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PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
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CAVEAT.....

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office present their compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for the Republic of Ghana, and with reference to its Note of 14 May, have the honour to request the Office of the High Commissioner to arrange delivery to Flt Lt J J Rawlings, Chairman of the Provisional National Defence Council of Ghana, of the following message from the Prime Minister, the Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher:

'I am most grateful for your thoughtful message of condolence to the families of those killed and injured in the terrible fire at Bradford Football Stadium last weekend.

The tragedy has saddened the whole nation. The people and Government of the United Kingdom will be deeply touched, as I am, to know that our sorrow is shared by our friends. We thank you, and through you the people and Government of Ghana, for your sympathy at this sad time.'

With best wishes''

Enclosures—flag(s).....

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office avail themselves of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for the Republic of Ghana the assurances of their highest consideration.



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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

15 May, 1985

GHANAIAN MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE

Thank you for your letter of 15 May conveying the message from Flight Lieutenant Rawlings about the fire at Bradford City FC.

I should be grateful if you would reply in the terms of the draft Note Verbale enclosed with your letter.

Handwritten signature/initials

(C D Powell)

C.R. Budd, Esq,
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Dear Charles,

Ghanaian Message of Condolence

The Ghanaian High Commission have asked us to transmit the following message to the Prime Minister from the Chairman of the Provisional National Defence Council of Ghana, Flt Lt J J Rawlings:

"I have learnt with shock and sadness reports about the fire outbreak at Bradford Stadium and the resultant high toll of deaths and injuries. The People and Government of Ghana join me in expressing our sorrow to the British People. Please accept and extend to families of the bereaved and injured our deepest sympathy and condolences. Highest regards".

The Prime Minister may wish to respond on the lines suggested in the enclosed Note Verbale.

The Ghanaian High Commission would have no objection to the text of Flt Lt Rawlings' message being released to the press.

Yours ever,

Colin Budd

(C R Budd)
Private Secretary

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