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TELEGRAM NUMBER 173 OF 7 OCTOBER

1. PLEASE ARRANGE DELIVERY OF THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO DR SA CARNEIRO AS SOON AS CONVENIENTLY POSSIBLE BEGINS:

I SEND MY SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS ON THE FINE VICTORY BY THE DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE AT THE ELECTIONS LAST SUNDAY. I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO WORK CLOSELY TOGETHER TO STRENGTHEN THE CLOSE AND FRIENDLY LINKS WHICH OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAVE ENJOYED FOR SO LONG ENDS.

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From the Private Secretary

7 October, 1980.

Dear Paul,

Portuguese Elections

As I have told Roderic Lyne on the telephone, the Prime Minister has approved for despatch the message to Dr. Sa Carneiro enclosed with your letter to me of 6 October.

Yours ever

Michael Alexander

Paul Lever, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

6 October 1980

Dear Mr Alexander,

Prime Minister

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Agree attached with?

yes no

Handwritten initials

Portuguese Election

According to provisional results, which will not be materially affected by the counting of overseas votes etc, the ruling Democratic Alliance in Portugal won an increased majority in the General Election on 5 October.

Full official results will not be available for about a week. There may be a wrangle over the procedures for Dr Sa Carneiro's re-appointment as Prime Minister (which is certain). The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary recommends that the Prime Minister should send Dr Sa Carneiro a short message of congratulations without awaiting developments. You will doubtless recall that she sent him congratulations on his previous victory at the polls in December 1979.

I attach a draft telegram to Lisbon. Please let me know by telephone if it may be despatched. Lord Carrington will at the same time wish to send messages to the other two party leaders in the ruling Democratic Alliance.

Yours sincerely
B Pitts

P.P. (P Lever)
Private Secretary

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1. Please arrange delivery of the following message from the Prime Minister to Dr Sá Carneiro as soon as conveniently possible.

Begins:

I send my sincere congratulations on the fine victory by the Democratic Alliance at the elections last Sunday. I look forward to continuing to work closely together to strengthen the close and friendly links which our two countries have enjoyed for so long.

Ends.

Please report delivery by telegram.

Copies to: -

- 6 OCT 1980

