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ARAB LEAGUE DELEGATION VISIT TO LONDON.

MY IPT.

1. KING HASSAN SUGGESTED A PROGRAMME ON THE FOLLOWING LINES:

- (I) HE WOULD ARRIVE ON SUNDAY 6 FEBRUARY AND STAY AT CLARIDGES.
- (II) MONDAY 7 FEBRUARY: THE DELEGATION WOULD MEET AMONG THEMSELVES THAT MORNING. THEREAFTER (THE KING SUGGESTED 11AM) THE FULL DELEGATION WOULD MEET THE PRIME MINISTER. THIS WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY KING HASSAN'S TETE A TETE WITH MRS THATCHER SEMICOLON AND THEN LUNCH AT NO 10 FOR THE WHOLE DELEGATION. AT 5PM THE DELEGATION WOULD HAVE A MEETING WITH YOU. THE EVENING WOULD BE LEFT FREE.
- (III) TUESDAY 8 FEBRUARY WOULD THUS BE LEFT ENTIRELY FREE FOR WHATEVER ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE WITH THE QUEEN. THE KING ENVISAGES THAT THESE MIGHT BE AS EARLIER AGREED - NAMELY A CALL BY THE WHOLE DELEGATION ON HER MAJESTY FOLLOWED BY A PRIVATE LUNCH FOR KING HASSAN HIMSELF.
- (IV) KING HASSAN WOULD GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE PROBABLY ON WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9 FEBRUARY.

2. I EXPLAINED THAT I HAD NOT YET HAD INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT THE PROGRAMME. I SAID I WOULD PUT THESE SUGGESTIONS TO YOU, THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE PALACE AND WOULD FOLLOW UP WITH GENERAL MOULAY HAFID AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE KING DID NOT REVERT TO HIS IDEA OF HAVING A COURT OFFICIAL COME OUT HERE, AND I DID NOT MENTION SIR R DU BOULAY'S READINESS TO TAKE ON THIS ROLE. I SUGGEST WE KEEP THIS CARD IN RESERVE. I SHALL MAKE A RECOMMENDATION WHEN AND IF TO PLAY IT AFTER I HAVE SEEN GENERAL MOULAY HAFID.

3. PLEASE SEE MY IFT (FCO ONLY).

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