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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT

SUMMARY

1. MRS BRUNDTLAND GLADLY ACCEPTS THE PRIME MINISTER'S INVITATION TO FLY IN THE VC 10 FROM TROMSO TO OSLO ON 11 SEPTEMBER. SHE REGRETS LEFT WING OPPOSITION IN TROMSO TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT THERE.

DETAIL

2. AT HER DINNER LAST NIGHT FOR THE MILITARY COMMITTEE OF NATO I ASKED MRS BRUNDTLAND ABOUT THE FLIGHT FROM TROMSO TO OSLO. SHE SAID SHE QUITE UNDERSTOOD THE PRIME MINISTER'S REASONS FOR PREFERRING TO FLY IN THE VC 10 AND WOULD BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO JOIN HER ON IT. THIS ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE EASIER FOR HER PRESENTATIONALLY IF THE TWO AIRCRAFT COULD FLY MORE OR LESS IN PARALLEL AND IF HER OWN AIRCRAFT ACCOMMODATED A MIX OF NORWEGIAN AND BRITISH PASSENGERS AT A SUITABLE LEVEL. I SAID I WAS SURE THIS COULD BE ARRANGED AND IT WAS AGREED THAT WE SHOULD WORK IDEAS OUT WITH HER OFFICE.

3. MRS BRUNDTLAND WENT ON TO SAY THAT SHE FELT BADLY ABOUT CRITICAL COMMENTS ON THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT BEING MADE BY CERTAIN LEFT WING MEMBERS OF HER PARTY IN TROMSO. SHE FELT THAT IF SHE HAD SPOTTED THE DANGER OF THIS EARLIER SHE MIGHT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO NIP IT IN THE BUD. I SAID THE PRIME MINISTER WELL UNDERSTOOD THE NATURE OF POLITICAL DISSENT. I ASSUMED THAT ANY DEMONSTRATIONS WOULD BE KEPT UNDER FIRM CONTROL.

4. MRS BRUNDTLAND SAID WE COULD COUNT ON THIS. SHE ADDED THAT THOUGH SHE WOULD NOT MAKE ANY DIRECT REFERENCE TO THESE LEFT WING CRITICS SHE INTENDED IN HER SPEECH AT LUNCH ON 11 SEPTEMBER TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT HERE IS NOT ONLY A MEETING BETWEEN THE LEADERS OF TWO VERY FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS BUT ALSO AN IMPORTANT EVENT IN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN NORWAY AND A COUNTRY FOR WHICH NORWEGIANS HAVE A PARTICULARLY WARM REGARD.

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5. MRS BRUNDTLAND IS CLEARLY UPSET THAT A FEW MEMBERS OF HER OWN PARTY IN TROMSO ARE BEING DIFFICULT: BUT IT SEEMS TO ME UNLIKELY THAT THESE CRITICS WILL SUCCEED IN MARING THE SUCCESS OF NEXT THURSDAY'S PROGRAMME.

6. AS FOR THE FLIGHT BACK TO OSLO THE NORWEGIANS MAY WELL MAKE PROPOSALS TO US. BUT IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THIS MINOR PROBLEM MIGHT EASILY BE SOLVED WERE MR THATCHER PREPARED TO FLY IN THE NORWEGIAN AIRCRAFT. WE MIGHT THEN HAVE FROM OUR SIDE MR THATCHER, MY WIFE, A PRIVATE SECRETARY AND ONE OR OTHER MEMBER OF MY STAFF AND ON THE NORWEGIAN SIDE MR BRUNDTLAND, MRS BUSCH AND ONE OR TWO OTHERS.

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19 August 1986

Dear Tim,

Prime Minister's Visit to Norway: 11-12 September

I enclose a proposed fit and seating plan for the VC10.

Our Embassy in Oslo have asked if seats could be made available for HM Ambassador, Commander Sizeland, the Naval Attache, and Frank McGinley, the Information Officer. If you are content with that proposal they could be fitted into the senior officials compartment. The two Private Secretaries might perhaps take seats 6 and 7 for that leg. For the same sector, we shall also have to make a seat available in the Junior Officials compartment for the CTSD engineer, who will be in Tromso for your arrival and who will then need to travel to Oslo.

Catering Arrangements

Full English breakfast will be served after take-off on 11 September; tea between Tromso and Oslo (1630-1830) and dinner on the return journey on 12 September (2015-2115 - 2 hours flying time). We will submit menus in due course.

I should be grateful for your confirmation that the above arrangements are satisfactory.

*Yours Sincerely,
Colin Budd*

(C R Budd)
Private Secretary

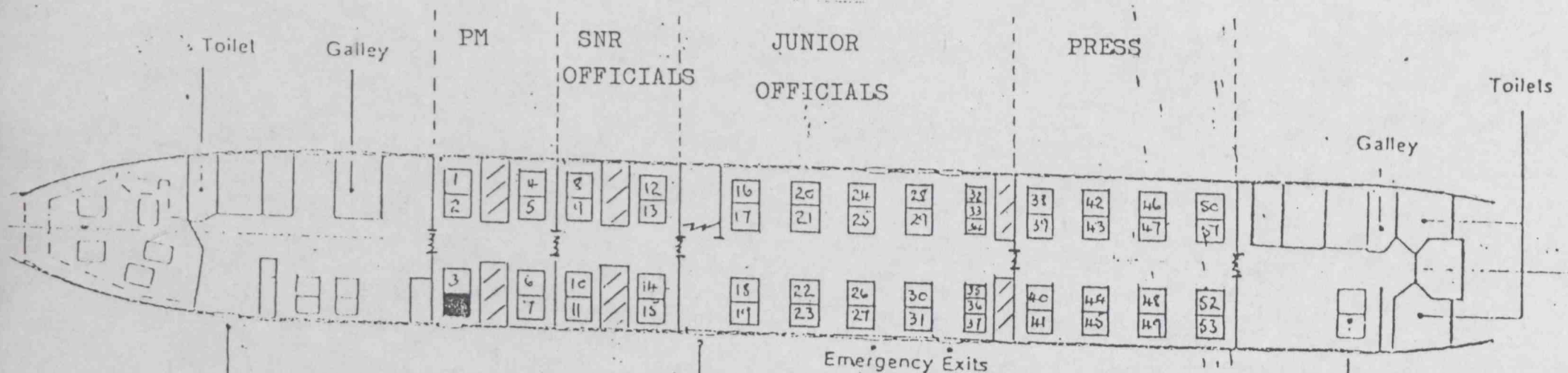
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SEATING PLAN FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO NORWAY

OVER PERIOD 11-12 SEP 86

RAF VC10 ASCOT 1140



Forward Passenger Door

- 1. Prime Minister
- 2.
- 3.
- 4. Mr Thatcher
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8. Mr Ingham
- 9.
- 10.
- 11. Mr Wicks
- 12. ~~Miss Wall~~
- 13.
- 14.
- 15. Mr Powell

- 16. Detective
- 17. Detective
- 18. Detective
- 19. Miss Bowers
- 20. Miss Goldsmith
- 21. ~~MISS WALL~~
- 22. Miss Jelley
- 23. Mrs Reinholt-Webb
- 24. RMP
- 25. RMP
- 26.
- 27. RMP
- 28.
- 29.
- 30.

Rear Passenger Door

- 31.
- 32.
- 33. Not for use
- 34.
- 35.
- 36. Not for use
- 37.
- 38.
- 39.
- 40.
- 41.
- 42.
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- 51.
- 52.
- 53.

ALM Double

Plus HM Ambassador, Commander Sizeland, Mr McGinley (Tromso/~~and~~ Oslo sector only)