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MY TELNO 2436: DEATH OF LORD MOUNTBATTEN.

STATE DEPT. ISSUED THE FOLLOWING FURTHER STATEMENT AT TODAY'S
MOON PRESS BRIEFING:-
BEGINS.

FURTHER TO MY STATEMENT OF YESTERDAY ON THE TRAGIC DEATH OF
LORD MOUNTBATTEN WE NOW UNDERSTAND THAT BOTH THE PROVISIONAL
IRA AND THE IRISH NATIONAL LIBERATION ARMY (A SPLINTER LEFTIST
GROUP) HAVE CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY. THE PROVISIONAL IRA HAS
ALSO CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DEATH BY AMBUSH BOMBING
OF AT LEAST 18 SOLDIERS AND ONE CIVILIAN IN NORTHERN IRELAND
YESTERDAY. I REITERATE IN THE STRONGEST TERMS THE CONDEMNATION
OF THE U S GOVERNMENT OF ALL GROUPS OR ORGANISATIONS WHICH
SEEK THEIR GOALS IN NORTHERN IRELAND THROUGH VIOLENCE. WE KNOW
THE OVER-WHELMING MAJORITY OF PEOPLE OF IRELAND, BOTH NORTH
AND SOUTH, ABHOR VIOLENCE AND WE AGAIN URGE ALL AMERICANS TO
REFRAIN FROM SUPPORTING ORGANISATIONS INVOLVED IN VIOLENCE.
ENDS.

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