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PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. T.180/81

22 December 1981

My dear Prime Minister.

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I have been asked by the Taoiseach, Dr. Garret FitzGerald TD, to convey the following message to you:

"I wish to express the deep sympathy of the Irish Government to you and to all those bereaved as a result of the tragic shipwreck off the Cornish coast. In particular our sympathy goes to the relatives of the valiant and ill-fated crew of the lifeboat 'Solomon Browne', out of Penlee, Cornwall and also to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, the great voluntary organisation which provides an unstinting, heroic rescue service to seafarers off the coasts of Britain and Ireland."

Yours very sincerely
Eamon Kennedy

Eamon Kennedy
Ambassador

The Rt. Hon. Mrs Margaret Thatcher MP
Prime Minister
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THE PRIME MINISTER

24 December 1981

PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. T 181A/81

Dear Garret,

Thank you so much for your thoughtful message of sympathy in connection with the recent shipwreck off the Cornish coast. It was, as you say, a tragic event, bringing great pain to the bereaved.

I share your admiration for the courage and skill of those who work on behalf of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, and provide their invaluable services off your coasts and ours.

Yours ever,
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Dr. Garret FitzGerald, T.D.

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From the Private Secretary

24 December 1981

I enclose a message which the Prime Minister has received from Dr. Garret FitzGerald expressing the sympathy of the Irish Government in connection with the recent shipwreck off the Cornish coast. I also enclose a reply signed by the Prime Minister - I should be grateful if you could arrange for its despatch.

Francis Richards, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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From the Private Secretary

23 December 1981

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your letter of 22 December enclosing a message of sympathy from the Irish Government in respect of the recent shipwreck off the Cornish coast.

The Prime Minister was most grateful to the Taoiseach for this message, to which she will be replying in due course.

A. J. COLES

His Excellency Dr. Eamon Kennedy



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Prime Minister

Your question below.

- 2. No Irish lives were lost.
- 3. The ship was Irish-registered but built elsewhere. I doubt whether it rates a mention.
- 4. I suggest you sign the message as it is.

A.S.C. 23/12.

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As it was an Irish
ship (crew?) ought we
not to reply with
some sympathy about his

loss

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No trial or funeral.