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The report for which
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PORTUGAL : THE PRIME MINISTER'S HEALTH.

1. THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE HAVE CONFIRMED THAT SA CARNEIRO INTENDS TO BE BACK AT HIS DESK BY THE END OF THIS WEEK. HE IS ALREADY WORKING HARD AT HOME. THE INJURY HE SUSTAINED IN THE ROAD ACCIDENT IN LONDON HAS RESPONDED WELL TO TREATMENT BUT WE UNDERSTAND THAT HE WILL NEED TO UNDERGO FURTHER PHYSIOTHERAPY BEFORE HE IS FULLY FIT.

2. NEW DATES FOR VISITS TO EUROPEAN CAPITALS HAVE BEEN ARRANGED. PLAN IS TO VISIT THE HAGUE ON 18 JUNE AND PARIS ON 30 JUNE WITH OTHERS TO FOLLOW IN JULY.

3. WE UNDERSTAND PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR WILL SHORTLY DELIVER LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER THANKING HER FOR VISIT AND EXTENDING SPECIFIC INVITATION FOR HER TO VISIT LISBON IN NEAR FUTURE.

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MINISTÉRIO DOS NEGÓCIOS ESTRANGEIROS

Gabinete do Ministro

Dear Prime Minister:

On my return to Lisbon, I would like to express my gratitude to you, dear Prime Minister, for the hospitality given to me and the portuguese delegation in such a delicate situation arisen after the accident suffered by Dr. Sá Carneiro.

All the care and support you kindly offered on that occasion was more than a compensation for the unpredictable happening.

Portugal's special relation with England is once more strengthened after our meeting and I hope that our entry in the EEC will make possible a lasting cooperation between our two countries, for the benefit of the future of Europe.

Yours very truly

Diogo Freitas do Amaral

(Diogo Freitas do ~~Amaral~~)

Vice Prime-Minister and
Minister of Foreign Affairs

The RT Hon Margaret Thatcher
Prime Minister

BF 4.6.80

21 May 1980

Portuguese Prime Minister

The Prime Minister has seen your letter to me of 20 May and was glad to learn the news of Dr. Sa Carneiro is relatively favourable. She would be grateful to have a further report on his progress in ten days or so.

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20 May 1980

Dear Michael,

Portuguese Prime Minister

Dr Sa Carneiro successfully caught his TAP flight back to Lisbon at 14.20 yesterday. A surgical collar relieved the pain and enabled him to walk.

The British doctor who treated him, (and has treated his spinal problems frequently in the past), gave, as his prognosis, that eight to ten days rest would suffice to remove completely the ill effects of the accident in the short term; the long term outlook for his spine was, however, as uncertain as ever. He might eventually require an operation.

The Portuguese Embassy stressed that Dr Sa Carneiro had been extremely touched both by the Prime Minister's visit and by the offer of RAF transport.

Yours etc

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20 MAY 1980

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