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NEW PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT

1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGES FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO DR SOARES AND DR BALSEMAO RESPECTIVELY.

- (I) BEGINS: MAY I OFFER YOU MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR APPOINTMENT AS PRIME MINISTER FOR THE SECOND TIME. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES AND TO BEING ABLE TO WELCOME BRITAIN'S OLDEST ALLY AS A MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. ENDS
- (II) BEGINS: ON YOUR RELINQUISHING THE POST OF PRIME MINISTER, I SHOULD LIKE TO SEND YOU MY VERY BEST WISHES FOR THE FUTURE. IT WAS A GREAT PLEASURE TO WORK WITH YOU. I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT YOUR GOVERNMENT GAVE US DURING THE CRISIS IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC LAST YEAR. ENDS.

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From the Private Secretary

14 June, 1983

MESSAGES TO DR SOARES AND DR BALSEMAO

Thank you for your letter of 13 June. The Prime Minister has approved the proposed messages to Dr. Soares and Dr. Balsemao, with, in the latter, the replacement of "appreciative of" by "grateful for". I should be grateful if you could arrange for the messages to be despatched.

A. J. COLES

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Prime Minister

Agree message to
Dr. Soares and Dr.

Balsemao?

A.J.C. 13/6.

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

13 June 1983

Dear John,

Yes

Message to the Portuguese Prime Minister

Dr Mario Soares was sworn in as Prime Minister of Portugal by President Eanes on 9 June. It would be appropriate for the Prime Minister to send a message of congratulations to him, for delivery by HM Embassy Lisbon. I enclose a draft.

This will be Dr Soares' second term as Prime Minister. He was Prime Minister, from 1976-79, of the first constitutional government to be formed after the 1974 revolution.

While outgoing Heads of Government do not usually expect to receive messages, Dr Balsemao gave us considerable support during the Falklands crisis and a message on this occasion would be much appreciated. I therefore enclose a draft.

Both messages are likely to be published unless you see objection.

Yours ever

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NEW PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT

Please pass the following messages from the Prime Minister to Dr Soares and Dr Balsemao respectively.

Copies to: -

(i) Begins. May I offer you my warmest
congratulations on your appointment as
Prime Minister for the second time. I look
forward to working with you and your colleagues
and to being able to welcome Britain's oldest
ally as a member of the European Community. Ends.

(ii) Begins. On your relinquishing the post of
Prime Minister, I should like to send you my

/very

very best wishes for the future. It was
a great pleasure to work with you. I am
particularly ~~appreciative~~ ^{grateful for} of the support
your Government gave us during the crisis
in the South Atlantic last year. Ends.

NOTHING TO BE WRITTEN IN THIS MARGIN

TRANSCRIPT OF PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO THE PORTUGUESE PEOPLE
ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR ACCESSION TO THE COMMON MARKET: 12 JUNE
1985. (RECORDED FOR RTP)

I am glad to have the chance of a few words with you today to say how sorry I am that I can't be present at the signing of this great Treaty today. I have so many happy memories of Portugal. I spent my honeymoon there many many years ago, and I had a marvellous visit again last year.

And of course you are our oldest ally. It's just over 600 years since we pledged ourselves to true, faithful, constant and perpetual friendship, and now we will be able to work to that even more closely within the Community. This is a very historic occasion for Portugal entering the Community. There will of course be some adjustments. We had to make them too. But all will be well.

You are a people who chose freedom. That freedom will be strengthened in the Community, and now we can work together to extend and widen the horizons of the Community in accordance with our own national traditions.

We in Britain welcome you into the Community with all our hearts.