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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE MARGARET THATCHER MP PRIME MINISTER
LONDON SW1

I THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE KIND MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS
THAT YOU SENT ME ON THE OCCASION OF MY APPOINTMENT AS PRIME
MINISTER OF GREECE CONVINCED THAT THE CORDIAL RELATIONS
AND CLOSE COOPERATION EXISTING BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES
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BE FURTHER STRENGTHENED AND DEVELOPED IN THE BEST INTEREST
OF OUR TWO NATIONS AS WELL AS OF EUROPE I WISH TO EXTEND
TO YOU MY BEST WISHES FOR YOUR PERSONAL HEALTH AND HAPPINESS

GEORGE RALLIS PRIME MINISTER

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PRIME MINISTER'S
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YOUR TELNOS 128 AND 130: NEW GREEK GOVERNMENT: MESSAGES OF
CONGRATULATION.

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ME TO RALLIS AS SOON AS
CONVENIENT.

MESSAGE BEGINS:

I KNOW MY PRIME MINISTER HAS WRITTEN TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR
NEW APPOINTMENT. I RECALL WITH PLEASURE OUR MEETINGS LAST YEAR, AND
WOULD LIKE TO ECHO HER IN SENDING YOU MY VERY BEST WISHES FOR THE
FUTURE.

MESSAGE ENDS.

2. PLEASE ALSO DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO NEW FOREIGN MINISTER
WHEN APPOINTED UNLESS, IN THE LIGHT OF THE INDIVIDUAL NAMED, YOU
WISH TO PROPOSE ADDITIONS OR AMENDMENTS.

MESSAGE BEGINS:

PLEASE ACCEPT MY WARM CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR APPOINTMENT AS
FOREIGN MINISTER. NEEDLESS TO SAY, GREEK ACCESSION TO THE COMMUNITY
IS A HISTORIC DEVELOPMENT ENTIRELY WELCOME TO MY GOVERNMENT, AND I
AM SURE THAT THE TRADITIONAL FRIENDLY TIES BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES
WILL DEVELOP EVEN MORE CLOSELY WITHIN THE EUROPEAN FRAMEWORK.

3. AS PARTNERS IN THE WESTERN ALLIANCE I ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO
WORKING CLOSELY WITH YOU OVER THE SERIES OF PROBLEMS CURRENTLY
CONFRONTING US, AND IN PARTICULAR THE DIFFICULT DECISIONS WE HAVE TO
TAKE ARISING FROM THE CRISES IN SOUTH WEST ASIA.

4. I HOPE WE CAN MEET BEFORE LONG.

MESSAGE ENDS.

5. PLEASE ALSO DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO RALLIS FROM THE
PRIME MINISTER.

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MESSAGE BEGINS:

PLEASE ACCEPT MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES ON YOUR APPOINTMENT AS PRIME MINISTER. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH YOU, AS PARTNERS BOTH IN THE COMMUNITY AND IN THE ALLIANCE. I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE AND INTENSIFY IN THE COMING YEARS.

MESSAGE ENDS.

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Message from Prime Minister to Hallis.

Please accept my warmest congratulations and best wishes on your appointment as Prime Minister. I look forward to working closely with you, as partners both in the Community and in the Alliance. I am confident that the close and friendly relations between our two countries will continue and intensify in the coming years.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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9 May 1980

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Paul

Dear Michael,

New Greek Prime Minister: Message of Congratulation

You will have seen from Athens telegram number 130 that Foreign Minister Rallis has been elected as Leader of the New Democracy Party and is likely to succeed Prime Minister Karamanlis in the Premiership with effect from today.

I accordingly enclose a draft telegram to Athens containing a message which the Prime Minister may wish to send to Mr Rallis.

Lord Carrington is also sending a brief message to Mr Rallis, whom he knows, as well as to the new Foreign Minister when appointed.

Yours etc

Paul

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YOUR TELNO 130: MESSAGE TO RALLIS FROM PRIME MINISTER
1. As soon as Rallis assumes office, please transmit following message from Prime Minister.

Begins:

Please accept my warmest congratulations and best wishes on your appointment as Prime Minister. I look forward to working closely with you, as partners both in the Community and in the Alliance, ~~in the difficult period through which the world is passing at present.~~ I am ~~entirely~~ confident that the close and friendly relations between our two countries will continue and intensify in the coming years. Ends.

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