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YOUR TELEGRAM NO 452: NEW GOVERNMENT

1. PLEASE HAND OVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE FORMATION OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT.

2. FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO PROFESSOR CAVACO E SILVA:

'I SHOULD LIKE TO OFFER YOU MY WARM CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR APPOINTMENT AS PRIME MINISTER OF PORTUGAL. I WISH YOU EVERY SUCCESS AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU IN DEVELOPING FURTHER THE CLOSE LINKS WHICH HAVE TRADITIONALLY EXISTED BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND WHICH ARE NOW TO BE GIVEN A NEW DIMENSION WITHIN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.'

3. MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER TO DR MARIO SOARES:

'AS YOU LAY DOWN YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS PRIME MINISTER OF PORTUGAL I WISH TO THANK YOU FOR THE WARMTH AND FRIENDSHIP WHICH HAS CHARACTERISED OUR RELATIONS, IN PARTICULAR DURING MY VISIT TO YOUR COUNTRY LAST YEAR. PLEASE ACCEPT MY GOOD WISHES FOR THE FUTURE.'

4. MESSAGES FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO NEW FOREIGN MINISTER:

'PLEASE ACCEPT MY CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES ON YOUR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN MINISTER. I VERY MUCH LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU IN A TIME WHEN THE TRADITIONALLY CLOSE LINKS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES ARE ABOUT TO BE COMPLEMENTED BY YOUR COUNTRY'S ACCESSION TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.'

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5. MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY OF STATE TO DR JAIME GAMA:  
'PLEASE ACCEPT MY VERY BEST WISHES AS YOU RELINQUISH YOUR  
APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN MINISTER OF PORTUGAL. I HAVE ALWAYS MUCH  
ENJOYED WORKING WITH YOU AND THE OPPORTUNITIES WE HAVE HAD TO  
CO-OPERATE TO THE BENEFIT OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES. I WISH YOU  
EVERY SUCCESS FOR THE FUTURE.'

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*From the Private Secretary*

16 October 1985

Thank you for your letter of 15 October to Charles Powell with which you enclosed draft messages for the Prime Minister to send to the likely new Portuguese Prime Minister and to his predecessor. Mrs. Thatcher has agreed that these messages may be handed over when the new appointments are confirmed. No doubt you will make arrangements for this to be done.

TIMOTHY FLESHER

Colin Budd, Esq.,  
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15 October 1985

Dear Charles,

Yes Mr

Prime Minister

Agreed,  
messages.

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Portuguese General Election

Following the general election in Portugal on 6 October, Professor Cavaco e Silva, leader of the Social Democrat Party, is likely to be asked to form a minority government within the next week or so. It would seem appropriate for messages to be sent to Professor Cavaco e Silva and to the new Foreign Minister, as well as to their predecessors, Dr Mario Soares and Dr Jaime Gama. Dr Soares will be a candidate in the Presidential elections next January. It would be convenient for the messages to be agreed before the Prime Minister leaves for CHOGM. They would be handed over only after the new appointments are confirmed. I enclose a draft telegram accordingly.

Yours ever,

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1. Please hand over the following messages as soon as possible after the formation of the new government.
2. From the Prime Minister to Professor Cavaco e Silva:  

"I should like to offer you my warm congratulations on your appointment as Prime Minister of Portugal. I wish you every success and look forward to working with you in developing further the close links which have traditionally existed between our two countries and which are now to be given a new dimension within the European Community."
3. Message from Prime Minister to Dr Mario Soares:  

"As you lay down your responsibilities as Prime Minister of Portugal I wish to thank you for the warmth and friendship which has characterised our

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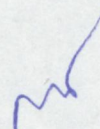
relations, in particular during my visit to your country last year. Please accept my good wishes for the future."

4. Messages from Secretary of State to new Foreign Minister:

"Please accept my congratulations and best wishes on your appointment as Foreign Minister. I very much look forward to working with you in a time when the traditionally close links between our two countries are about to be complemented by your country's accession to the European Community."

5. Message from Secretary of State to Dr Jaime Gama:

"Please accept my very best wishes as you relinquish your appointment as Foreign Minister of Portugal. I have always much enjoyed working with you and the opportunities we have had to co-operate to the benefit of our two countries. I wish you every success for the future."



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