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Personal message from the Taoiseach, Dr Garret FitzGerald TD, for transmission to Prime Minister Thatcher

Information available to us from your Police indicates Associated British Foods, Bowater House, 68 Knightsbridge, London, prepared to pay one to two million U.S. dollars to Swiss bank account as ransom arising from kidnapping of Mr Tidey here.

It is vital to both our Governments that this money not be paid. Can you help in any way to ensure this?