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TELEGRAM NUMBER 213 OF 27 AUGUST

EXPLOSION ON LORD MOUNTBATTEN'S BOAT

1. AT 1305 WE WERE INFORMED BY THE GARDA THAT THERE HAD BEEN AN EXPLOSION ON LORD MOUNTBATTEN'S BOAT IN SLIGO. LORD MOUNTBATTEN IS MISSING. THE BOATMAN AND TIMOTHY KNATCHBULL ONE OF LORD BRABOURNE'S SONS ARE BOTH DEAD AND THEIR BODIES HAVE BEEN RECOVERED. LORD AND LADY BRABOURNE HAVE BEEN RESCUED. THEY ARE INJURED. WE ASSUME YOU WILL CONTACT THE PALACE.

HAYDON

Paul Boatman
Nicholas Knatchbull
Ld Mtbatton
Lad + Lady + Doreen
Ldy Brayborn
Garda Timothy Knatchbull
head injury

Irish Independent
INLA.
wdn't give
text.

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Embassy people
Gave about 4 pm

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GOT TWO SHORT TELS FOR U PAL
OK TO GA PS E ? KK

GOT ANOTHER ZZ BEFORE I SEND THOSE TWO PAL

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TELEGRAM NUMBER 214 OF 27 AUGUST

MY TELNO 213 : LORD MOUNTBATTEN

1. THE GARDA INFORMED US AT 1500 THAT THEY HAVE NOW RECOVERED
THREE BODIES. THOSE OF LORD MOUNTBATTEN, PAUL MAXWELL, THE
BOATMAN, AND NICHOLAS KNATCHBULL (NOT TIMOTHY KNATCHBULL
AS WE WERE PREVIOUSLY TOLD).

2. LORD AND LADY BRABOURNE, DOREEN LADY BRABOURNE AND
TIMOTHY KNATCHBULL ARE IN HOSPITAL IN SLIGO BUT THEY ARE
REPORTED TO BE NOT SERIOUSLY INJURED.

3. THE GARDA HAVE AS YET NO DETAILS OF THE EXPLOSION.

4. NO CLAIMS HAVE SO FAR BEEN MADE.

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HOME OFFICE, NIO BELFAST.

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PS/PUS
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RC
PS/Buckingham
Palace
AS/10 Downing St.
D/O Home Office
PS/Hr Riddell PS/Hr Alaker
PS/Hr Hurd PS/Hr Figg
PS/Hr Mace PS/Hr Burgess

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ERE GOES

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PS/Mr Hurd
PS/Mr Blaker
PS/Mr hugh
PS/Mr Ridler
Sir A Duff
Mr Legusson
Mr Figg

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TELEGRAM NUMBER 215 OF 27 AUGUST

MY TELNOS 213 AND 214 : LORD MOUNTBATTEN

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Hd of RID
Hd of MI6
Hd of Cons D
Hd of News D
D/O Home Office
P/S Buckingham Palace
P/S No 10 Downing St

1. THE IRISH INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER HAS RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM THE IRISH NATIONAL LIBERATION ARMY (I.N.L.A.) CLAIMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE EXPLOSION.

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2. THE INDEPENDENT HAS NOT YET RELEASED THE TEXT OF THE CLAIM.

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