

PRIME MINISTER'S

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Dear Margaret:

Your most thoughtful cable of sympathy following the tragic attack upon our Embassy in Beirut has been a source of comfort and encouragement both to me personally and to the relatives of those Americans killed or wounded.

I am most grateful, too, for the extremely valuable assistance which your Embassy in Beirut has rendered and continues to render to us during this most difficult time. I wish you would send my personal thanks to HMG's Ambassador in Beirut and his entire staff.

The F/C.O. have been asked to do this.
M/S.

As you know, we will not be deterred from our goals in Lebanon nor from our efforts to achieve lasting peace in the Middle East. Indeed, it would be a greater tragedy were we to allow the noble ends, for which those in Lebanon sacrificed their lives, to be frustrated by this cowardly and senseless act.

Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,

/s/

Ron