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MY DESPATCH OF 26 APRIL: THE NEXT PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL
REPUBLIC

1. RICHARD VON WEIZSAECKER WAS DULY ELECTED TODAY TO SUCCEED
CARSTENS AS PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC ON 1 JULY.
HE RECEIVED 832 VOTES. THE GREENS FIELD A COUNTER CANDIDATE
WHO RECEIVED 68 VOTES. THERE WERE 117 ABSTENTIONS.

2. I UNDERSTAND THAT IT WOULD NOT BE CUSTOMARY FOR THE QUEEN TO
SEND A MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATION UNTIL WEIZSAECKER FORMALLY TAKES
OFFICE. BUT THE US AND FRENCH EMBASSIES SAY THAT THEIR PRESIDENTS
ARE SENDING MESSAGES NOW. WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT THE PRIME
MINISTER, WHO KNOWS VON WEIZSAECKER PERSONALLY, SHOULD SEND A
BRIEF MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

TAYLOR

(Prime Minister)

*We shall let you have
a draft. M 22
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