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PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE  
SERIAL No. T172A/83

PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO THE TURKISH PRIME MINISTER,  
MR ULUSU.

BEGINS: MY DEAR PRIME MINISTER,  
I WAS DEEPLY DISTRESSED TO LEARN OF THE EARTHQUAKE IN THE  
ERZURUM REGION OF TURKEY AND THE CONSEQUENT HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE.  
ON BEHALF OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE I WISH TO EXPRESS  
MY PROFOUND SYMPATHY TO ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THIS TRAGIC EVENT.  
WE ARE ALREADY IN TOUCH WITH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE  
RED CROSS AND THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN ANKARA TO SEE HOW WE CAN BE  
OF MOST ASSISTANCE TO THE VICTIMS OF THE TRAGEDY.  
YOURS SINCERELY  
MARGARET THATCHER) ENDS.

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