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The following statement is issued on behalf of the

Taoiseach, Mr. Jack Lynch, T.D.

On behalf of the Government and the people of Ireland,

I offer to the wife and family of Mr. Airey Neave, and to

Mrs. Margaret Thatcher and her colleagues, most

heartfelt sympathy on Mr. Neave's assassination.

The manner of this cold-blooded and cowardly murder

bears the hallmark of twisted and evil minds. It can

be the work only of anarchists who want to rule by the

bomb and the bullet and who seek to destroy the

democratic process *and ordered society everywhere.*

30th March 1979.