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For Information

PRIME MINISTER

My rough translation of the Prime Minister's letter is

"I am deeply grateful for the message of sympathy you sent after the tragic rail crash on 3 August. I was very touched by the kindness you have shown us".

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13 August 1985

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AMBASSADE DE FRANCE
LONDRES

13th August 1985

Dear Mr. Powell,

I have just received this message sent
by Mr. Laurent Fabius to your Prime Minister. I would
be grateful for you to forward it to her.

Vours sincerely

Jean-Noël de Lacoste

Jean-Noël de Bouillane de Lacoste

Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

Charles Powell, Esq.,
Private Secretary to
the Prime Minister,
Prime Minister's Office,
10 Downing Street,
London SW1.

AMBASSADE DE FRANCE
LONDRES

le 12 août 1985

Je vous remercie vivement du message de
sympathie que vous m'avez adressé après la catastrophe
ferroviaire du 3 août dernier. J'ai été très touché
par l'amitié que vous nous avez manifestée.

Laurent Fabius



de VC

10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

6 August 1985

Thank you for your letter enclosing a draft message for the Prime Minister to send to the French Prime Minister about the train crash in France on Saturday. As I mentioned to you, the Prime Minister approved the message as drafted and I enclose the top copy for the record.

(TIM FLESHER)

P.F. Ricketts, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

6 August 1985

I was appalled to hear of the terrible train crash on Saturday in the South of France. Our hearts go out to the families of those who were killed and to the injured.

Margaret Thatcher

H.E. Monsieur Laurent Fabius

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PRIME MINISTER

FRENCH TRAIN CRASH

You may wish to send a message to the French Government following Saturday's dreadful train crash in which 35 people died. The proper recipient of this might be M.Fabius following your talks with him last week.

Do you approve the attached?

Dr

Yes

TIM FLESHER

5 August 1985



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

5 August, 1985

Dear Tim,

Train Crash in France

As agreed when we spoke earlier this morning,
I enclose a draft message from the Prime Minister
to M. Fabius following the train crash on Saturday.

Yours ever,
Peter Ricketts

(P F Ricketts)
Private Secretary

Tim Flesher Esq
10 Downing Street



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FROM Prime Minister

Reference

DEPARTMENT:

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TO: Monsieur Laurent Fabius
Prime Minister of the French
Republic

Your Reference

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SUBJECT:

.....In Confidence

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