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Telegram to Senor Andreotti
Presidenza Del Consiglio
Palazzo Chigi
Rome

We are deeply shocked at the death of President Moro. His courage was an example to us all. We share your grief and your resolve to continue the battle against terrorism.

Margaret Thatcher
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Telegram to Signora Moro

We send to you and your family our
deepest sympathy in your tragic loss
and our great admiration for your
courage and dignity throughout your
terrible ordeal.

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Statement by the Rt Hon Mrs Margaret Thatcher MP

Everyone who met Aldo Moro must have been struck as I was last year, by the patience and wisdom with which over many years he served his country. Italy has lost a courageous and faithful servant. The world has been reminded of the grim cruelty practised today by the enemies of freedom. The international community must come together to take the necessary measures against such barbarous terrorism.

Our sympathy goes to Signora Moro, to her family and to the Italian people at this tragic time.

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Signor Moro - note from Douglas;

I had the opportunity last year for long talks with Aldo Moro. What impressed me at once was the quality of patience, formulated in wisdom and determination. ^{Just resolve} He set himself over many years as Prime Minister and Leader of the Christian Democratic Party to moderate political barriers in Italy and to confine political differences within the framework of a stable democracy.

Today we think of the terrible personal tragedy which afflicts his family and his friends. But it is a tragedy for us all that Aldo Moro, a man of peace, should be the victim of war; ^{civilized?} a war not between nation and nation, not between class and class, but between those who wish to destroy a free and liberal society and those who like Aldo Moro spend their lives trying to build and sustain it. The vision which Aldo Moro had of a free and peaceful Italy within a democratic ^{his callous} Europe is now under threat. The atrocious ^{by our common? the 'peace' society} ~~circumstances~~ ^{circumstances} of his death have shocked us all. They must make us even more determined to ensure that the values for which he stood survive and emerge victorious.

Resolve to fight terrorism with the
freedom