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 TO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON
 TELEGRAM NO 1853 OF 3 NOVEMBER
 US CASUALTIES IN BEIRUT

PRIME MINISTER'S
 PERSONAL MESSAGE
 SERIAL No. T174^c/83

1. THE PRIME MINISTER HAS AGREED THAT YOU SHOULD PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE CEREMONY AT FORT LE JEUNE.
 BEGINS

I AM DELIGHTED THAT YOU HAVE ASKED SIR O WRIGHT TO ACCOMPANY YOU TO FORT LE JEUNE ON FRIDAY. BRITAIN IS PROUD TO JOIN YOU IN PAYING TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES IN THE CAUSE OF PEACE. ENDS

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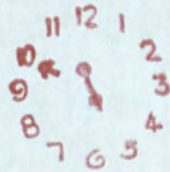
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From the Private Secretary

3 November 1983

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We spoke about Washington telegram No. 3283 concerning the American casualties in Beirut.

This is to confirm that the Prime Minister agreed to send the following message to President Reagan:-

"I am delighted that you have asked Sir Oliver Wright to accompany you to Fort le Jeune on Friday. Britain is proud to join you in paying tribute to those who have given their lives in the cause of peace".

You agreed to arrange for the delivery of this message.

A. J. COLES

Peter Ricketts, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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3 November 1983

Dear John,

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Lebanon: Message from President Reagan

We discussed the draft message contained in my letter of 31 October. Sir Geoffrey Howe has given further consideration to the terms in which the Prime Minister might reply to the President, and I now enclose a new draft.

We have also just seen Washington telegram number 3283 (copy enclosed) in which Sir O Wright recommends a message from the Prime Minister on the occasion of the ceremony at Fort Le Jeune in honour of the US marines killed in Beirut. I have not yet shown this telegram to the Foreign Secretary but in view of the time factor the Prime Minister might wish to add a point, along the lines suggested by Sir O Wright, to the enclosed draft. If so, you might feel that the two sentences in the Washington telegram would be better reversed.

Yours ever,

(P F Ricketts)
Private Secretary

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TO IMMEDIATE FCO
TELEGRAM NUMBER 3283 OF 2 NOVEMBER 1983

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US CASUALTIES IN BEIRUT

1. THE PRESIDENT HAS ASKED ME AND MY FRENCH AND ITALIAN COLLEAGUES TO ACCOMPANY HIM ON FRIDAY TO A CEREMONY AT THE US MARINE HEADQUARTERS AT FORT LE JEUNE IN NORTH CAROLINA TO HONOUR THE US MARINES AND NO DOUBT ALSO THE FRENCH SOLDIERS KILLED IN BEIRUT.

2. THE PRESIDENT CLEARLY IS INTENT ON DEMONSTRATING VISIBLY ALLIED SOLIDARITY OVER THE MNF AND ALSO MENDING SOME OF THE FENCES BROKEN OVER GRENADA. HENCE, I BELIEVE, THIS INVITATION AND THE DESPATCH OF KENNETH DAM TO LONDON ON MONDAY.

3. HM THE QUEEN HAS ALREADY SENT A MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE TO THE PRESIDENT; AND YOU HAVE SENT A MESSAGE TO MR SHULTZ. UNLESS THIS HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE ON THE DIRECT LINE, I THINK IT WOULD

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PRESIDENT; AND YOU HAVE SENT A MESSAGE TO MR SHULTZ. UNLESS
THIS HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE ON THE DIRECT LINE, I THINK IT WOULD
BE MUCH APPRECIATED IF THE PRIME MINISTER WERE DISPOSED TO SEND
A MESSAGE WHICH I COULD GIVE TO THE PRESIDENT ON THIS OCCASION.
TO BE AVAILABLE IN TIME, SUCH A MESSAGE WOULD NEED TO REACH ME
BY 2300Z TOMORROW, 3 NOVEMBER. I SUGGEST SOMETHING ON THE
FOLLOWING LINES:~~

QUOTE I AM DELIGHTED THAT YOU HAVE ASKED SIR O. WRIGHT TO ACCOMPANY
YOU TO FORT LE JEUNE ON FRIDAY. BRITAIN IS PROUD TO JOIN YOU IN
PAYING TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES ^{in the cause of} FOR PEACE.

~~AND IN DEMONSTRATING THAT VIOLENCE MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO SUCCEED.~~

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WRIGHT

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