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YOUR TELNO 47 : PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO NORWAY

1. HEAD OF CHANCERY HAS HAD A FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH THE MFA ON THE DETAILS OF THE PROGRAMME. THE DRAFT IS NOW AS IN MIFT. IT IS BASICALLY THE SAME AS THAT ENVISAGED WHEN MR WILLOCH WAS PRIME MINISTER EXCEPT THAT THE MFA HAVE SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD NOW BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE PRIME MINISTER TO MEET THE STORTING FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, OF WHICH MR WILLOCH IS CHAIRMAN. SINCE HE HAS NO OTHER OFFICIAL POSITION, THIS IS THE ONLY MEANS BY WHICH HE CAN FEATURE IN THE PROGRAMME. WE HAVE THEREFORE INCLUDED A CALL ON THE STORTING IN THE DRAFT, AND I BELIEVE THAT THIS CAN BE ACHIEVED WITHOUT SACRIFICING ANY OF THE OTHER ITEMS, AND WITHOUT AN UNDUE PRESSURE ON THE PRIME MINISTER'S LIMITED TIME.

2. COMMENTS ON OTHER ITEMS IN THE PROGRAMME ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1103 THE DETAILS OF THE TROMSO LEG OF THE VISIT WILL REQUIRE PERSONAL RECONNAISSANCE OF THE AREA, AND A MEMBER OF CHANCERY WILL UNDERTAKE THIS LATER THIS MONTH.

1104 FLIGHT FROM TROMSO TO OSLO. THE MFA HAVE CONFIRMED THAT IT IS MRS BRUNDTLAND'S INTENTION, AS IT HAD BEEN THAT OF MR WILLOCH, TO ACCOMPANY THE PRIME MINISTER FOR MOST OF THE VISIT TO TROMSO, AND TO RETURN TO OSLO A LITTLE EARLY SO THAT SHE CAN BE AT THE AIRPORT TO WELCOME THE PRIME MINISTER TO THE CAPITAL.

1108 DINNER. THIS WILL BE A FORMAL OCCASION, BLACK TIE/LONG DRESS, FOR UP TO 180 GUESTS INCLUDING SPOUSES. MRS BRUNDTLAND WILL MAKE A SPEECH AFTER THE MAIN COURSE LASTING ABOUT 5 MINUTES, AND MRS THATCHER WILL BE INVITED TO FOLLOW THAT IMMEDIATELY WITH A SPEECH OF SIMILAR LENGTH. IT IS NORMAL FOR SUCH SPEECHES HERE TO BE CONFINED TO GENERALITIES.

1203 A (VERY BRIEF) COURTESY CALL ON THE PRESIDENT OF THE STORTING IS THE CORRECT PROTOCOL, PROVIDED HE IS IN NORWAY AT THE TIME, WHICH IS NOT YET CERTAIN.

1210 THE KING'S LUNCH WILL BE FOR ABOUT 20 PEOPLE, INCLUDING MR AND MRS THATCHER AND THE MOST SENIOR MEMBERS OF HER PARTY. BRITISH PARTICIPATION IS LIKELY TO BE LIMITED TO FIVE OR SIX PEOPLE.

1212 THE JOURNEY FROM THE CENTRE OF TOWN TO BYGDOY, THE PENINSULA WHERE THE "CULTURAL" PART OF THE PROGRAMME TAKES PLACE, WILL BE MORE AGREEABLE BY BOAT THAN BY CAR AND THE PRIME MINISTER WILL SEE MORE OF THE CITY. THE EXTRA TRAVELLING TIME IS NEGLIGIBLE.

3. PLEASE SEE MY SECOND IFT FOR SUGGESTIONS FOR A PROGRAMME FOR MR THATCHER.

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4. SECURITY: THE NORWEGIAN POLICE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE IN COOPERATION WITH MRS THATCHER'S DETECTIVE(S). WILL ONE OF THE LATTER MAKE A PRIOR RECONNAISSANCE VISIT AND IF SO WILL HE WISH TO GO TO TROMSO ?

5. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE AN INDICATION SOON OF THE CONTENT AND SIZE OF THE PARTY WHICH WILL ACCOMPANY THE PRIME MINISTER. PLEASE ALSO LET US KNOW THE FACILITIES NEEDED FOR A PRIVATE OFFICE AND COMMUNICATIONS. WE COULD THEN TAKE DETAILED PLANNING FORWARD, SUBJECT TO YOUR COMMENTS.

