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Subject: Death of President Brezhnev: Death 2 October 1982

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PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE  
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DEATH OF PRESIDENT BREZHNEV

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1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER TO  
MR TIKHONOV AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:

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ON BEHALF OF HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT, I SEND TO YOU AND  
TO THE PEOPLE OF THE SOVIET UNION OUR CONDOLENCES ON THE  
DEATH OF PRESIDENT L I BREZHNEV.

AS GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE SOVIET  
UNION SINCE 1964, AND AS PRESIDENT OF THE PRAESIDIUM OF  
THE SUPREME SOVIET FROM 1960 TO 1964 AND AGAIN SINCE 1977,  
HIS WIDE-RANGING AND LONG EXPERIENCE IN DIFFERENT FIELDS  
OF PUBLIC LIFE WILL BE A SERIOUS LOSS TO THE SOVIET UNION.  
THE CONSEQUENCES OF HIS DEATH WILL BE FELT FAR BEYOND THE  
FRONTIERS OF HIS OWN COUNTRY.

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2. PLEASE REPORT BY FLASH TELEGRAM AS SOON AS MESSAGE HAS BEEN  
DELIVERED. THE TEXT WILL THEN BE RELEASED TO THE PRESS.

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