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ITALIAN DAM BURST DISASTER

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1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO CRAXI FROM THE
PRIME MINISTER.

BEGINS:

I WAS HORRIFIED TO HEAR OF THE DISASTER CAUSED BY THE BURSTING
OF A DAM IN THE DOLOMITES AND THE HEAVY TOLL OF LIVES WHICH IT
HAS TAKEN. WE SHALL BE IN TOUCH WITH THE APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
TO SEE IF WE CAN PROVIDE ANY HELP. I SEND MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY
TO ALL THOSE ON WHOM THIS TRAGEDY HAS FALLEN. ENDS.

2. SIGNED ORIGINAL FOLLOWS BY BAG.

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PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. T139/85

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THE PRIME MINISTER

Message sent 19/7/85. (by FCO Tel).
(top copy to FCO)

I was horrified to hear of the disaster caused by the bursting of a dam in the Dolomites and the heavy toll of lives which it has taken. We shall be in touch with the appropriate agencies to see if we can provide any help. I send my deepest sympathy to all those on whom this tragedy has fallen.

Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Onorevole Bettino Craxi