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PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE  
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TO IMMEDIATE CAIRO  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 166 OF 4 MARCH  
INFO TO PS/S OF S DEFENCE MOD AND DS11 MOD

YOUR TELNO 151 AND FCO TELNO 162.  
EGYPTIAN DEFENCE MINISTER

1. PLEASE ARRANGE FOR THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO BE DELIVERED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO PRESIDENT SADAT:  
QUOTE - I WAS SHOCKED AND SADDENED TO HEAR OF THE TRAGIC ACCIDENT IN WHICH YOUR DEFENCE MINISTER LIEUTENANT GENERAL AHMED BADAWI AND SO MANY OF YOUR SENIOR GENERALS DIED. THEIR DEATHS ARE A GREAT BLOW TO EGYPT. MAY I CONVEY MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND TO THEIR FAMILIES. UNQUOTE.

CARRINGTON

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SIR J GRAHAM

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Egypt

4 March, 1981.

Message to President Sadat

As I have already told you on the telephone, the Prime Minister has approved the message enclosed with your letter to me of 3 March, subject to the substitution of "Egypt" for "your nation" in the second sentence.

M. O'D. B. ALEXANDER

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Prime Minister

Apex list?

Yes

3 March 1981

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Dear Michael,

The Prime Minister will no doubt have heard of the death yesterday in a helicopter crash of the Egyptian Defence Minister, Lt. General Ahmed Badawi along with thirteen other military commanders.

Mr Nott has agreed to send a message of sympathy to be delivered by HM Ambassador at a suitable level. HM Ambassador in Cairo has recommended that the Prime Minister should also send a message of sympathy to Sadat; Lord Carrington agrees that this would be appropriate, given the seriousness of the accident and our close and friendly relations with Egypt and President Sadat. I attach a draft message.

Yours ever,

(F N Richards)  
Private Secretary

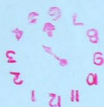
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MESSAGE FROM MRS THATCHER TO PRESIDENT SADAT

I was shocked and saddened to hear of the tragic accident in which your Defence Minister Lieutenant General Ahmed Badawi and so many of your senior generals died. Their deaths are a great blow to <sup>KYAL</sup> your nation. May I convey my deepest sympathy to you and to their families.

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3 MAR 1981