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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN: 14 JANUARY 1982

PM: Ron, my sympathy about the terrible crash in Washington.

R: Yes, it is a great tragedy, but I was calling you to tell you that Nancy and I feel so deeply - you are in our thoughts and prayers, you and Dennis - about Mark.

PM: That's very kind of you, and I'm deeply grateful. It's been a long time, and we've had a lot of confused rumours and reports, but Dennis is out there now, and the Algerians have mounted a very big search today, and we just believe - I've just had news 2 minutes ago that they believe they've made a hopeful sighting. We daren't believe anything till they've actually found him.

R: That's wonderful to hear. We'll keep on praying.

PM: There's a little bit of optimism, and we're just holding onto that at the moment.

R: I know that he's an experienced outdoorsman, so I know that he'll be able to take care of himself.

PM: I know, but the prayers do help. Ron, it's very kind of you and Nancy, and so much appreciated, and our love and best wishes to you and to all of those people who're also desperately worried about the crash you've had.

R: Alright. We will. Our hearts are with you.

PM: Thank you very much, and thank you for 'phoning Ron. Love to Nancy.

R: Alright.

PM: Thank you. God bless. Goodbye.