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TELEGRAM NUMBER 210 OF 8 SEPTEMBER

FROM ROBIN BUTLER
FOLLOWING PERSONAL FOR LORD COCKFIELD

YOUR MESSAGE IN BUDAPEST TEL 227 RECEIVED AND DELIVERED.
PRIME MINISTER MOST PLEASED THAT YOU HAVE ACCEPTED CHALLENGING
TASK OF REPRESENTING BRITAIN ON THIS MOST IMPORTANT BUSINESS.

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TEL NO 227

FOLLOWING FROM LORD COCKFIELD
PERSONAL FOR PRIVATE SECRETARY

NO 10 DOWNING STREET

PLEASE INFORM PRIME MINISTER REPLY AFFIRMATIVE

COCKFIELD

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Department **No. 10**

Drafted by
(Block Capitals) **C D Powell**

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[TEXT]

Please pass following to Lord Cockfield before his departure from PS, No. 10.

1. You will wish to know that ^{an} ~~the~~ announcement is likely, but still not absolutely certain, to be made this evening.

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2. Following is **text** of letter which **PM** proposes to ~~see~~ send you:

His to Mr Powell, No 10

[A-B attached]

Please let me know if there is anything which you would like

either included or omitted.

C.D.P.

NOTHING TO BE WRITTEN IN THIS MARGIN

A / You know how much I have appreciated and relied on your advice in Cabinet as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. Your varied experience in financial, industrial and commercial matters is unique.

You will be aware that we have to nominate United Kingdom Commissioners for the new European Commission which takes office from 1 January.

This is a time when there are issues of immense importance facing the Commission, which are crucial for the future of the Community as a whole. With your wide knowledge as a Treasury Minister, a Secretary of State for Trade and most recently as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster participating in the whole range of our economic policies, you are uniquely qualified to make a major contribution to the Commission's work on all these matters. I am therefore immensely grateful to you for agreeing so readily to take on this new and very important challenge by accepting nomination as our senior Commissioner.

I know that Willie Whitelaw would want me to say that he and his predecessor have been especially grateful for your contribution to the House of Lords from the Front

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Bench. Your experience and authority have been of enormous value in the presentation of the Government's policies in the Upper House. /B