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THE PRIME MINISTER

12 September 1985

**PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. T163A/85**

Dear Prime Minister,

I was deeply distressed to learn of the tragic rail accident which occurred yesterday evening near Viseu and of the large number who died or have been badly injured. My heartfelt sympathies and those of the British people go out to the victims and their relatives. We share in their sadness and loss and pray that they will find the courage to rebuild their lives.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Dr. Mario Soares



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From the Private Secretary

12 September 1985

TRAIN CRASH IN PORTUGAL

The Prime Minister would wish to send a message of condolence to Dr. Soares on last night's train crash in Portugal which resulted in such heavy loss of life.

I enclose her message and should be grateful if it could be despatched as soon as possible.

(C. D. POWELL)

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