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NEW PRESIDENT

1. PLEASE HAND OVER WHICHEVER OF THE FOLLOWING MESSAGES FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO THE NEW PRESIDENT IS APPROPRIATE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE ELECTION RESULT IS CONFIRMED.
2. IF FREITAS DO AMARAL WINS:  
QUOTE I SEND YOU MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ELECTION AS PRESIDENT OF PORTUGAL. YOUR VICTORY HAS GIVEN GREAT PLEASURE TO YOUR MANY FRIENDS IN BRITAIN WHO RECALL YOUR COURAGE OVER THE YEARS IN DEFENCE OF LIBERTY. WE WISH YOU EVERY SUCCESS IN YOUR GREAT TASK. UNQUOTE.
3. IF SOARES WINS:  
QUOTE I SEND YOU MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ELECTION AS PRESIDENT OF PORTUGAL. I HAVE THE HAPPIEST MEMORIES OF MY VISIT TO PORTUGAL IN 1984 AND WISH YOU EVERY SUCCESS IN YOUR NEW TASK. UNQUOTE.
4. A MESSAGE FROM THE QUEEN WILL BE CONSIDERED AT THE TIME OF INAUGURATION OF THE VICTOR.

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*From the Private Secretary*

14 February 1986

MESSAGE TO THE NEW PORTUGUESE PRESIDENT

Thank you for your letter of 13 February enclosing alternative messages to Professor do Amaral and to Dr. Soares to be sent depending on the outcome of the Portuguese Presidential election.

BF/ | The Prime Minister is content for whichever message is appropriate to be sent but we have somewhat redrafted that to Professor do Amaral. I enclose a revised text.

(CHARLES POWELL)

L.V. Appleyard, Esq., CMG,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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10		NEW PRESIDENT	
11		1. Please hand over whichever of the following messages	
12		from the Prime Minister to the new President is appropriate	
13		as soon as possible after the election result is confirmed.	
14		2. If Freitas do Amaral wins:	
15		Quote I send you my warmest congratulations on your	
16		election as President of Portugal. Your victory has given	
17		great pleasure to your many friends in Britain who recall	
18		your courage over the years in defence of liberty. We wish	
19		you every success in your great task. Unquote.	
20		3. If Soares wins:	
21		Quote I send you my warmest congratulations on your	
22		election as President of Portugal. I have the happiest	
23		memories of my visit to Portugal in 1984 and wish you every	
24		success in your new task. Unquote.	
25		4. A message from The Queen will be considered at the	
26	///	time of inauguration of the victor.	
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13 February 1986

Prime Minister  
Agree these  
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Dear Charles,

Message to New Portuguese President

The Portuguese elect their new President on Sunday, 16 February. The two candidates still in the field are both known to the Prime Minister. Professor Freitas do Amaral, of the conservative Christian Democrats, met the Prime Minister on a visit to London last December. Dr Mario Soares, until last October Prime Minister of Portugal, was Mrs Thatcher's host in April 1984; he paid a return visit to London in November of that year. In view of these personal contacts, a message from the Prime Minister to the eventual winner would be appropriate.

A very close result seems inevitable and I accordingly enclose a telegram with draft alternative messages so that our Ambassador can move quickly whatever the outcome.

A message from The Queen will be appropriate when the new President is inaugurated, probably in early March.

Yours ever,

Len Appleyard  
(L V Appleyard)  
Private Secretary

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10 Downing Street

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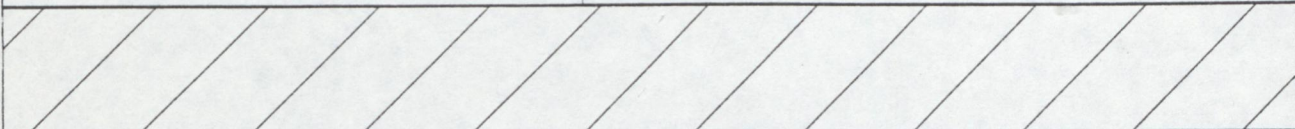
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13	possible after the election result is confirmed.
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15	Quote I send you my warmest congratulations on your election
16	as President of Portugal. <del>I much enjoyed our meeting in London</del>
17	<i>to your many friends in Britain who recall your courage</i>
18	<del>Last December and wish you every success in your new task.</del>
19	<i>over the years in defence of liberty. We wish you every success in your great task.</i>
20	Unquote
21	3. If Soares wins:
22	Quote I send you my warmest congratulations on your election
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24	visit to Portugal in 1984 and wish you every success in your new
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