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ATTENTION: NEWS EDITOR

TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM THE TAOISEACH, DR GARRET FITZGERALD, T.D.,
THIS MORNING TO THE BRITISH PRIME MINISTER MRS MARGARET THATCHER MP.

ON BEHALF OF THE IRISH GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE I WISH TO EXPRESS
OUR OUTRAGE AT THE BOMB ATTACK ON THE HOTEL IN WHICH YOU AND MANY
OF YOUR COLLEAGUES WERE STAYING. OUR SYMPATHY ALSO GOES TO THE
RELATIVES OF THOSE KILLED AND TO YOUR CABINET COLLEAGUE
NORMAN TEBBITT, MRS TEBBITT AND THE OTHERS INJURED.

THE ATTACK WAS ONE DIRECTED NOT ONLY AT HUMAN LIVES BUT AT DEMOCRATIC
INSTITUTIONS WHICH WE, LIKE YOU, ARE DEDICATED TO UPHOLD.
I WISH TO EXPRESS OUR SOLIDARITY WITH YOU AGAINST TERRORISM WHICH
THREATENS THE INSTITUTIONS AND LIFE OF OUR SOCIETY.

ENDS.

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