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Subject : filed Deaths May 79  
Death of PM of Mauritania  
Lt Col Ahmed Ould Bousseif

PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE  
SERIAL No. T19/79T

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FROM F C O 301930Z MAY 79  
TO IMMEDIATE DAKAR  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 56 OF 30 MAY 1979

*Handwritten notes:*  
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YOUR TELNO 57: DEATH OF MAURITANIAN PRIME MINISTER  
1. PLEASE CONVEY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO HEAD OF STATE  
FROM THE PRIME MINISTER.  
BEGINS:

IT WAS WITH GREAT REGRET THAT I LEARNT OF THE DEATH OF  
YOUR PRIME MINISTER, LT COL AHMED OULD BOUSSEIF, IN THE  
TRAGIC AIR CRASH ON 27 MAY. HIS LOSS WILL BE DEEPLY  
FELT IN MAURITANIA. YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT HAVE MY  
SINCERE CONDOLENCES. PLEASE CONVEY THE SYMPATHY AND  
CONCERN OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO THE FAMILY OF THE  
LATE PRIME MINISTER, AND ALSO TO THE FAMILIES OF ALL  
THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE DISASTER.

MARGARET THATCHER  
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