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TO IMMEDIATE BONN

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CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT IN BONN: MESSAGES

1. AS SOON AS DR KOHL HAS BEEN APPOINTED FEDERAL CHANCELLOR (ASSUMING THAT THERE ARE NO LAST MINUTE HITCHES), PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGES FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO HERR SCHMIDT AND DR KOHL:

MESSAGE FOR HERR SCHMIDT

BEGINS: DEAR HELMUT

I WOULD NOT WISH YOUR DEPARTURE FROM THE CHANCELLORSHIP AFTER SO MANY YEARS OF UNSTINTING SERVICE TO YOUR COUNTRY AND TO THE WESTERN ALLIANCE TO PASS WITHOUT SAYING HOW MUCH I VALUED AND SHALL ALWAYS VALUE OUR FIRM FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION. EVERYWHERE YOUR LEADERSHIP HAS BEEN OUTSTANDING. WARM GOOD WISHES TO YOU AND YOUR WIFE.

MARGARET THATCHER.

ENDS

MESSAGE FOR DR KOHL

BEGINS: DEAR CHANCELLOR

CONGRATULATIONS ON ASSUMING THE CHANCELLORSHIP OF YOUR GREAT COUNTRY. I REMEMBER WELL OUR LAST MEETING IN JANUARY DURING YOUR VERY SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO LONDON AND I HOPE THAT WE SHALL HAVE AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO MEET FOR AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. I VERY MUCH LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU. WARM REGARDS,

MARGARET THATCHER.

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