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MESSAGE ADDRESSED TO THE RT. HON MARGARET THATCHER, M.P.
BY THE ITALIAN PRIME MINISTER

I have been deeply shocked by the violent events which have stricken Great Britain, causing the tragic death of Lord Mountbatten, such an eminent statesman and soldier, and the loss of so many young lives.

With sadness and dismay, I wish to express, in the name of the Italian Government and personally, the most heartfelt condolences together with our feelings of sympathy in the grief of Her Majesty The Queen and of Great Britain.

Francesco Cossiga

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