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PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
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EARL MOUNTBATTEN OF BURMA

1. THE THAI AMBASSADOR HAS CONVEYED THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO THE PRIME MINISTER.

BEGINS:

'EXCELLENCY, IT IS WITH THE DEEPEST SORROW THAT I HAVE LEARNT OF THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEMISE OF ADMIRAL OF THE FLEET THE EARL MOUNTBATTEN OF BURMA, WHO WAS A GREAT AND GOOD FRIEND OF THAILAND. IN THIS HOUR OF GRIEF, I WISH TO EXPRESS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND, THROUGH YOU, TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE AS WELL AS HIS BEREAVED FAMILY OUR PROFOUND CONDOLENCES AND HEARTFELT SYMPATHY. KRIANGSAK CHOMANAN, PRIME MINISTER OF THAILAND'.

ENDS

2. PLEASE CONVEY THE FOLLOWING REPLY.

BEGINS:

'THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF EARL MOUNTBATTEN OF BURMA WHICH WAS INDEED A GREAT SHOCK TO ME AND TO THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF GREAT BRITAIN AS WELL AS TO HIS FAMILY. THE TRIBUTES WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM HIS MANY FRIENDS ALL OVER THE WORLD ARE A CONSOLATION AND A REMINDER THAT WE DO NOT GRIEVE ALONE. I AM ARRANGING FOR YOUR MESSAGE TO BE CONVEYED TO THE BEREAVED FAMILY.

MARGARET THATCHER'.

ENDS

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