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From the Private Secretary

22 July 1987

Dear Lyn,

I enclose a copy of a message from the Prime Minister to President Mitterrand about the accident in which his son and grand-children were injured. I should be grateful if you could arrange for the text to be telegraphed to Paris for delivery as soon as possible.

*Yours sincerely,
Charles Powell*

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Lyn Parker, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

22 July 1987

PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. T147187

Dear Mr. President:

I have just heard of the car accident near Gerona in which your son and two young grand-daughters were involved. It must be a terrible worry for you and your wife. You have my deepest sympathy. I hope that they will make a speedy and complete recovery.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Monsieur François Mitterrand, G.C.B.

FROM: D G Blunt

Western European Department

DATE: 22 July 1987

CC: Mr Paxman, SED

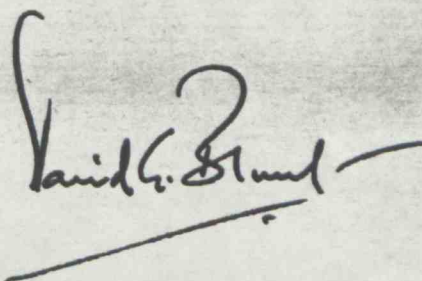
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POSSIBLE MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT MITTERAND

1. We spoke. President Mitterand's son Gilbert, and two granddaughters, Pascale (9) and Justine (6) were injured in a car accident near Gerona (Spain) yesterday. President Mitterand and his wife have flown to Southern France to meet the family.

2. The Mitterands appear to have been innocent victims in an accident in which the driver in the other car involved was killed. News reports suggest that Gilbert was scarcely injured; Pascale suffered a fractured wrist and lacerations; Justine was worst injured. She is reported to have undergone surgery to her head. None of the Mitterands involved in the accident are said to be in any danger.

3. Given the above circumstances and the fact that President Mitterand offered sympathy at the time of the disappearance of the Prime Minister's son in the Sahara, the Prime Minister might like to send a message of sympathy to President Mitterand. Suggested language is attached.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David G. Blunt", with a long horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the signature.

D G Blunt

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