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THE PRIME MINISTER

**PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
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Dear Signor Forlani:

Thank you for your letter of 27 May explaining that you were unable to come to London for talks on 2/3 June. I too much regret the postponement of a meeting to which I had been greatly looking forward, but of course I fully understand the need for you to be in Rome at the present time.

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Perhaps I could take this opportunity to thank you also for your letter of 16 May, in which you expressed gratitude for the help given by the Government and people of the United Kingdom in the areas of Italy affected by last November's earthquake. As you know, I was myself in Rome when the earthquake struck, and the vivid memory of those first moments makes me particularly glad that my country has been able to contribute towards the relief and reconstruction programme.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Richards

His Excellency Signor Arnaldo Forlani

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