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PRIME MINISTER'S

SECRET PERSONAL MESSAGE

SERIAL No. T 93/80

April 25, 1980

Dear Prime Minister:

I wanted you to know that last night we began preparations for a rescue mission to resolve the hostage crisis in Tehran. The sole purpose of this mission was to obtain the release of the hostages.

The mission was cancelled because of a malfunction and accident involving our aircraft, and those involved in the mission have been withdrawn from Iran. So far as we know there were no Iranian casualties, but unfortunately there were eight American fatalities.

Sincerely,

/s/

Jimmy Carter

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