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TO IMMEDIATE CAIRO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 472 OF 15 OCT

YOUR TELNO 584 MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO PRESIDENT
MUBARAK

1. PLEASE ARRANGE FOR THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME
MINISTER TO BE DELIVERED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO PRESIDENT
MUBARAK. REPORT DELIVERY BY IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM SO THAT
10 DOWNING STREET CAN RELEASE TEXT:
QUOTE. I SEND YOU MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES
ON YOUR ELECTION AS PRESIDENT OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT.
I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE EXCELLENT RELATIONS WHICH EXIST BETWEEN
BRITAIN AND EGYPT WILL PROSPER AND DEVELOP. I REMEMBER WITH
PLEASURE YOUR VISIT TO LONDON LAST YEAR AND HOPE TO HAVE AN
OPPORTUNITY TO SEE YOU AGAIN SOON.
MARGARET THATCHER
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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

15 October 1981

Agreed by PM and despatched by
FCO. (I have copied to Press Office)
WM 18/10

Dear Willie,

Mr Mohammad Husni Mubarak has been confirmed in a national referendum as the new President of Egypt. The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary recommends that the Prime Minister should now send a message of congratulations to Mr Mubarak whom she met last in September 1980, when, as Vice President, he paid a visit to this country as guest of the government. Subject to the Prime Minister's views, a message along the following lines would be appropriate:

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"I send you my warm congratulations and best wishes on your ~~confirmation~~ as President of the Arab Republic of Egypt. I am confident that the excellent relations which exist between Britain and Egypt will prosper and develop. I remember with pleasure your visit to London last year and hope to have an opportunity to see you again soon."

Yours ever,

(F N Richards)
Private Secretary

W Rickett Esq
10 Downing Street

B. R.

Bf hotel

Egypt

DRAFT MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT MUBARAK

I send you my warmest congratulations and best wishes on your election as President of the Arab Republic of Egypt. I am confident that the excellent relations which exist between Britain and Egypt will prosper and develop. I remember with pleasure your visit to London last year and hope to have an opportunity to see you again soon.

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MUBARAK'S ELECTION AS PRESIDENT

1. I RECOMMEND THAT THE PRIME MINISTER SEND PRESIDENT MUBARAK AN EARLY MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS. THERE ARE CERTAIN TO BE MANY OTHERS. I SUGGEST SOMETHING ON THE FOLLOWING LINES:

"ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, PLEASE ACCEPT MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ELECTION AS PRESIDENT. THE OVERWHELMING BACKING WHICH THE EGYPTIAN PEOPLE GAVE YOU IN THE REFERENDUM MUST HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY HEARTENING. YOU WILL HAVE THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IN THE CHALLENGING MONTHS AND YEARS TO COME. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU AND TO BUILDING ON THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WHICH OUR TWO COUNTRIES ESTABLISHED".

2. A SIMILAR MESSAGE FROM THE QUEEN WOULD ALSO, I AM SURE, BE MUCH APPRECIATED, IF JUDGED APPROPRIATE.

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