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YOUR TELNO 362: NEW ITALIAN GOVERNMENT

1. PLEASE ARRANGE FOR THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE
PRIME MINISTER TO BE TRANSMITTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO THE
PALAZZO CHIGI:

BEGINS

PLEASE ACCEPT MY WARM CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR APPOINTMENT
AS PRIME MINISTER. I WISH YOU EVERY SUCCESS AND LOOK FORWARD
TO WORKING WITH YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT IN FURTHER DEVELOPING
THE EXCELLENT RELATIONS WHICH EXIST BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM
AND ITALY. I HOPE WE SHALL BE ABLE TO MEET SOON.

ENDS

2. THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE SHOULD BE TRANSMITTED FROM THE
PRIME MINISTER TO SIGNOR FANFANI:

BEGINS

I AM SORRY TO LEARN THAT WE SHALL NO LONGER BE WORKING
TOGETHER. I HAVE GREATLY ENJOYED THE PERIOD OF COLLABORATION
WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT. WE HAVE HAD A NUMBER OF DIFFICULT
ISSUES TO FACE BOTH IN EUROPE AND FURTHER AFIELD. I HAVE
VALUED OUR PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP AND I SEND YOU MY WARM
GOOD WISHES FOR THE FUTURE.

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PRIME MINISTER'S
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