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SERIAL	TIME	EVENT
THURSDAY 11 SEPTEMBER		
1101	0700	DEPART LONDON
1102	1130	ARRIVE TROMSO
1103		LUNCH GIVEN BY GOVERNOR OR MAYOR. VISIT NORWEGIAN NAVY BASE AT OLAFSVERN: FISHING VILLAGE: NORTHERN LIGHTS OBSERVATORY
1104	1630	DEPART FOR OSLO
1105	1820	ARRIVE OSLO
1106	1840	ARRIVE BRITISH EMBASSY
1107	1945	LEAVE EMBASSY
1108	2000	DINNER GIVEN BY NORWEGIAN PRIME MINISTER AT AKERSHUS
1109	2300	DINNER ENDS: RETURN TO EMBASSY FOR OVER- NIGHT STAY
FRIDAY 12 SEPTEMBER		
1201	0830	LEAVE EMBASSY FOR PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE
1202	0845-1045	OFFICIAL TALKS WITH PRIME MINISTER AND OTHERS
1203	1050	COURTESY CALL ON PRESIDENT OF STORTING
1204	1100	MEET MR WILLOCH AND OTHER MEMBERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1205	1130	LEAVE STORTING
1206	1145	PRESS CONFERENCE AT EMBASSY
1207	1215	RETIRE TO PREPARE FOR LUNCH
1208	1235	LEAVE EMBASSY FOR PALACE

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1209	1245	AUDIENCE WITH HM THE KING
1210	1300	LUNCH GIVEN BY HM THE KING
1211	1435	LEAVE THE PALACE
1212	1440	ARRIVE HARBOUR
1213	1445	LEAVE HARBOUR IN BOAT
1214	1455	ARRIVE BYGDOY. VISIT FRAM (AMUNDSEN'S POLAR EXPLORATION SHIP).
1215	1520	VISIT KON TIKI AND RA
1216	1530	LEAVE KON TIKI
1217	1535	ARRIVE VIKING SHIPS
1218	1600	LEAVE BYGDOY
1219	1615	ARRIVE HQ AFNORTH: TOUR OF COMMAND BUNKER AND BRIEFING.
1220	1715	LEAVE HQ AFNORTH
1221	1730	ARRIVE EMBASSY
1222	1815-1945	RECEPTION AT EMBASSY
1223	1955	LEAVE FOR AIRPORT
1224	2010	ARRIVE AIRPORT
1225	2015	DEPART FOR LONDON
1226	2115	ARRIVE LONDON

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MIPT : PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO NORWAY : PROGRAMME FOR MR
THATCHER

1. WE ASSUME THAT MR THATCHER WILL WISH TO BE PRESENT AT THE LUNCHES ON 11 AND 12 SEPTEMBER, AT THE DINNER ON THE 11TH AND AT THE RECEPTION ON THE 12TH.
2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT MR THATCHER GENERALLY FAVOURS SEPARATE ITEMS IN A PROGRAMME DESIGNED TO PROJECT BRITISH INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE. WITH THIS IN MIND I RECOMMEND THAT ON THE MORNING OF 12 SEPTEMBER HE VISITS NORSK DATA, A THRIVING NORWEGIAN COMPUTOR COMPANY WHICH HAS ITS EUROPEAN MARKETING HEADQUARTERS IN THE UK. HE COULD THEN JOIN THE PRIME MINISTER FOR LUNCH AT THE PALACE, AND I AM SURE HE WOULD FIND THE SUBSEQUENT TRIP TO BYGDØY INTERESTING AND ENJOYABLE. THEREAFTER , I SUGGEST THAT A VISIT TO BP NORGE MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE AND REWARDING.
3. THERE IS LESS SCOPE FOR A SEPARATE PROGRAMME IN TROMSØ AND MR THATCHER MAY IN ANY CASE WISH TO TAKE PART IN SOME OR ALL OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S PROGRAMME THERE. HOWEVER, A SEPARATE VISIT TO A FISH FARM COULD BE WORTHWHILE, BOTH AS AN INTERESTING EXAMPLE OF AGRO-INDUSTRIAL INITIATIVE IN NORTHERN NORWAY AND BECAUSE THIS IS A FIELD IN WHICH NORWAY HAS HEAVILY INVESTED IN BRITAIN.
4. DETAILED SUGGESTIONS WILL FOLLOW CHANCERY'S VISIT TO THE AREA LATER THIS MONTH, BUT GUIDANCE IN THE MEANTIME WOULD BE HELPFUL.

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