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PRIME MINISTER'S
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TO IMMEDIATE LUANDA
TELEGRAM NUMBER 72 OF 6 FEBRUARY

YOUR TELNO 72: PRISONERS

PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER
TO THE PRESIDENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

BEGINS:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

I KNOW THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT IS IN THE MIDST OF DIFFICULT
AND SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS AFFECTING THE SECURITY AND PROSPERITY
OF ANGOLA AND ITS NEIGHBOURS. AS I SAID IN MY MESSAGE TO YOU
LAST JULY, THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WILL DO ALL IT CAN TO
BRING ABOUT AN END OF TENSION AND BLOODSHED IN THE REGION.

I WELCOME THE FORTHCOMING VISIT TO LONDON OF SR PAULO
JORGE, YOUR FOREIGN MINISTER. THIS WILL ENABLE FURTHER FRANK
DISCUSSION OF THESE IMPORTANT ISSUES.

I HOPE THE VISIT WILL ALSO LEAD TO FURTHER PROGRESS IN
OUR ALREADY FRIENDLY BILATERAL RELATIONS. IN THAT CONTEXT, YOU
WILL BE AWARE OF THE CONCERN IN THIS COUNTRY AT THE CONTINUED
DETENTION OF THE SEVEN BRITISH MERCENARIES.

I KNOW THAT HER MAJESTY'S AMBASSADOR HAS SOUGHT AN AUDIENCE
OF YOU: I HOPE THAT YOU WILL CONSIDER SYMPATHETICALLY THE
REPRESENTATIONS HE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO MAKE.

MARGARET THATCHER.

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