

"ONCE MORE THE FORCE OF ARMS SEEMS TO WANT TO DECIDE THE LOT OF A PEOPLE, OF ITS INDEPENDENCE, OF ITS DIGNITY. EUROPE'S TRANQUILLITY IS SHAKEN, THAT OF THE WORLD COMPROMISED, AND PEACE, WHICH THE RIPENESS OF TIME, BECAUSE TOO OF AN INSUPPRESSIBLE CHRISTIAN FEELING, IS SEEKING AND BUILDING AFTER THE SAD EXPERIENCES OF PAST WARS AND ALSO OF THOSE NOW TAKING PLACE - PEACE IS SAVAGELY WOUNDED, GOD GRANT THAT IT BE NOT MORTALLY.

"WE ARE DEEPLY GRIEVED BY THIS BLOW AT A COUNTRY'S SAFETY, AT GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN PEOPLES, ABOVE ALL AT THE PRINCIPLES THAT HAVE EMERGED WITH SO MUCH TOIL AND SORROW FROM OUR HISTORY AS INDISPENSABLE FOR THE SOLIDITY AND FUTURE OF CIVILIZATION.

"WE ARE ALL THE MORE SADDENED BY THIS DISASTER, IN PROPORTION AS WE HAVE BEEN IN THESE YEARS A DISINTERESTED AND ARDENT APOSTLE OF PEACE, AND HAVE BEEN HOPING THAT THE DIVERSITY OF CULTURES AND INTERESTS WOULD NOT COMPROMISE FINALLY A COMMON AND SINCERE PLANNING TOGETHER FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND PROGRESSIVE COOPERATION BETWEEN MEN OF OUR TIME..

"WE DO NOT WISH TO JUDGE ANYBODY,. BUT HOW CAN ONE NOT RETURN TO THE ANALYSIS OF THE PRINCIPLES IN WHICH LIKE MISFORTUNES SEEM TO FIND THEIR NATURAL SOURCE.

"WE BEAR THESE BITTER REFLECTIONS IN OUR HEART. NONE THE LESS HUMAN AND CHRISTIAN HOPE BRIGHTEN OUR HEART WITH THE HYPOTHESIS OF HONORABLE AND PEACEFUL SOLUTION WHICH ARE ALWAYS POSSIBLE FOR THIS SO REGRETTABLE CONFLICT. AND MAY IT PLEACE THE LORD OF PEACE, FOR WHOSE GLORY WE ARE UNDERTAKING THIS JOURNEY, TO SHOW US HIS MERCY AND RESTORE TO ALL THE 'TRANQUILLITY OF ORDER.'

"MAY HE, BY OUR HAND, NOW BLESS YOU ALL." (MORE) BMCG/LA 0625/68 WD