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RESIDENT CLERK (FCO)

With the compliments of

C. D. Pounce
20/12

Please send the attached message
as amended. It should be

|| "Typed" - Dear Helmut and

|| "Bitonal" - Yours and Margarete.

PRIME MINISTER'S
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PERSONAL MESSAGE
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TELECON RESIDENT CLERK/FIGGIS

YOUR TELNO 847 : RAMSTEIN AIR DISASTER

1. THANK YOU FOR THESE DRAFTS WHICH CAN BE AGREED WITH MINOR CHANGES:

(I) ADD AT THE BEGINNING OF THE QUEEN'S MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT VON WEIZSAECKER QUOTE ON BEHALF OF THE BRITISH PEOPLE UNQUOTE

(II) OPENING AND FIRST SENTENCE OF PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO KOHL TO READ QUOTE DEAR HELMUT, I WAS HORRIFIED TO HEAR OF THE TERRIBLE LOSS OF LIFE AT YESTERDAY'S AIR DISASTER AT RAMSTEIN. UNQUOTE. TO BE SIGNED OFF QUOTE YOURS EVER, MARGARET UNQUOTE.

(III) MY MESSAGE TO GENSCHER: UNCHANGED.

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MIPT: RAMSTEIN AIR DISASTER

FOLLOWING ARE PROPOSED MESSAGES:

(I) HM THE QUEEN TO PRESIDENT VON WEIZSAECKER

'I SEND YOU MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY FOLLOWING YESTERDAY'S ACCIDENT AT THE FLYING DISPLAY AT RAMSTEIN. PLEASE CONVEY MY CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF THOSE KILLED IN THIS APPALLING DISASTER, AND MY HOPES FOR THE RECOVERY OF THE INJURED.'

(II) PRIME MINISTER TO KOHL

'I WAS SHOCKED TO HEAR OF THE TRAGIC LOSS OF LIFE AT YESTERDAY'S AIR DISPLAY AT RAMSTEIN. I SEND MY HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES, AND SINCERE SYMPATHY TO THE INJURED. I KNOW THAT BRITISH HOSPITALS IN GERMANY WILL WANT TO HELP IN ANY WAY THEY CAN.'

(III) YOUR MESSAGE TO GENSCHER

'I SEND YOU MY MOST SINCERE CONDOLENCES AT THE LOSS OF LIFE AND INJURIES CAUSED BY THE ACCIDENT AT YESTERDAY'S FLYING DISPLAY AT RAMSTEIN. THE SCALE OF THE DISASTER WAS HORRIFIC. PLEASE CONVEY MY FULLEST SYMPATHY TO ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY IT.'

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Charles

The foreign office will be preparing a draft message to Chancellor Hall for the Prime Minister to approve, concerning the air disaster in Germany.*

They also state that the M.O.D., apart from the Chief of the Air Staff who will send a message of sympathy, have been requested to maintain a 'low profile' as this is not considered a 'military disaster'.