWS INTERVIEW WITH DAN RATHER ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

HEAD OF NEWS DEPARTMENT IS IN TOUCH WITH YOUR INFORMATION COUNSELLOR ABOUT THE DETAILS.

- a) I AGREE THAT I SHOULD HAVE A MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE ON THE LINES YOU SUGGEST.

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- C) I ACCEPT THE IDEA OF A BREAKFAST MEETING WITH CLARK. BUT IN VIEW OF WEINBERGER'S GENERALLY HELPFUL ATTITUDE TO BRITAIN AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MILITARY CONNECTION IN THE PRESENT CRISIS. WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO FIT HIM IN, PERHAPS FOR A DRINK?
- D) IT WOULD CLEARLY BE DESIRABLE FOR ME TO TALK TO THE COMMONWEALTH AMBASSADORS, GIVEN THE OAS CONNECTION. BUT I AM RELUCTANT TO DO THIS WITHOUT ALSO MEETING COMMUNITY AMBASSADORS IN VIEW OF THE STAUNCH SUPPORT WE HAVE HAD FROM OUR PARTNERS HITHERTO AND OUR CONTINUING NEED OF THEIR SUPPORT IN THE DAYS AHEAD. CAN YOU SEE ANY WAY OF FITTING IN AT LEAST A SHORT TIME WITH THE COMMUNITY AMBASSADORS, AGAIN PERHAPS OVER A DRINK?
- E) I AM HAPPY WITH THE ACCOMMODATION ARRANGEMENTS YOU PROPOSE. GIVEN THE LIKELIHOOD OF EXTENSIVE LATE NIGHT WORK, HOWEVER, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IF BOTH PRIVATE SECRETARIES COULD BE HOUSED IN THE RESIDENCE.

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1. I submit a draft reply to Washington telegram no 1370 about the arrangements for the visit.
2. I have consulted Private Office, the Head of News Department who contributed paragraph 4 (a), and Mr Gillmore about paragraph 4 (c).
3. I have also discussed point 4 (d) with the Heads of ECD(E), SPD and CCD. The consensus is that since Ambassadors in Washington are the actual participants in meetings of the OAS, in practical terms the Commonwealth Ambassadors should have priority over the Community Ambassadors. However, in the light of the solidarity offered by the Community we think it would be wrong for the Secretary of State not to see the Community Ambassadors. We canvassed the idea that Mr Pym should see Community Ambassadors in London on his return but came to the conclusion that this would not give the right impression. I have accordingly suggested in the draft that the Embassy should be asked to look again at the possibility of fitting both groups into the programme.

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