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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: PROGRAMME

1. "SPORTAND" (MY TELNO 222). MR PERES HAS NOW SAID THAT HE WOULD BE DELIGHTED IF MRS THATCHER COULD JOIN HIM IN GREETING THE RUNNERS AS THEY PASS HIS OFFICE ON 25 MAY. THE EVENT WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE BY SATELLITE. IF THIS GOES AHEAD, MR SHAMIR'S CALL WOULD BE DELAYED UNTIL 1845 HRS, AND MRS THATCHER'S HAIR APPOINTMENT UNTIL 1945 HRS (DEPART FOR DINNER AT 2050 HRS).
2. THE ISRAELIS WISH TO INCLUDE AN EXTRA PROGRAMME ITEM ON THE MORNING OF 25 MAY. BY SLIGHTLY CURTAILING THE VISITS TO YAD VASHEM AND THE ORT SCHOOL, THEY CAN MAKE TIME FOR A 15-MINUTE STOP AT THE ISRAELI NATIONAL LIBRARY (ON THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY CAMPUS VERY NEAR THE ORT SCHOOL). MRS THATCHER WOULD BE GREETED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY AND A FORMER ACADEMIC ASSOCIATE OF HERS, PROFESSOR LISA HELLER KALLAI (LONDON UNIVERSITY 1951) - NOW PROFESSOR OF GEOLOGY AT THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY. (THE ISRAELIS WISHED THIS TO BE A SURPRISE; WE HAVE PERSUADED THEM OTHERWISE). TIMETABLE FOR REST OF PROGRAMME WOULD NOT BE AFFECTED.

You will want to be aware of this → //

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From the Private Secretary

21 May, 1986.

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO ISRAEL

You may find it helpful to have the answer to a number of detailed points which I have spotted in recent telegrams from Tel Aviv.

The Prime Minister is ready to start the programme on 26 May at 0730 (paragraph 1(b) of Tel Aviv telegram 211).

Gifts can in general be exchanged through the MFA Protocol Office (paragraph 3 of Tel Aviv telegram 218).

I have no strong feelings on the timing of the photograph with the Conservative MEPs, and would be content with whichever time least interferes with other arrangements. It must be made clear to them that a maximum of 3-4 minutes will be available for this. They will have to be all ready. It would be helpful if the Embassy could indeed provide a photographer (paragraph 5 of Tel Aviv telegram 218).

Since the Prime Minister will be meeting Mr. Khalifa, and thus participating in the Sport Aid event in London before her departure, I see no strong reason for her to be further involved in Israel. It's probably better therefore to stick to the programme as planned (Tel Aviv telegram 222).

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