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Motway Accident near Beaune, France

PRIME MINISTER'S

PERSONAL MESSAGE

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TO IMMEDIATE PARIS

TELEGRAM NUMBER 456 OF 31 JULY

FOLLOWING FROM RESIDENT CLERK:

MOTORWAY ACCIDENT NEAR BEAUNE.

1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT MITTERAND FROM THE PRIME MINISTER, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:

BEGINS: QUOTE I WAS DEEPLY SHOCKED TO HEAR OF THE TERRIBLE ACCIDENT WHICH HAS BROUGHT TRAGEDY TO SO MANY FAMILIES IN FRANCE. WE SEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO ALL THOSE INVOLVED. MARGARET THATCHER. UNQUOTE ENDS:

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