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PRIME MINISTER'S (21)

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NEW ISRAELI GOVERNMENT. MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS

1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO MR SHAMIR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER HE IS SWORN IN.

BEGINS: DEAR PRIME MINISTER, I SEND YOU MY CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE AND BEST WISHES FOR THE SUCCESS OF YOUR NEW GOVERNMENT. THE PEOPLE OF BRITAIN AND ISRAEL HAVE A COMMON COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRACY AND FREEDOM. I LOOK FORWARD TO FURTHERING THE CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES. YOURS SINCERELY, MARGARET THATCHER. ENDS

2. ISRAELI AMBASSADOR HAS TOLD US THAT SHAMIR WILL DEFINITELY RETAIN FOREIGN AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO FOR THE TIME BEING. UNLESS YOU ADVISE TO THE CONTRARY, I SHOULD LIKE YOU TO PASS ON A SEPARATE MESSAGE FROM MYSELF.

BEGINS: DEAR PRIME MINISTER. CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR SUCCESS IN FORMING A NEW GOVERNMENT. THANK YOU FOR THE GOOD WISHES PASSED ON BY YEHUDA AVNER. I TOO WAS SORRY NOT TO SEE YOU IN NEW YORK. I SHOULD HAVE WELCOMED A DISCUSSION OF THE MIDDLE EAST, WHERE PROGRESS TOWARDS ESTABLISHING A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IS MORE URGENTLY NEEDED THAN EVER. I SEND YOU MY BEST WISHES FOR THE FUTURE. YOURS SINCERELY, GEOFFREY HOWE. ENDS

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