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TELEGRAM NUMBER 229 OF 25 AUGUST

NEW ITALIAN GOVERNMENT

1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER  
TO SENATOR SPADOLINI:

'PLEASE ACCEPT MY WARM CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RE-APPOINTMENT  
AS PRIME MINISTER AND ON THE FORMATION OF A NEW ITALIAN  
GOVERNMENT. I LOOK FORWARD TO STRENGTHENING THE CLOSE WORKING  
RELATIONSHIP THAT WE HAVE BUILT UP OVER THE PAST YEAR'.

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*From the Private Secretary*

25 August 1982

*K*

Thank you for your letter of 24 August enclosing a draft message from the Prime Minister to Senator Giovanni Spadolini. As I have told you, the Prime Minister agreed the draft. I assume you are making arrangements for its transmission.

*B/4*

TIMOTHY FLESHER

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24 August, 1982

*Yes*  
*MF*

*Prime Minister*  
*Agree to send*  
*message?*

*CS Dec 24/82*

*Dear Sir,*

New Italian Government

It was announced yesterday morning that Senator Giovanni Spadolini had succeeded in forming a new coalition government in Italy. The new government is identical to the previous one, which was also headed by Senator Spadolini.

The Prime Minister may wish to send a short message of congratulations to Senator Spadolini despite the brevity of the period of 'crisis'. I enclose a draft telegram to Rome which incorporates a suggested form of words.

*Yours ever*  
*John Holmes*

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