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PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT MOBUTU

PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
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1. PLEASE ARRANGE FOR THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO BE PASSED TO PRESIDENT MOBUTU IN TIME FOR HIS INVESTITURE ON 5 DECEMBER.

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ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR REINVESTITURE AS PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE I SEND YOU MY WARM CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES. I AM CONFIDENT THAT WE SHALL MAINTAIN AND DEVELOP FURTHER THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS WHICH EXIST BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

I RECALL WITH PLEASURE OUR MEETING IN LONDON THIS SEPTEMBER. YOU THEN DESCRIBED THE VIGOROUS POLICIES YOU HAD ADOPTED AND WOULD CONTINUE TO PURSUE IN ORDER TO PUT YOUR COUNTRY'S ECONOMY ON A FIRM BASIS. I REALISE THAT IT IS NOT EASY TO TAKE THE ROBUST MEASURES WHICH ARE SO NECESSARY FOR RECOVERY, AND I WISH YOU WELL IN THE CHALLENGING TASK THAT YOU FACE. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING OF THE SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATION BY YOU OF A SUCCESSOR PROGRAMME WITH THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND. WE SHALL, AS I TOLD YOU, BE READY TO DO ALL WE CAN TO HELP, BOTH IN THE PARIS CLUB AND THROUGH OUR AID UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT FUND AND UNDER OUR BILATERAL PROGRAMME.

ENDS.

2. TO AVOID ANY POSSIBILITY OF MISUNDERSTANDING YOU SHOULD MAKE CLEAR WHEN HANDING OVER THE MESSAGE, THAT IT WAS PREPARED BEFORE THE ZAIREAN REQUEST ON DEBTS WAS RECEIVED (KINSHASA TELNOS 310 AND 314).

3. YOU MAY INFORM THE PRESS THAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAS SENT

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A MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS.

4. INVITATION TO INAUGURATION CEREMONY (YOUR TELNO 307). YOU SHOULD INFORM THE ZAIREANS THAT YOU HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO REPRESENT HMG AT THE CEREMONY

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From the Private Secretary

3 December 1984

Dear Colin,

Zaire: Message to President Mobutu

Thank you for your letter of 29 November enclosing a draft message to President Mobutu.

The Prime Minister has agreed to send a message and I enclose the text. I should be grateful if it could be telegraphed to Kinshasa for delivery.

*Yours sincerely,
Charles Powell*

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PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT MOBUTU

1. Please arrange for the following message from the Prime Minister to be passed to President Mobutu in time for his investiture on 5 December.

Begins.

On the occasion of your reinvestiture as President of the Republic of Zaire I send you my warm congratulations and best wishes. I am confident that we shall maintain and develop further the friendly relations which exist between our two countries.

I recall with pleasure our meeting in London this September. You then described the vigorous policies you had adopted and would continue to pursue in order to put your country's economy on a firm basis. I realise that it is not easy to take the robust measures which are so necessary for recovery, and I wish you well in the challenging task that you face. I look forward to hearing of the successful negotiation by you of a successor programme with the International Monetary Fund. We shall, as I told you, be ready to do all we can to help, both in the Paris Club and through our aid under the auspices of the European Development Fund and under our bilateral programme.

Ends.

You may inform the press that the Prime Minister has sent a message of congratulation.

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