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TELEGRAM NUMBER 292 OF 22 SEPTEMBER

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PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. T 182 B/32

MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT.

1. AS AGREED (PCO TELNO 373 AND YOUR TELNO 570) YOU SHOULD REPRESENT HMG AT INAUGURATION OF AMIN GEMAYEL AS PRESIDENT ON 23 SEPTEMBER.

2. FOR PEKING: WE RECOMMEND THAT HMA BEIRUT BE AUTHORISED TO DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO MR GEMAYEL FROM THE PRIME MINISTER:-

BEGINS:

I SEND YOU MY CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR ASSUMPTION OF THE PRESIDENCY OF THE REPUBLIC OF LEBANON. I WAS GREATLY SHOCKED BOTH BY THE ASSASSINATION OF YOUR PROTHOR AND THE RECENT APPALLING MASSACRES IN BEIRUT. I WISH YOU EVERY SUCCESS IN RESUMING THE TASK BEGUN BY YOUR LATE BROTHER IN RESTORING PEACE AND ACHIEVING THE RECONCILIATION SO NECESSARY TO THE FUTURE OF YOUR COUNTRY. YOU AND THE LEBANESE PEOPLE HAVE THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME.

ENDS.

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