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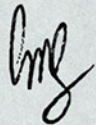
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From: Martin Garrett, LACD  
Date: 6 December 2000 cc: Mr Ashcroft  
To: Private Secretary

**SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO THE PRIME MINISTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF SURINAM**

1. I attach a short letter from the President of Suriname to the Prime Minister acknowledging Mr Blair's message of congratulation on his success in becoming President. A copy of Mr Blair's message is attached. (Flag A)
2. Such a courteous reply is a very positive sign. However, we see no reason for the Prime Minister to reply. On a point of detail although the date on President Venetiaan's letter is 14 September the diplomatic note which was attached to it was dated 15 November.



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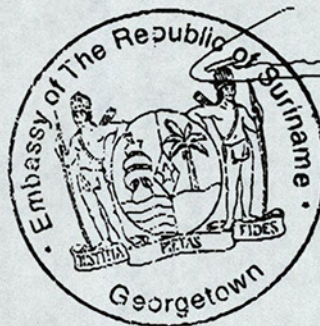
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*The Embassy of the Republic of Suriname presents its compliments to the British High Commission and has the honour to transmit a letter from the President of the Republic of Suriname, His Excellency Runaldo Ronald Venetiaan to The Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Island, His Excellency the Rt. Hon. Tony Blair, M.P.*

*The Embassy would appreciate the good offices of the High Commission in forwarding above-mentioned letter to its High Destination.*

*The Embassy of the Republic of Suriname avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Canadian High Commission the assurance of its highest consideration.*

Georgetown, November 15, 2000



To:  
The British High  
Commission  
Georgetown

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SUBJECT  
MAILED

His Excellency the Rt. Hon. Tony Blair, M.P.  
Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

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Your Excellency,

Please accept my sincere gratitude for the message extended to me on the occasion of my inauguration as President of the Republic of Suriname.

I avail myself of this opportunity to convey the warm greetings and best wishes of the Government and people of Suriname for your personal well-being and for the progress and prosperity of the people of the United Kingdom.

May the existing friendly relations between our two nations be further strengthened in the years to come.

**RUNALDO RONALD VENETIAAN**  
President of the Republic of Suriname

Paramaribo, 14 September 2000

TELEGRAM RETRIEVED FROM DATABASE 6 December 2000

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TO IMMEDIATE GEORGETOWN  
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MESSAGES TO THE NEW GOVERNMENT OF SURINAME

telecon Garrett/Norton of 7 August

SUBJECT: MESSAGES TO THE NEW GOVERNMENT OF SURINAME

1. Following are the texts of messages to the incoming and outgoing Presidents of Suriname agreed with No 10.

To President Venetiaan

"Please accept my warmest congratulations on your assumption of the office of President. I look forward to closer co-operation between our two countries. Suriname has much to offer its Caricom partners and the wider international community in practical co-operation at this challenging time of change.

In the interests of regional development, I hope your Government will soon be able to join with Guyana in resolving recent difficulties to the mutual satisfaction of both sides.

With Best Wishes for the future at this challenging time."

Tony Blair

Message to outgoing President

To President Wijdenbosch

"I would like to take this opportunity to wish you well on your departure from the office of President of Suriname.

You have my best wishes for the future."

Tony Blair

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