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LORD MOUNTBATTEN

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A MESSAGE, DATED 31 AUGUST, TO  
THE PRIME MINISTER FROM THE PRESIDENT ELECT OF NIGERIA,  
ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI:-

YOUR EXCELLENCY,

I HAVE RECEIVED THE VERY SAD AND TRAGIC NEWS OF THE  
BRUTAL MURDER OF EARL MOUNTBATTEN WITH THE GREATEST SHOCK.

THE CRUEL MURDER OF A MAN THAT WAS SO DEVOTED TO THE  
SERVICE OF HIS NATION MUST BE CONDEMNED BY ALL CIVILISED  
NATIONS. LORD MOUNTBATTEN'S DEATH IS A LOSS NOT  
ONLY TO GREAT BRITAIN BUT TO THE ENTIRE CIVILISED WORLD.

I SEND MY CONDOLENCE TO YOURSELF, THE FAMILY OF LATE LORD  
MOUNTBATTEN AND THE PEOPLE OF UNITED KINGDOM IN GENERAL.

YOURS SINCERELY,

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI