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Subject

Lisbon, 16th December 1980

The RT Hon
Margareth Thatcher
Prime Minister

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I thank you most sincerely for the kind message of condolences you sent me.

The terrible accident that caused the death of His Excellency the Prime Minister, Francisco Sá Carneiro, and His Excellency the Defense Minister Amaro da Costa, is a reason for deep mourning and sadness for our country and for the Government of Democratic Alliance.

In these difficult times we appreciate more than ever the cooperation and friendship towards Portugal that the United Kingdom always showed.

Diogo Freitas do Amaral

(Diogo Freitas do Amaral)
Prime Minister in office
Minister of Foreign Affairs and
Minister of Defense ad Interim
of Portugal

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2 January 1981

The Portuguese Embassy have forwarded a letter from their Prime Minister in Office in response to the Prime Minister's message of condolence which was conveyed in your telegram number 196 to Lisbon on 5 December. I enclose a copy for your records.

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Francis Richards, Esq.
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.