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GRAND BORNAND

1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO PRESIDENT MITTERRAND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE -
QUOTE IT WAS WITH DEEP SORROW THAT I LEARNED OF THE DISASTER AT GRAND BORNAND AND THE TRAGIC LOSS OF SO MANY LIVES. INCLUDING THOSE OF YOUNG CHILDREN I SEND MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE RELATIVES OF THOSE KILLED AND INJURED. UNQUOTE.
2. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ME TO M. RAIMOND -
QUOTE IT WAS A TERRIBLE SHOCK TO HEAR OF THE DISASTER WHICH STRUCK GRAND BORNAND ON 14 JULY. I SEND YOU AND THOSE INVOLVED IN THE TERRIBLE LANDSLIDE EVERY SYMPATHY AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME. I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD CONVEY MY SYMPATHY TO THE PREFECTURE IN ANNECY AND MY APPRECIATION OF THE COOPERATION WHICH THEY HAVE SHOWN TOWARDS OUR CONSULATE GENERAL AT LYONS. UNQUOTE.
3. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM MRS CHALKER TO M. BOSSOM -
QUOTE I WAS DEEPLY SADDENED TO HEAR OF THE TERRIBLE ACCIDENT AT GRAND BORNAND. MY THOUGHTS ARE VERY MUCH WITH THE RELATIVES OF THOSE KILLED. WITH THOSE INJURED AND WITH THE EMERGENCY AND RESCUE SERVICES. WHO MUST BE WORKING IN CONDITIONS OF THE UTMOST DIFFICULTY. I SEND YOU EVERY SYMPATHY. UNQUOTE.

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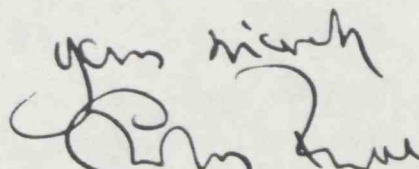
16 July 1987

Dear Lyn.

GRAND BORNAND

BF I should be grateful if the following message from the Prime Minister to President Mitterrand could be despatched as soon as possible:

"It was with deep sorrow that I learnt of the disaster at Grand Bornand and the tragic loss of so many lives, including those of young children. I send my deepest sympathy to the relatives of those killed and injured."

Yours sincerely

C. D. Powell

Lyn Parker, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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FRENCH DISASTER: DRAFT MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER
TO PRESIDENT MITTERRAND

" It was with the ^{deeps}~~profoundest~~ sorrow that I learnt
of the ~~appalling~~ disaster at Grand Bornand and the tragic
loss of so many lives, including those of young children.
I send my deepest sympathy to the relatives of those
killed and injured. "

Agreed

