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Prime Minister

Agree to the message
at "X" below?

13 August 1979

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Yes SM

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Dear Bryan,

NEW ITALIAN GOVERNMENT: MESSAGES OF CONGRATULATION

The Embassy at Rome have reported on the new Italian Government formed on 4 August by the new Christian Democrat Prime Minister Signor Francesco Cossiga and have recommended that the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary should each send a message of congratulation to their counterparts.

--- I enclose a copy of a draft telegram to Rome conveying messages both from Mrs Thatcher to Signor Cossiga and from Lord Carrington to Signor Malfatti and containing instructions that they be delivered subject to the result of the vote of confidence on Sunday 11 August. If you agree I shall arrange for its transmission.

Yours etc

Paul

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YOUR TELNO 313: NEW ITALIAN GOVERNMENT
 MESSAGES OF CONGRATULATION

1. Subject to a favourable outcome of the vote of confidence on 11 August please convey the following messages.

(a) From the Prime Minister to Signor Cossiga:

Quote. I send you my warm congratulations on your appointment as Prime Minister and my best wishes for the future success of your Government. I greatly look forward to working with you and your Government to strengthen still further the close and friendly relations that already exist between us.

Unquote.

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b) From myself to Signor Malfatti:

Quote. Please accept my warmest congratulations and best wishes on your appointment as Foreign Minister.

Your experience as a former President of the EEC Commission will be of great value to all your colleagues in the Community when your country assumes the Presidency next year.

Unquote.

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YOUR TELNO 313 : NEW ITALIAN GOVERNMENT
MESSAGES OF CONGRATULATION

1. SUBJECT TO A FAVOURABLE OUTCOME OF THE VOTE OF CONFIDENCE ON
11 AUGUST PLEASE CONVEY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGES.

(A) FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO SIGNOR COSSIGA:

QUOTE. I SEND YOU MY WARM CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR APPOINTMENT
AS PRIME MINISTER AND MY BEST WISHES FOR THE FUTURE SUCCESS
OF YOUR GOVERNMENT. I GREATLY LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU
AND YOUR GOVERNMENT TO STRENGTHEN STILL FURTHER THE CLOSE AND
FRIENDLY RELATIONS THAT ALREADY EXIST BETWEEN US. UNQUOTE.

(B) FROM MYSELF TO SIGNOR MALFATTI:

QUOTE. PLEASE ACCEPT MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST
WISHES ON YOUR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN MINISTER.

YOUR EXPERIENCE AS A FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE EEC COMMISSION
WILL BE OF GREAT VALUE TO ALL YOUR COLLEAGUES IN THE COMMUNITY
WHEN YOUR COUNTRY ASSUMES THE PRESIDENCY NEXT YEAR. UNQUOTE.

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