

UNCLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

Date Printed:  
22-Oct-2001

DOC\_NBR: 1987LONDON11818

CHANNEL: n/a  
HANDLING: ONLY

E24

57

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 LONDON 11818 01 OF 02 041707Z  
ACTION EUR-00

RELEASED IN PART  
B1, 1.5(D), B5

INFO LOG-00 COPY-01 ADS-00 SSO-00 ONY-00 /001 W  
-----371053 041711Z /40

O 041702Z JUN 87  
FM AMEMBASSY LONDON  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2243

C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 01 OF 02 LONDON 11818

EUR ONLY - FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY RIDGWAY FROM AMBASSADOR PRICE

E.O.12356: DECL: OADR  
TAGS: PGOV, UK  
SUBJECT: BRITISH ELECTIONS: CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. THE QUESTION OF POST-ELECTION CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES  
TAKES ON A NEW DIMENSION THIS TIME AROUND.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WITH A CONSERVATIVE VICTORY STILL THE STRONGEST  
POSSIBLE OUTCOME, A BRIEF PRESIDENTIAL NOTE FROM BERLIN TO  
PRIME MINISTER THATCHER IS MOST LIKELY IN THE CARDS. BUT IF  
LABOR DOES COME THROUGH WITH AN UPSET, A VERY DIFFERENT MESSAGE  
TO A NEWLY-APPOINTED PRIME MINISTER KINNOCK WOULD BE IN ORDER  
(ALONG WITH A NOTE TO THATCHER AS SHE LEFT OFFICE). AS OF NOW  
(BARRING FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CAMPAIGN), OUR JUDGMENT IS  
THAT THE PRESIDENT SHOULD KEEP A KINNOCK MESSAGE FAIRLY SHORT,  
IN THE VEIN OF "WE BOTH KNOW WHERE WE STAND, SO LET'S NOT DO  
ANYTHING ABRUPT ON DEFENSE."

B1

B1, B5

4. IN THE EVENT OF A HUNG PARLIAMENT (ONE IN WHICH IT IS NOT  
IMMEDIATELY CLEAR WHO WILL BE THE NEXT PRIME MINISTER), WE  
WOULD NOT FAVOR SENDING ANY PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE UNTIL THINGS  
HAVE BEEN SORTED OUT, AT WHICH TIME WE WOULD PROVIDE OUR

UNCLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

Date Printed:  
22-Oct-2001

DOC\_NBR: 1987LONDON11818

CHANNEL: n/a  
HANDLING: ONLY

RECOMMENDATIONS.

5. HERewith, OUR PROPOSED TEXTS (WE WILL SEND DRAFT MESSAGES TO NEW CABINET FIGURES IN DUE COURSE).

6. CONSERVATIVE VICTORY:  
-----

LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER THATCHER  
.....

RT. HON. MARGARET THATCHER, M.P.  
PRIME MINISTER  
10 DOWNING STREET  
LONDON, SW1

DEAR MARGARET:

I AM ABSOLUTELY DELIGHTED AT YOUR REELECTION VICTORY. IT IS AN HISTORIC ACHIEVEMENT AND A NEW RATIFICATION OF YOUR REMARKABLE LEADERSHIP. BRITAIN AND THE WEST ARE THE BENEFICIARIES.

AS YOU KNOW, I HAVEN'T BEEN SHY OF TELLING PEOPLE I'M ONE OF YOUR GREATEST FANS. I AM PROUD THAT I CAN CONTINUE TO COUNT YOU AS BOTH FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE.

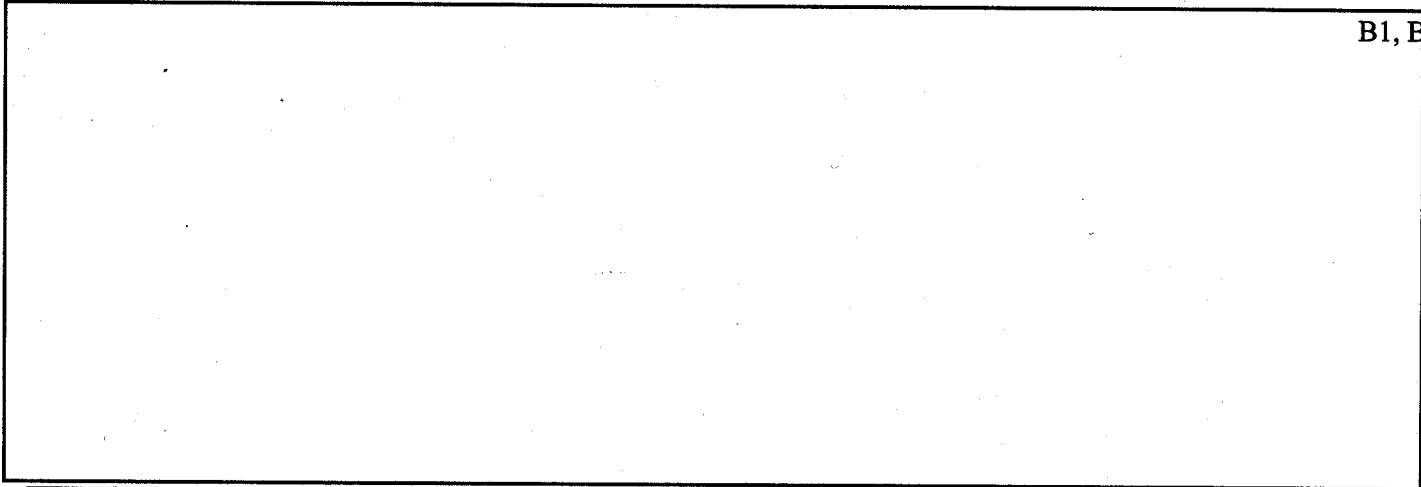
SINCERELY,  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 LONDON 11818 01 OF 02 041707Z

RONALD REAGAN

7. LABOR VICTORY:  
-----



B1, B5

UNCLASSIFIED

B1, B5

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

Date Printed:  
22-Oct-2001

DOC\_NBR: 1987LONDON11818

CHANNEL: n/a  
HANDLING: ONLY

57

B1, B5

PRICE

CONFIDENTIAL

NNNN

UNCLASSIFIED