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2. THE FINAL BATCH OF OPINION POLLS POINTS TO A TORY WIN IN  
 TODAY'S VOTING -- WITH THATCHER HOLDING A MUCH REDUCED  
 PARLIAMENTARY MAJORITY. BUT A HUNG PARLIAMENT, WITH NO SINGLE  
 PARTY MAJORITY, IS NOT OUT OF THE QUESTION.

3. THE VOTING STATIONS CLOSE TONIGHT AT 10:00 P.M. LOCAL

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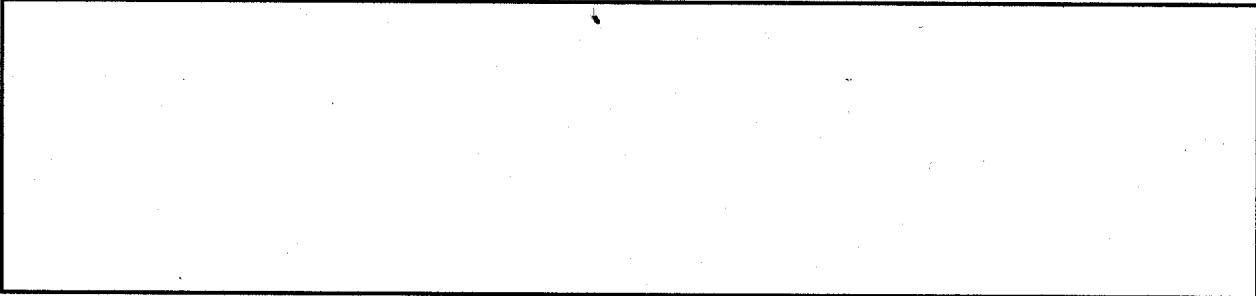
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TIME (5:00 P.M. EDT). FORECASTS OF THE OUTCOME BASED ON EXIT  
POLLS WILL LIKELY BE AVAILABLE WITHIN AN HOUR AFTER THAT. THE  
ACTUAL TALLY FROM BRITAIN'S 650 PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES  
WILL START TO ROLL IN AFTER 11:00 P.M., WITH ALMOST ALL THE  
VOTES COUNTED BY 3:00 A.M. (10:00 P.M. EDT). THUS U.S.  
SPOKESMEN MAY BE ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE OUTCOME TONIGHT OR  
EARLY ON FRIDAY.



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5. TORY VICTORY  
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Q: WHAT IS YOUR REACTION TO THE CONSERVATIVE VICTORY?

A: -- WE OFFER THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY OUR CONGRATULATIONS.

-- WE ALSO CONGRATULATE MRS. THATCHER ON THIS HISTORIC  
OCCASION -- HER THIRD CONSECUTIVE ELECTORAL TRIUMPH.

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-- WE LOOK FOWARD TO COOPERATING WITH HER DURING THIS  
GOVERNMENT, AS WE HAVE DURING THE PREVIOUS TWO.

Q: IS A CONSERVATIVE VICTORY GOOD FOR THE REAGAN  
ADMINISTRATION?

A: -- WHATEVER THE ADMINISTRATION IN WASHINGTON, AND WHATEVER  
THE GOVERNMENT IN LONDON, THE UNITED STATES AND BRITAIN  
HAVE BEEN THE CLOSEST OF FRIENDS AND THE BEST OF ALLIES.

-- IN THIS CASE, PRESIDENT REAGAN AND MRS. THATCHER HAVE  
WORKED TOGETHER FOR ALMOST SEVEN YEARS AND WILL NO DOUBT  
CONTINUE WORKING CLOSELY TOGETHER.

Q: BUT DON'T YOU PREFER A CONSERVATIVE TO A LABOR GOVERNMENT?

A: -- THE UNITED STATES, IN THIS ELECTION AS IN ALL PREVIOUS  
BRITISH ELECTIONS, HAS REMAINED NEUTRAL.

-- WHO WILL FORM THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IS OBVIOUSLY

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SOMETHING FOR THE BRITISH PEOPLE THEMSELVES TO DECIDE;

-- IN THIS CASE, THEY OPTED FOR THE TORIES AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH MRS. THATCHER AGAIN.

Q: BUT LABOR PARTY DEFENSE POLICY, ACCORDING TO SOME AMERICAN OFFICIALS, WOULD HAVE DESTROYED NATO. HOW CAN YOU TELL ME THAT IT'S ALL THE SAME TO YOU?

A: -- OUR POSITION ON LABOR'S DEFENSE POLICY IS WELL KNOWN; I NEED NOT REPEAT IT HERE.

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-- BUT, AS I HAVE SAID BEFORE, THIS ADMINISTRATION WOULD  
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HAVE WORKED WITH WHATEVER BRITISH GOVERNMENT EMERGED FROM  
THE ELECTION.

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