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From the Private Secretary

1 April 1985

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO SOUTH EAST ASIA: SPEECHES

The Prime Minister has had not itme to look in detail at the latest drafts of the speeches for her visit to South East Asia, and is unlikely to be able to do much work on them before we set out.

On the other hand, I notice from various telegrams that several of the posts concerned are anxious to have texts to start to prepare translations, press releases, etc.

I think that the best I can do is to let you have copies of the drafts as they at present stand. You could telegraph these en clair to the posts concerned with the caution that these are still only officials' drafts, that final versions are unlikely to be available before the Prime Minister's arrival, that they may nonetheless wish to begin to prepare translations and press versions which will be subject to amendments, but that on no account should they release texts to host governments or the press until authorised to do so by one of the Prime Minister's Private Secretaries.

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Charles,

When you have a few moments between now and tomorrow morning, could you please decide which files we need to take. I will definitely take:

PM Tours: S.E. Asia Admin. ✓

Foreign Policy: PM's Visit to S.E. Asia
✓ (Policy).

Do you want to take the ~~UK~~ Relations files with each country we are visiting? NO

Anything else you can think of? NO

Sue

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