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TELEGRAM NUMBER 247 OF 4 SEPTEMBER 1979

MURDER OF EARL MOUNTBATTEN OF BURMA

1. THE MALAYSIAN HIGH COMMISSION HAVE FORWARDED THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO THE PRIME MINISTER. BEGINS: I AM SHOCKED AND GRIEVED TO HEAR OF THE DEATH OF EARL MOUNTBATTEN OF BURMA. HE WAS WARM, FRIENDLY, CONSIDERATE AND HUMBLE WHICH MADE HIM A GREAT LEADER. THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF MALAYSIA ESPECIALLY REMEMBER HIM FOR HIS SELFLESS SERVICE TO THE COUNTRY DURING AND AFTER THE LAST WAR. WE SHARE THE GRIEF AND SCORROW OF THE PEOPLE OF GREAT BRITAIN AND THE LOSS OF A TRULY MAGNIFICENT MAN. TO HIS FAMILY WE EXTEND OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES. DATUK HUSSEIN ONN, PRIME MINISTER OF MALAYSIA.

2. PLEASE CONVEY THE FOLLOWING REPLY. BEGINS: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF EARL MOUNTBATTEN OF BURMA, WHICH WAS INDEED A GREAT SHOCK TO ME AND TO THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF GREAT BRITAIN AS WELL AS TO HIS FAMILY. THE TRIBUTES WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM HIS MANY FRIENDS ALL OVER THE WORLD ARE A CONSOLATION AND A REMINDER THAT WE DO NOT GRIEVE ALONE. I AM ARRANGING FOR YOUR MESSAGE TO BE PASSED TO HIS FAMILY. MARGARET THATCHER.

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