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PM agreed message.
Resident Clerk informed 1150 pm.

As you know, the Prime Minister of Portugal was killed this evening in a light aircraft crash at Lisbon. The Foreign Office have suggested the following message of condolence to be telegraphed to our Embassy and passed to Freitas do Amaral (Foreign Minister and No.2 in the Government):-

I was deeply distressed to hear tonight of the tragic and untimely deaths of Prime Minister Sa Carneiro, Defence Minister da Costa and those accompanying them. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to the Portuguese Government and people.

Are you content with this message?

S. J. Pike

Duty Clerk

4 December, 1980

The Foreign Secretary's proposed message
to Freitas do Amaral:-

" I have learned with great
sorrow of the deaths of Prime Minister
Ja Carneiro, Defence Minister da Costa
and those accompanying them, in an
air crash tonight.

I extend to you and all your
colleagues in the Government my
deepest sympathy at this tragic
loss. "

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