The Rt. Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Mrs Thatcher's visit to America 6 - 14 September

We are now planning on Mrs Thatcher arriving on Tuesday 6 September which will give her two and a half days in New York before departing for Houston on the early afternoon of the 9th.

To confirm. She particularly wants to see Andrew Young and certainly feels that she should also call on Whaldheim and Ivor Richard. In regard to Mayor Beame, she did meet him on her previous visit but would you advise that she should do a further courtesy call this time?

As far as Houston is concerned, she will definitely be speaking to the English Speaking Union on Friday 9 September and you were kindly going to make inquiries about a visit to the Space Centre on Saturday morning in addition to suggesting the best hotel for her and her party (total of four) to stay in. The time of arrival in Washington is not yet certain but as you know Mr Jay has kindly invited us all to stay at the Embassy.

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We have no firm engagements except for her speech to the Washington Institute of Foreign Affairs which is proposed for lunchtime on Monday September 12th. It would certainly be helpful, if it is possible for you, to let us know if the Ambassador was planning to give a reception or dinner on either the Monday or Tuesday evening. Otherwise, we should leave plans open for the various calls on the President and members of the Administration who should include Vance, Lance, Kissinger, Meany, Brown (Defence) Bryzinsky, Schlesinger, Arthur Burns and Blumenthal. In addition, she will probably wish to call on the IMF and I know she wants to see Moynihan. Otherwise, she will need time for meeting media people, and we are proposing to fly back on Wednesday 14 September.

This gives you a fair picture of the outline and I am most grateful to you for your offers of help. Will you let me know how you progress. My number in the House is 219.5283.

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