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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Before Signor Andreotti relinquished his post as President of the Council, he drew to my attention the candidature of Professor Antonio Zichichi for the post of Director General of the European Centre for Nuclear Research (CERN), and sought the British Government's support for Professor Zichichi's appointment.

I understand that CERN have set up a working group to make recommendations to the Council on the Director Generalship.

The Council will no doubt want to consider the working group's recommendations; and I am sure you will understand that in these circumstances my Government would likewise wish to take these recommendations into account before coming to any decision.

(signed) M.T.

Signor F. Cossiga.

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