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FOR HORNE, PRESS OFFICE NO 10 DOWNING STREET, FROM DOWSE
YOUR TELNO 113: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: PRESS

1. YOUR PARA 3. THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE WILL
ESTABLISH A PRESS CENTRE AT THE KING DAVID HOTEL (IN THE
"ORIENTAL" AND "READING" ROOMS) FOR THE DURATION OF THE VISIT.
THEY WILL ALSO SET UP A BRIEFING ROOM, AND ARRANGE THE ROOM
FOR OUR PRESS CONFERENCE (ROOM NAMES TO BE CONFIRMED ON 0 MAY).

2. YOUR PARA 4(A). A PA SYSTEM WILL BE INSTALLED: ZAM SURE
WE CAN ARRANGE STAFF TO PASO MICROPHONES.

3. THE ISRAELIS HAVE ASKED OUR REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PRESS CENTRE AND
BRIEFING ROOM. I WILL PASS ON THOSE IN YOUR PARAS (B) AND (D).

4. IN ADDITION TO TELEPHONES, THE ISRAELIS CAN INSTALL TELEX
MACHINES AND "ELECTRONIC MAIL" FACILITIES IN THE PRESS CENTRE.
THE LATTER OPERATES VIA THE ISRAELI "GOLDNET" AND BRITISH
TELECUOM "BT GOLD" COMPUTER SYSTEMS, ENABLING CORRESPONDENTS
TO FILE MORE QUICKLY AND CHEAPLY THAN TELEX (DIRECTLY TO THOSE
UK PAPERS WITH ELECTRONIC MAILBOXES, OTHERWISE BY FEEDING INTO
THE UK TELEX SYSTEM). PLEASE LET ME KNOW LIKELY REQUIREMENTS
OF TRAVELLING PRESS (EG HOW MANY TERMINALS?). WOULD AVAILABILITY
OF THIS SERVICE AFFECT REQUIREMENTS FOR FACSIMILE MACHINE? COST
OF HIRING WOULD BE APPROX US DOLLARS 200.

SPEECHES, ETC

5(A) IF TEXT OF MRS THATCHER'S ARRIVAL STATEMENT COULD BE SENT
TO US BY 1200Z ON 22 MAY WE COULD DISTRIBUTE IT, UNDER EMBARGO
TO LOCAL PRESS IN ADVANCE.

(B) UK JOURNALISTS HAVE REMINDED US THAT, TO MEET DEADLINES
FOR 26 MAY, THEY WILL NEED AN ADVANCE TEXT OF MRS THATCHER'S
SPEECH AT THE DINNER ON 25 MAY. IDEALLY IT SHOULD BE AVAILABLE
BY 1600 HRS LOCAL TIME THAT DAY.

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6. I UNDERSTAND THAT MRS THATCHER WILL NOT BE GRANTING INTERVIEWS TO THE ISRAELI PRESS IN ADVANCE OF THE VISIT. WE HAVE RECEIVED REQUESTS FOR INTERVIEWS DURING THE VISIT FROM ISRAEL TELEVISION, ISRAEL RADIO AND THE JERUSALEM POST. THE FIRST TWO WOULD BE SURE TO REACH A WIDE ISRAEL AUDIENCE. THE JERUSALEM POST IS NOT WIDELY READ BY THE HEBREW-SPEAKING PUBLIC IN ISRAEL, BUT WOULD BE AN EFFECTIVE WAY OF REACHING AN OVERSEAS JEWISH AUDIENCE, PARTICULARLY IN BRITAIN AND THE US.

7. REF JERUSALEM TELNO 104. WHILE NOT WISHING TO DISCOURAGE THE IDEA THAT MRS THATCHER SHOULD SPEAK TO THE PALESTINIAN PRESS (BONA FIDE PALESTINIAN JOURNALISTS WILL OF COURSE BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE PRESS CONFERENCE), NO DOUBT YOU WILL APPRECIATE THAT AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW, EVEN OF THE TYPE SUGGESTED, WHICH TOOK PLACE BEFORE THE VISIT WOULD NOT GO DOWN WELL HERE IF THE ISRAELI MEDIA HAD BEEN REFUSED EQUAL TREATMENT.

PRESS ACCESS TO PROGRAMME EVENTS

8. THE GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE WILL PREPARE A PROGRAMME FOR PRESS GUIDANCE, SPECIFYING ACCESS TO THOSE PROGRAMME ITEMS UNDER ISRAELI CONTROL. THE USUAL PRACTICE IS TO ALLOW PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES AT ALMOST ALL EVENTS, AND RECORDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL PUBLIC STATEMENTS.

9. GRATEFUL FOR ADVICE ON WHAT FORM OF COVERAGE YOU ENVISAGE FOR THE TWO EVENTS UNDER OUR CONTROL:

A) THE VISIT TO MOUNT SCOPUS CEMETRY:

B) THE MEETING WITH THE SISTER OF 'REFUSENIK' IDA NUDEL.

10. IN ADDITION THERE WILL NO DOUBT BE INTENSE MEDIA INTEREST IN THE SUPPER WITH THE PALESTINIANS. ARRANGEMENTS ARE FOR JERUSALEM TO COMMENT ON (AND SEE ALSO AMMAN TEL NO 212).

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