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NEW GREEK GOVERNMENT

1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER  
TO MR PAPANDREOU.

BEGINS. PLEASE ACCEPT MY CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR PARTY'S  
VICTORY IN SUNDAY'S ELECTIONS AND YOUR APPOINTMENT AS PRIME  
MINISTER. GREECE IS AN OLD AND VALUED FRIEND OF THE UNITED  
KINGDOM AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE PRESENT EXCELLENT RELATIONS  
WILL CONTINUE BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. REMEMBERING WITH  
PLEASURE OUR TWO MEETINGS LAST YEAR, I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING  
CLOSELY WITH YOU AND TO WELCOMING YOU HERE AT NEXT MONTH'S  
MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL.

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As amended.  
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Dear Michael,

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The Greek elections have been won by the Panhellenic Socialist Movement (PASOK) led by Mr Andreas Papandreou. We are sending you separately advice on the line which the Prime Minister might take if questioned in the House tomorrow, together with a short background note.

A message of congratulations is necessary, unwelcome as many of Mr Papandreou's policies promise to be. I enclose a draft telegram to Athens, which should be sent without delay.

Yours ever,

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*Please accept my*  
 Begins. *L* Congratulations on your party's *impressive* victory in Sunday's elections and your appointment as Prime Minister. Greece is an old and valued friend of the United Kingdom *at* I am confident that *the present* excellent relations will continue between our two countries. ~~I myself look forward to working closely with you.~~ Remembering with pleasure our two meetings last year, ~~ends~~ *I look forward to seeing you here at work*  
*Another working closely with you & to welcoming you here*  
 CARRINGTON *at next time the meeting of the European Council.*  
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