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TO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON TELNO 2109 OF 16 OCTOBER  
AND TO IMMEDIATE UKMIS NEW YORK.

FROM NEWS DEPT.

FOLLOWING ARE EXTRACTS FROM ARTICLE IN THIS WEEK'S SPECTATOR  
BY PATRICK COSGRAVE ENTITLED "MRS THATCHER AND THE IMPUDENT  
POLITICIANS OF THE F.C.O."

"WHAT IS NOW CLEAR IS THAT THE FOREIGN OFFICE, AND PARTICULARLY  
THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, DID NOTHING WHATEVER TO EXTEND  
EVEN THE ORDINARY COURTESIES CONSISTING OF ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE  
TO A SENIOR BRITISH POLITICIAN, AND POSSIBLY FUTURE PRIME  
MINISTER, TRAVELLING IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY BUT ACTUALLY, BY THEIR  
PRESS BRIEFINGS AND HINTS DROPPED TO AMERICAN POLITICIANS, DID  
WHAT WAS POSSIBLE TO UNDERMINE MRS THATCHER'S INSTINCT.  
BY COINCIDENCE, MR EDWARD HEATH WAS IN THE U.S. AT THE SAME TIME  
AND, THOUGH HE IS MERELY A BACKBENCHER - ALBEIT A SENIOR AND  
DISTINGUISHED ONE - HE WAS GIVEN BOTH HELP AND ENCOURAGEMENT  
FROM SENIOR BRITISH CIVIL SERVANTS. IT IS IRONICAL TO OBSERVE  
THAT THE LAST OCCASION ON WHICH A CONSERVATIVE LEADER WAS  
THUS UNDERMINED IN THE UNITED STATES, TO THE ACCOMPANIMENT OF  
CRITICISM OF HIM BY LABOUR LEADERS, FOR "KNOCKING BRITAIN  
ABROAD," THE VICTIM WAS MR HEATH."

/ "ON SEPTEMBER 15

'' ON SEPTEMBER 15 MRS THATCHER SPOKE IN NEW YORK TO THE INST FOR SOCIO-ECONOMIC STUDIES, AND GAVE AS VIGOROUS A DEFENCE OF CAPITALISM, AND AS STRONG A DENUNCIATION OF SOCIALISM, AS SHE DID IN BLACKPOOL LAST WEEK. WITH GREAT SPEED AND THOROUGHNESS SENIOR BRITISH OFFICIALS GAVE CONFIDENTIAL BRIEFINGS TO BRITISH AND AMERICAN JOURNALISTS DECLARING THEIR EMBARRASSMENT, AND THEIR CONVICTION THAT SHE HAD BEHAVED WILDLY. THE FOLLOWING DAY SHE SPOKE TO THE NEW YORK PILGRIMS' SOCIETY. THE SPEECH WAS Milder IN TONE AND SENIOR OFFICIALS WERE QUICKLY IN ACTION AGAIN, SUGGESTING TO THE PRESS THAT MRS THATCHER HAD SEEN THE FOLLY OF HER EFFORTS ON THE PREVIOUS DAY AND HAD NOW AGREED TO THEIR AMENDMENT OF HER FOLLOWING AMERICAN SPEECHES.''

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