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TO FLASH PARIS
TELEGRAM NUMBER 604 OF 4 NOVEMBER
AND TO WASHINGTON

FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM CABINET OFFICE
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TO FLASH PARIS
TELNO.MISC 225, OF 4 NOVEMBER,
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FOR PRIME MINISTERS PARTY

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FINALLY, YOU AND I HAVE SUPPORTED EACH OTHER IN THE PAST BECAUSE OF OUR SHARED FAITH IN THE ANGLO-AMERICAN RELATIONSYIP AND OUR SHARED COMMITMENT TO THE SAME FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES AND VALUES. I FEEL SURE NEITHER YOU NOR I WILL ABANDON THOSE PRINCIPLE AND VALUES NOR THE EFFORT TO HELP OUR PEOPLES UNDERSTAND THEIR APPLICATION IN THIS COMPLEX, DIFFICULT WORLD.

I ASSURE YOU WE STAND AS FIRMLY WITH YOU ON THE PRINCIPLES OF NON-USE OF FORCE, OF NEGOTIATION AND SELF-DETERMINATION AS EVER.

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