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MINE DISASTER AT BORKEN: MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER
TO CHANCELLOR KOHL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:

BEGINS

I WAS DEEPLY DISTRESSED TO HEAR OF THE APPALLING DISASTER
IN BORKEN YESTERDAY. OUR THOUGHTS ARE VERY MUCH WITH THE
FAMILIES OF THOSE KILLED. I HOPE YOU WILL CONVEY MY PERSONAL
SYMPATHY TO THEM.

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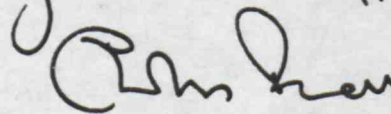
From the Private Secretary

2 June 1988

Dear Lyn,

GERMAN MINE DISASTER

Thank you for your letter of 2 June enclosing a draft message from the Prime Minister to Chancellor Kohl about the German mine disaster. This is to confirm our Duty Clerk's telephone call that the message may issue.

Yours sincerely,

C. D. POWELL

Lyn Parker, Esq.
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

2 June 1988

Dear Charles

German Mine Disaster

The explosion on 1 June at a mine in Borken (north Germany) has now killed at least 29 people, with another 57 almost certainly dead. I enclose a draft message which the Prime Minister may like to send to Chancellor Kohl. Mr Parkinson is sending a separate message to his German counterpart.

If the Prime Minister is content, we will telegraph the text to Bonn immediately.

Yours ever
Rosamund Dikot
for (L Parker)
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
10 Downing Street

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	11	1. Please pass the following message from the Prime Minister		
	12	to Chancellor Kohl as soon as possible:		
	13	BEGINS		
	14	I was deeply distressed to hear of the appalling disaster		
	15	in Borken yesterday. Our thoughts are very much with the		
	16	families of those killed. I hope you will convey my personal		
	17	sympathy to them.		
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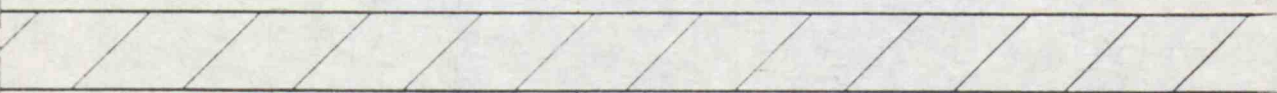
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