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ITALIAN GOVERNMENT CHANGES: MESSAGES FROM THE PRIME MINISTER
1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGES FROM THE PRIME MINISTER
WHEN APPROPRIATE TO:
(A) SIGNOR FORLANT

BEGINS PLEASE ACCEPT MY WARM CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR APPOINTMENT AS PRIME MINISTER. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU CLOSELY ON THE MANY QUESTIONS OF MUTUAL INTEREST AND CONCERN TO OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS. ENDS

(B) SIGNOR COSSIGA

BEGINS I SHOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY PERSONAL GRATITUDE FOR
YOUR COOPERATION AND SUPPORT ON THE MANY QUESTIONS
WHICH HAVE PREOCCUPIED OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS, BOTH
BILATERALLY AND IN A WIDER CONTEXT, DURING YOUR
TIME AS PRIME MINISTER OF ITALY.
I WAS DISTURBED TO LEARN THAT YOUR HEALTH HAS
SUFFERED RECENTLY AND I WISH YOU A WELL-EARNED
REST FROM THE RIGOURS OF OFFICE. ENDS

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