

STATEMENT BY THE RT. HON. GEORGE YOUNGER, MP:
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR SCOTLAND

Mr. George Younger, MP, Secretary of State for Scotland, on hearing of the death today of Earl Mountbatten of Burma, has sent a telegram of condolence to Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.

Mr. Younger has also issued the following statement:

"All Scotland will share my feeling of grief over the death of Lord Mountbatten, one of our nation's greatest men. He demonstrated outstanding courage and wisdom, both under fire and when faced with crucial decisions as a Supreme Commander in some of the most critical periods of the Second World War. In peacetime, too, he came to be known as one of our wisest leaders, while retaining that warmth and charm which earned him the love and respect of the whole nation and of countless people overseas.

"It is particularly sad that the life of one of our greatest servants should end in such a tragic way."

Not issued, on PM's instructions.

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