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TEXT OF MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT CARTER FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

Dear Mr. President,

I was grateful to receive your letter of 28 August conveying the condolences of yourself and Mrs. Carter on the tragic death of Earl Mountbatten of Burma. I shall pass on your message of sympathy to his family. Nothing can ever justify such a brutal and senseless murder. In this connection I welcome also the statement made by the State Department spokesman on 28 August, reaffirming the condemnation of your government of all those in Northern Ireland who seek to achieve their goals through violence, and urging all Americans to refrain from supporting organisations involved in violence.

Yours sincerely,

MARGARET THATCHER