

PRIME MINISTER'S PERSONAL MESSAGE SERIAL No. T 38/82

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TO IMMEDIATE NUKU'ALOFA
TELEGRAM NUMBER 12 OF 5 MARCH

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO HRH PRINCE TU'IPELEHAKE. BEGINS:

YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS,

IT WAS WITH GREAT SORROW THAT I LEARNT TODAY OF THE LOSS OF LIFE AND DAMAGE INCURRED IN TONGA BY HURRICANE ISAAC.

I SHOULD LIKE TO ASSURE YOU THAT WE ARE TAKING URGENT STEPS TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE. IN THE MEANTIME I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD CONVEY TO THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF TONGA MY PROFOUND SYMPATHIES.

YOURS SINCERELY, MARGARET THATCHER. ENDS

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