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PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. T 1528/85

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EMBASSY OF JAPAN
UNITED KINGDOM

19/8

London, 19th August 1985

Dear Prime Minister,

In the temporary absence of the
Ambassador, I have been asked to forward to
you the following message from Prime Minister
Nakasone :

"On behalf of the people of
Japan, I should like to thank you
very much for your message concerning
the recent crash of the JAL passenger
aircraft.

"Your kind sentiments have been
duly passed on to those who have
suffered loss of their families in the
tragic accident."

YASUHIRO NAKASONE
Prime Minister of Japan

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Yours sincerely,

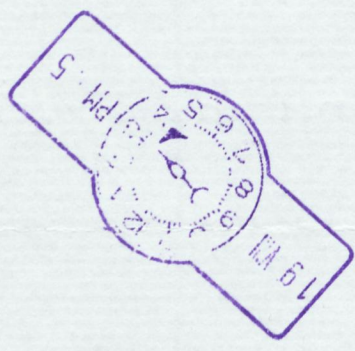
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The Rt.Hon. Margaret Thatcher, MP,
Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury,
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1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER
TO MR NAKASONE. BEGINS:

THE NEWS THIS MORNING OF THE CRASH OF A JAPAN AIR LINES
PASSENGER AIRCRAFT WAS A TERRIBLE SHOCK TO US ALL. WE IN
BRITAIN SHARE WITH THE PEOPLE OF JAPAN THEIR SORROW AND
GRIEF OVER THE TRAGIC LOSS OF LIFE THAT HAS OCCURRED.
PLEASE EXTEND MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO ALL THE FAMILIES OF
THE BEREAVED. ENDS.

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Dear Mark

MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO PRIME
MINISTER NAKASONE OF JAPAN

A Japan Air Lines Boeing 747, carrying 524 passengers and crew, crashed this morning during an internal flight from Tokyo to Osaka. There is no news yet of any survivors. There is no evidence so far that the crash was due to sabotage by terrorists, and first reports suggest that the crew were having difficulty with one of the aircraft doors.

In view of the extent of this tragedy Ministers here feel that it would be appropriate for the Prime Minister to send a message of condolence to Prime Minister Nakasone. I attach a draft and would be grateful if you could let me know whether the Prime Minister is content for it to be despatched. The Palace are looking into the possibility of a message from The Queen to Emperor Hirohito.

Yours ever

Stewart Eldon

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO PRIME MINISTER NAKASONE

The news this morning of the crash of a Japan Air Lines passenger aircraft was a terrible shock^{to us all.}. We in Britain share with the people of Japan their sorrow and grief over the tragic loss of life that has occurred.

Please extend my deepest sympathy to all the families of the bereaved.

Approved,
from Indran.

Passed to.
Lady Tang's office
by phone 12/8.

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