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PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
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TO IMMEDIATE LISBON
TELEGRAM NUMBER 196 OF 5 DECEMBER

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TELECON AMBASSADOR/RESIDENT CLERK
DEATH OF SA CARNEIRO

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER
TO FREITAS DO AMARAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:

BEGINS
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.

MARGARET THATCHER
ENDS

2. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING FROM ME TO FREITAS DO AMARAL:
BEGINS

I HAVE LEARNT WITH GREAT SORROW OF THE DEATHS OF YOUR PRIME
MINISTER AND DEFENCE MINISTER AND THOSE ACCOMPANYING THEM
IN AN AIR CRASH TONIGHT. I EXTEND TO YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES
IN THE GOVERNMENT MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY AT THIS TRAGIC LOSS.

ENDS

3. GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD NOTIFY NEWS DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATE WHEN
MESSAGES HAVE BEEN DELIVERED SO THAT THEY CAN BE RELEASED HERE.

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