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THE PRIME MINISTER

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PERSONAL MESSAGE
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Dear Prime Minister,

Thank you for your message of 24 November. You will by now have seen that the European Council issued a statement on 27 November confirming the Community's political commitment to enlargement and for bringing the accession negotiations with Portugal and Spain to a successful conclusion. For our part, we shall do our best to work for an early conclusion to those negotiations, and I am very conscious of the fact that the Portuguese Government would like to complete the negotiations in 1982. I am glad that they appear to have made some useful progress during the last few months.

I look forward to discussing the state of the negotiations with you in more detail when you come to London on 9 December.

Yours sincerely,

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His Excellency Dr. Francisco Pinto Balsemao.

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Dear Michael,

Message from the Prime Minister of Portugal

✓ Thank you for your letter of 25 November. I enclose a draft reply which the Prime Minister might send to Senhor Balsemao. When the Prime Minister has approved the draft, we will arrange for it to be transmitted through our Embassy at Lisbon.

Yours ever,

(F N Richards)
Private Secretary

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