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PRIME MINISTER

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The MOD told me today that on 14 January one of the Hunters which we have made available to Chile crashed in North Eastern Chile. The British flying instructor who, I believe, was piloting the aircraft was killed. His relatives have apparently said something to the press and the story is likely to break soon.

The MOD will be sending across a press line late tonight or early tomorrow (they have reason to think that the national press will not get hold of the story until tomorrow) and I shall let you see it when it arrives.

*A.J.C.*

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