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THE PRIME MINISTER

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PERSONAL MESSAGE

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Dear Pierre,

I was deeply saddened to hear of the loss of the crew of the oil rig Ocean Ranger last night off the Newfoundland coast. When the news came through I was on my way back from attending a memorial service for the lifeboatmen drowned off the coast of Cornwall two months ago. This latest disaster was yet another reminder of the risks taken by all who serve on the sea.

May I send, through you, my deep sympathy to the families concerned in this tragic loss.

Yours sincerely,

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The Right Honourable Pierre Trudeau, PC QC

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