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PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE

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TO IMMEDIATE OTTAWA  
TELNO 357 OF 17 OCTOBER

MY TELNO 322: MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER.

THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN LONDON AT 1500Z ON 18 OCTOBER. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM MRS THATCHER TO MR CLARK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:

BEGINS:

WE SHALL SHORTLY BE ANNOUNCING A VISIT BY ME TO THE UNITED STATES ON 17 AND 18 DECEMBER. I HAD HOPED TO BE ABLE TO VISIT OTTAWA DURING THIS, MY FIRST VISIT TO NORTH AMERICA AS PRIME MINISTER. BUT IN THE EVENT, IT HAS PROVED EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO WORK OUT MUTUALLY CONVENIENT DATES WITH PRESIDENT CARTER. MEANWHILE THE PRESSURE OF THE PARLIAMENTARY TIMETABLE AND OTHER DOMESTIC BUSINESS HAS CAUGHT UP WITH ME. AS A RESULT I MUST STAY IN LONDON UNTIL 16 DECEMBER AND MUST BE BACK ON THE MORNING OF 19 DECEMBER.

AS YOU WILL SEE THIS DOES NOT LEAVE ENOUGH TIME TO FIT IN A USEFUL VISIT TO OTTAWA. I MUCH REGRET THIS AND HOPE WE SHALL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AGAIN IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE.  
ENDS:

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