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From the Private Secretary

20 January 1983

CALL BY A GROUP OF AFGHANS

Thank you for your letter of 19 January. The Afghan delegation duly called on the Prime Minister in her Room at the House this afternoon. Mr. Winston Churchill MP was present.

The delegation produced a diagram to illustrate the massacre in Logar Province and described the events in some detail and with considerable emotion.

The Prime Minister said that she had rarely heard of a more terrible incident. She believed that it should be given the widest possible publicity.

The delegation asked Mrs. Thatcher to bring the facts to the attention of the United Nations, specifically mentioning the Commission on Human Rights. They also said that the Resistance still lacked the means to deal with Soviet aircraft and helicopter gunships, and their one request in their field of arms was for anti-aircraft weapons. In reply, the Prime Minister said that we would do everything we could to ensure that the facts as reported were widely known. We would continue to do all we could to support the Resistance.

The Prime Minister also recalled the help that we were giving for Afghan refugees.

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MEETING OF THE SURVIVORS OF THE LOGAR MASSACRE WITH THE PRIME
MINISTER AT THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ON THURSDAY 20 JANUARY 1983
AT 3.30 PM

Composition of the Delegation:

1. OMAR BABRAKZAI - former Judge on the Kabul Supreme Court -
Leader of the Delegation.
2. HABIB-UR-RAHMAN HASHEMI - Mayor of Padkhwab-E shana.
3. SAYYED MORTAZA - village priest of Padkhwab-E shana.
4. GOL-MUHAMMAD - village elder of Padkhwab-E shana.
5. GHAFUR YUSUFZAI - a Resistance commander from Takhar
province (N-E Afghanistan).
6. MISS FARIDA AHMADI - medical student, member of Resistance
in Kabul, tortured by Security Police.

Interpreter:

MISS FATIMA GAILANI - daughter of Sayyed Ahmed Gailani, Leader
of one of the Afghan Resistance Movements.

Accompanied by:

WINSTON S CHURCHILL MP
VISCOUNT CRANBOURNE MP
MR MARK DIXON - escorting the Delegation while in London.

THE LOGAR MASSACRE

On 13 September, 1982 Soviet troops surrounded the village of Padkhwab-E shana in Logar province 36 miles south of Kabul. 105 unarmed civilians, including 11 children under the age of 13, took refuge in an underground irrigation tunnel, into which Soviet Forces proceeded to pour petrol together with some unknown chemical substance. They then opened fire with

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incendiary bullets setting the tunnel ablaze and burning alive all 105 civilians. These events have subsequently been corroborated by an international team, which included a Professor of Law McGill University, Canada.

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