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Message to the Honourable Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, Prime Minister of Britain from the Taoiseach, Mr. J. Lynch,

"I was horrified and saddened at the news of the murder of Earl Mountbatten of Burma, his grandson, Nicholas Braebourne and his employee, Paul Maxwell at the hands of the Provisional I.R.A. who have admitted responsibility.

This subversive organisation has brought death or sorrow to many thousands of innocent people and shame to all true Irish men and women.

I extend to you and to your colleagues in Government my deepest sympathy."

27/8/79.