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Note to the Secretary-General

Through Ms. B. E. ...

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Would you agree to the above proposals?

Yours sincerely, EM

Edward Mortimer
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CC: KSK

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