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DEATH OF LORD MOUNTBATTEN

1. SPEAKER O'NEILL ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT TODAY, 28 AUGUST.
BEGINS:

"I AM SHOCKED AND DEEPLY SADDENED BY THE I R A TERRORIST BOMBING YESTERDAY WHICH RESULTED IN THE DEATHS OF LORD MOUNTBATTEN, MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY AND 17 BRITISH SOLDIERS. THESE REPREHENSIBLE ACTS WERE CARRIED OUT BY TERRORISTS WHO PURPORT TO BE ADVANCING THE CAUSE OF IRISH NATIONALISM. THESE TRAGIC DEATHS CANNOT BE CONDONED ON POLITICAL GROUNDS, AND THE PERPETRATORS MUST BE CONDEMNED IN THE STRONGEST TERMS. WE IRISH AMERICANS MUST REJECT THOSE WHO SEEK TO UNITE IRELAND THROUGH THE USE OF VIOLENCE, AND RENEW OUR COMMITMENT TO ACHIEVING A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEMS OF NORTHERN IRELAND"

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