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MESSAGE TO NEW PRIME MINISTER

PRIME MINISTER'S

PERSONAL MESSAGE

SERIAL No. T 1646/79 T.

1. ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT DR SA CARNEIRO IS APPOINTED PRIME MINISTER OF PORTUGAL, PLEASE TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO HIM FROM THE PRIME MINISTER AS SOON AS CONVENIENTLY POSSIBLE AFTER THE APPOINTMENT IS MADE.

BEGINS.

PLEASE ACCEPT THE WARM CONGRATULATIONS OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ON YOUR APPOINTMENT AS PRIME MINISTER TO HEAD PORTUGAL'S FIRST MAJORITY GOVERNMENT SINCE THE REVOLUTION. I VERY MUCH HOPE THAT THE LINKS WHICH WERE REINFORCED DURING YOUR RECENT VISIT TO LONDON WILL PROSPER NOW THAT YOU HAVE ASSUMED OFFICE AND I LOOK FORWARD TO BUILDING ON THE SPIRIT OF CLOSE FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. I SEND BEST WISHES FOR THE SUCCESS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT. ENDS.

2. PLEASE REPORT DELIVERY BY TELEGRAM.

CARRINGTON

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