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PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE  
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TO IMMEDIATE YAOUNDE  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 155 OF 8 NOVEMBER 1982.  
YOUR TELNO 223 : CHANGE OF PRESIDENT

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGES TO AHIDJO AND BIYA FROM THE PRIME MINISTER. WE LEAVE IT TO YOUR DISCRETION WHETHER YOU WISH MR SHAW TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH THEIR DELIVERY.
2. TO AHIDJO QUOTE : I HAVE LEARNED OF YOUR RESIGNATION WITH REGRET. YOUR WISE LEADERSHIP OF CAMEROON SINCE INDEPENDENCE HAS BEEN VERY MUCH ADMIRERD IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND HAS ENABLED THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES TO DEVELOP AS CLOSELY AS THAY HAVE. I WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASED THAT YOU WERE ABLE TO VISIT LONDON AGAIN A FEW MONTHS AGO, AND HAVE VERY WARM MEMORIES OF OUR MEETING THEN. I AM ALSO MOST GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT AND UNDERSTANDING THAT CAMEROON HAS SHOWN TO THE UNITED KINGDOM IN THE UNITED NATIONS AND ELSEWHERE OVER THE FALKLAND ISLANDS. I WISH YOU A PEACEFUL, HAPPY AND LONG RETIREMENT. MARGARET THATCHER. UNQUOTE.
3. TO BIYA QUOTE : MAY I CONGRATULATE YOU UPON YOU ASSUMPTION OF THE PRESIDENCY. UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON, I LOOK FORWARD TO A CONTINUATION AND IF IT IS POSSIBLE, A STRENGTHENING OF THE VERY CORDIAL RELATIONSHIP AND CO-OPERATION WHICH EXISTED BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES UNDER YOUR DISTINGUISHED PREDECESSOR. MAGARET THATCHER. UNQUOTE.

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