# LOBBY BRIEFING

time: 11.00 date: 10.7.79

## PRIME MINISTER'S ENGAGEMENTS

A meeting of Ministers began at 1000 and ended at 1100.

Present:

Prime Minister

Chancellor of the Exchequer Home Secretary

S/S for Defence Foreign Secretary.

A meeting of the Defence of Overseas Committee began at 1100.

Present:

Prime Minister

Chancellor of the Exchequer Foreign Secretary Lord Privy Seal S/S for Defence Lord Chancellor

Lord Privy Seal Home Secretary

Lord President of the Council Minister of Agriculture.

The Prime Minister will be in the House for Questions this afternoon and will attend a garden party at Buckingham Palace.

This evening Mrs. Thatcher hopes to have an audience of The Queen. Tonight she will fly to Scotland for a one-day visit.

## IN THE HOUSE

PNQ: Robert Adley to S/S for Trade - "fuel crisis in tourist areas".

Statement: Lord Privy Seal (parallel to speech in the Lords by Lord Carrington).

Press Notice: Nicholas Goodison to be a Governor of the Museum of London.

# TONIGHT'S AUDIENCE

Lobby could assume that this had no connection with Rhodesia. It would not be Mrs. Thatcher's final opportunity for an audience before The Queen left for Africa.

## BOAT PEOPLE

The Government is considering its tactics/strategy for the forthcoming Geneva Conference. Lobby could assume the topic would be raised when Dr. Waldheim has talks with Mrs. Thatcher on Thursday.

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time: 4.00 date: 10.7.79

## PRIME MINISTER'S ENGAGEMENTS

This morning's briefing was repeated. The meeting of the Defence and Overseas Policy Committee ended at 1300.

## MORTGAGES

No Government pressure was being brought to bear on the building societies.

#### BOAT PEOPLE

A statement was not immediately foreseeable. Clearly, the Government would not go to Geneva in an unhelpful spirit. In the meantime, the Government would be considering tactics/strategy for Geneva.

## RHODESIA

The Prime Minister will meet Bishop Muzorewa this Friday afternoon. She would not be putting a 'package' to him: there was still some consultation to take place before the Lusaka meeting. Changes to the constitution of Zimbabwe Rhodesia would form a part of Friday's discussion, but not the centrepiece.

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