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TO FLASH DAKAR
TELEGRAM NUMBER 004 OF 13 JANUARY
AND TO FLASH ALGIERS AND IMMEDIATE PARIS.

FROM COLES, PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, 10 DOWNING STREET.

1. TODAY'S BRITISH PRESS REPORTS A RADIO INTERVIEW GIVEN SOMEWHERE IN WEST AFRICA YESTERDAY BY A SWISS RALLY DRIVER CALLED MICHEL BOSI. HE APPARENTLY STATED THAT HE HAD SEEN MARK THATCHER AND HIS CO-DRIVER LAST FRIDAY AND THAT THEY HAD STRAYED FROM THE MAIN TRACK AFTER THE BACK AXLE OF THE CAR HAD BROKEN.

2. THE BRITISH NEWSPAPERS WHO PRINT THIS STORY HAVE SO FAR BEEN UNABLE TO TELL US WHERE BOSI IS NOW. IF, BY ANY CHANCE HE IS IN DAKAR, PLEASE SPEAK TO HIM AND TRY TO ESTABLISH PRECISELY WHERE HE SAW MR THATCHER.

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