

# LOBBY BRIEFING

time: 1100 date: 25 May 1979

## Prime Minister's Engagements

At 1000 Mrs. Thatcher received a call from the Governing Mayor of Berlin, Herr Dietrich, Stobbe; at 1100, she was due to meet the Japanese Minister for International Trade and Industry, Mr. Esaki. This afternoon Cardinal Hume will call at Downing Street.

The Prime Minister will be spending the weekend at Chequers..

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## Talks with Herr Stobbe

The Prime Minister had reaffirmed Britain's total commitment to maintaining the freedom of Berlin. There had also been a discussion on East/West relations. We did not think Rudolf Hess was discussed.

## Cardinal Hume

This was his first call since Mrs. Thatcher become Prime Minister - analagous to Dr. Coggin's call on the Prime Minister on Wednesday.

## Vietnamese Boat People

We knew of no formal request for them to be allowed to enter Britain.

## Next Lobby Meeting

This will be on Monday 11 June 1979.