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*The Nations have now agreed
here on 15/9*

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TO FLASH ROME

TELEGRAM NUMBER 171 OF 14 SEPTEMBER

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YOUR TELNO 389: ANGLO/ITALIAN SUMMIT

1. THE INVITATION WAS DULY TELEPHONED TO NO 10 BY THE ITALIAN AMBASSADOR. THE PRIME MINISTER HAS NOW RECONSIDERED HER PLANS AND COULD VISIT ROME ON 4/5 OCTOBER. SHE WOULD FLY OUT ON THE AFTERNOON OF 4 OCTOBER, REACHING ROME IN TIME FOR DINNER, AND RETURN THE FOLLOWING AFTERNOON.

2. PLEASE PUT THIS PROPOSAL TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER WHEN YOU SEE HIM THIS AFTERNOON, STRESSING THAT THE PRIME MINISTER'S DIARY IS EXTREMELY FULL AND IT IS VERY UNLIKELY THAT WE SHALL BE ABLE TO FIND AN ALTERNATIVE.

3. THE PRIME MINISTER HOPES THAT IF THE VISIT TO ROME IS ARRANGED IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR HER TO CALL ON THE POPE.

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