

DEN 25. NOVEMBER 1979

STATSMINISTERENS TELEFONSAMTALE MED VICEPRASIDENT MONDALE,
SØNDAG DEN 25. NOVEMBER 1979

I WANT TO TELL YOU THAT WE TAKE THE AMERICAN REACTION -
YOUR AMBASSADOR'S MESSAGE TO MY FOREIGN MINISTER AND
YOUR TALK YESTERDAY WITH AMBASSADOR BORCH - VERY SERIOUSLY.

WE WILL CONSIDER THE MATTER IN THE LIGHT HEREOF AS
WE HAVE ALWAYS RESPECTED THE PRINCIPLE OF CONSULTATIONS IN
NATO.

YOU MUST, HOWEVER, ALSO UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION IN
DENMARK - AND IN PARTICULAR WITHIN THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC
PARTY.

I MUST TRY NOT TO SPLIT THE PARTY - THAT COULD BE
VERY DANGEROUS FOR OUR MEMBERSHIP OF THE ALLIANCE WHICH HAS
ALWAYS DEPENDED ON THE SUPPORT OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC
PARTY AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO.

AT THIS STAGE I THEREFORE HAD TO DO WHAT WE DID -
TO PROPOSE A POSTPONEMENT OF A DECISION FOR SIX MONTHS.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO CONSIDER THE MATTER THOROUGHLY UP
TO THE NATO MEETING.

AS I SAID IN PUBLIC: NATO IS AN ASSOCIATION WHERE WE
HAVE ALWAYS TRIED TO CREATE A CONSENSUS. THIS PRINCIPLE
IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR US.

WE EXPECT TO HAVE A SERIOUS DEBATE IN THE PARLIAMENT
(FOLKETINGET) ON TUESDAY. OUR FOREIGN POLICY WILL NOT BE
MADE DEPENDENT ON THE PARTIES TO THE LEFT OF THE SOCIAL
DEMOCRATIC PARTY.