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GALSWORTHY'S TELELETTER OF 18 OCTOBER TO THOMSON: INVITATION FOR  
A RETURN VISIT BY ZHAO ZIYANG

1. THE PRIME MINISTER AGREES THAT YOU SHOULD CONFIRM HER INVITATION TO ZHAO IN MORE FORMAL TERMS.
2. PLEASE THEREFORE APPROACH THE MFA AT WHATEVER LEVEL YOU JUDGE MOST APPROPRIATE. YOU SHOULD SAY THAT YOU HAVE BEEN ASKED TO CONFIRM THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD WELCOME A VISIT TO BRITAIN BY THE PREMIER AT A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME. YOU COULD ADD THAT WE THINK CONTACT AT TOP LEVEL WILL BE INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT AS OUR RELATIONS CONTINUE TO DEVELOP, AND THAT IT WILL BE CONDUCIVE TO THE PRACTICAL COOPERATION THAT BOTH SIDES SEEK.

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