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Message to the Portuguese Prime Minister

The Prime Minister has seen and approved the draft message to Dr. Balsemao enclosed with your letter to me of 1 September. I should be grateful if you could arrange for its despatch.

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Dear Willie,

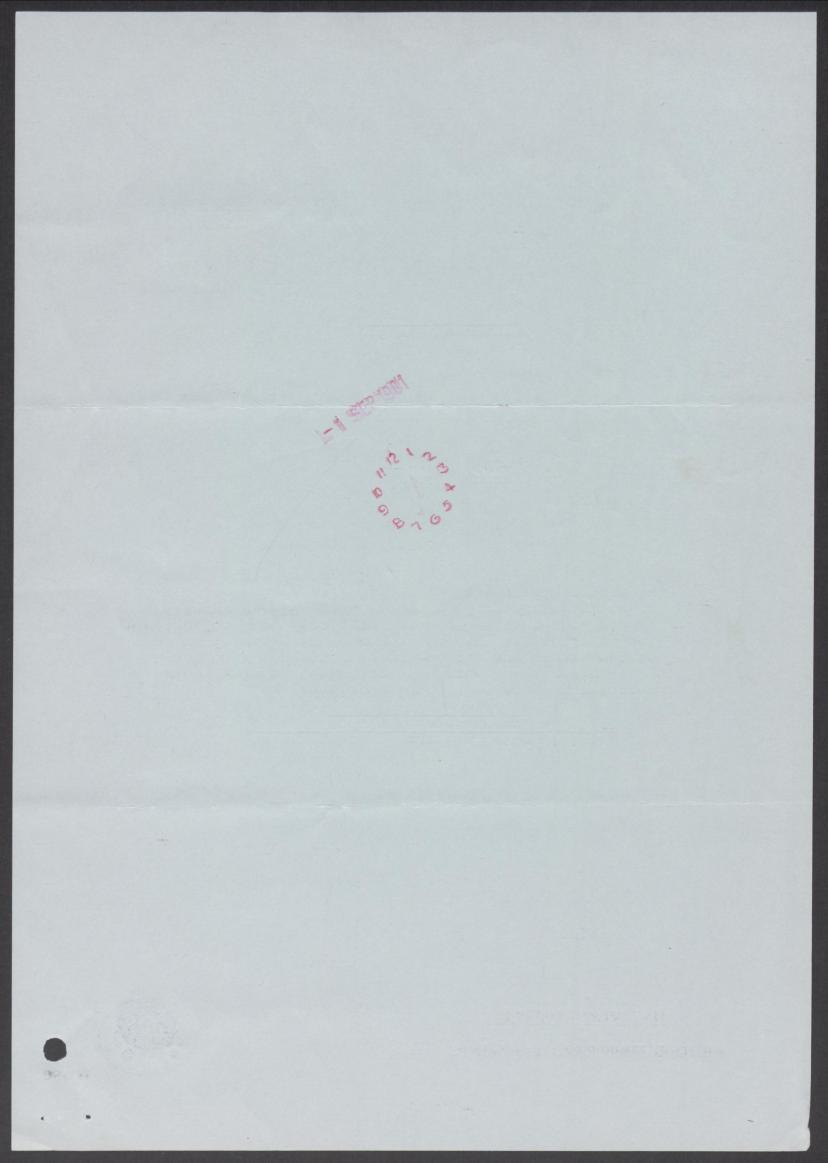
Message to the Portugues Prime Minister in his Reappointment

Dr Francisco Pinto Balsemao was nominated Prime Minister designate of Portugal by President Eanes on 25 August. We expect the new government to be sworn in early in September (a date has not yet been fixed). Lord Carrington recommends that the Prime Minister should send a message of congratulations to Dr Balsemao for delivery by HM Embassy Lisbon when the Government is swornin.

I enclose a draft.

(F N Richards) Private Secretary

W Rickett Esq 10 Downing Street



DSR 11 (Revised) DRAFT: minute/letter/teleletter/despatch/notex TYPE: Draft/Final 1+ FROM: Reference The Prime Minister DEPARTMENT: TEL. NO: Your Reference SECURITY CLASSIFICATION TO: His Excellency Dr Francisco Pinto Balsemão Top Secret Lisbon Secret Copies to: Confidential Restricted Unclassified PRIVACY MARKING SUBJECT:In Confidence May I offer you my warmest congratulations on your appointment as Prime Minister of the Eighth CAVEAT..... Constitutional Government. I look forward very much to working with you and your colleagues.

Enclosures—flag(s).....