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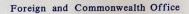
NEW EGYPTIAN PRIME MINISTER

Thank you for your letter of 7 January. The Prime Minister agrees to send a message to Dr. Fouad Mohieddin and has approved the text enclosed with your letter subject to the deletion of "develop" and its replacement by "continue to flourish".

A. J. COLES

F.N. Richards, Esq., Foreign and Commonwealth Office.





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You will have seen Cairo telegrams 3 and 4 of 4 January giving details of the new Egyptian Cabinet announced on 3 January which was due to be sworn in on 4 January. Lord Carrington recommends that the Prime Minister should send a message of congratulations to the new Prime Minister Dr Fouad Mohieddin, who was formerly First Deputy Prime Minister. President Mubarak made it clear shortly after his election that he wished to revert to the system which prevailed before May 1980 when Sadat decided to take over the post himself. The other main changes are among the economic ministers with the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs, Meguid being replaced by the Governor of the Central Bank Mohamed Abdel Fatah Ibrahim. The Foreign Minister and Minister of State for Foreign Affairs remain the same.

I enclose a draft message from the Prime Minister. I should be grateful to know if the Prime Minister agrees that this may be delivered at his discretion by the Charge d'Affaires in Cairo.

(F N Richards) Private Secretary

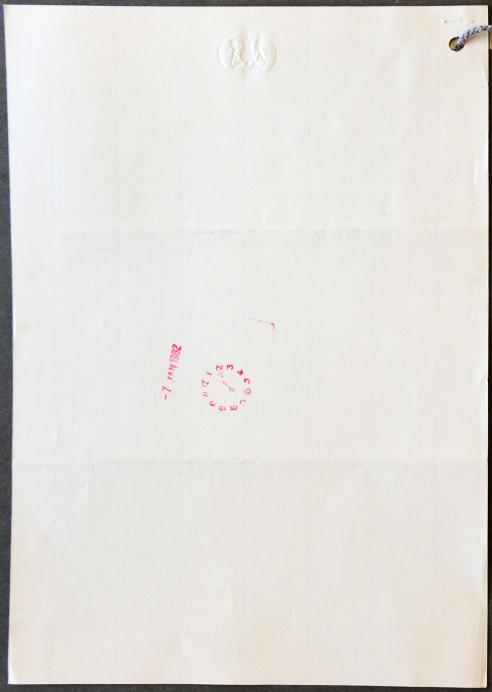
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Draft Message to the new Egyptian Prime Minister

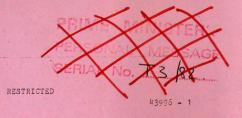
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