



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

20 May 1985

Dear Ambassador,

I was most grateful for your kind message following the tragic fire at Bradford City Football Ground. It was most thoughtful and considerate of you to express your sympathy in this way. I shall ensure that your condolences are passed to the families of the victims.

With my best wishes.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Mr G M Mamba



10 DOWNING STREET

17 May 1985

THE PRIME MINISTER

**PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No: T 93/85**

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Dear Mr. President

It was most thoughtful of you to send me a message about the terrible fire at Bradford City Football Club. Your concern and sympathy will be very much appreciated by those who have suffered from this tragedy. May I thank you on their behalf.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely
Raymond Delisle

His Excellency the Honourable Dr Q K J Masire, JP, MP.

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15 May 1985

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The Private Secretary to The
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
LONDON

Dear Private Secretary

I have the honour to request that the following message from His Excellency Dr Q.J.K. Masire, President of Botswana be brought to the attention of the Right Honourable Mrs Thatcher.

"Quote

The Right Honourable
Mrs Margaret Thatcher
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
LONDON

Dear Prime Minister

It was with a deep sense of sorrow and regret that I learnt of a fire disaster at Bradford which left 52 dead, others missing and a large number of people hospitalised.

On behalf of the Government and the People of Botswana, and on my behalf, I wish to convey to you and the British people, deepest sympathies on this very sad occasion.

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May I also convey through you, Prime Minister, heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families, speedy recovery to the injured and a happy reunion to the families of the missing persons.

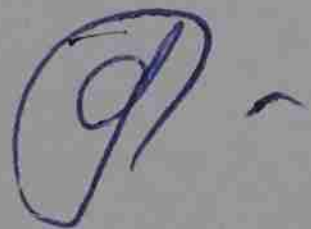
Yours sincerely

Q.K.J. Masire
President of the Republic of Botswana

Unquote"

With deep respect.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'O J Tebape', with a stylized flourish at the end.

O J Tebape
Acting High Commissioner



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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

15 May, 1985

GHANAIAN MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE

Thank you for your letter of 15 May conveying the message from Flight Lieutenant Rawlings about the fire at Bradford City FC.

I should be grateful if you would reply in the terms of the draft Note Verbale enclosed with your letter.

(C D Powell)

C.R. Budd, Esq,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

PRIME MINISTER'S

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15 May 1985

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Dear Charles,

Ghanaian Message of Condolence

The Ghanaian High Commission have asked us to transmit the following message to the Prime Minister from the Chairman of the Provisional National Defence Council of Ghana, Flt Lt J J Rawlings:

"I have learnt with shock and sadness reports about the fire outbreak at Bradford Stadium and the resultant high toll of deaths and injuries. The People and Government of Ghana join me in expressing our sorrow to the British People. Please accept and extend to families of the bereaved and injured our deepest sympathy and condolences. Highest regards".

/ The Prime Minister may wish to respond on the lines suggested in the enclosed Note Verbale.

The Ghanaian High Commission would have no objection to the text of Flt Lt Rawlings' message being released to the press.

Yours ever,

Colin Budd

(C R Budd)
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
10 Downing Street

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PERSONAL MESSAGE

SERIAL No. T90/85

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The Foreign and Commonwealth Office present their compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for the Republic of Ghana, and with reference to its Note of 14 May, have the honour to request the Office of the High Commissioner to arrange delivery to Flt Lt J J Rawlings, Chairman of the Provisional National Defence Council of Ghana, of the following message from the Prime Minister, the Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher:

'I am most grateful for your thoughtful message of condolence to the families of those killed and injured in the terrible fire at Bradford Football Stadium last weekend.

The tragedy has saddened the whole nation. The people and Government of the United Kingdom will be deeply touched, as I am, to know that our sorrow is shared by our friends. We thank you, and through you the people and Government of Ghana, for your sympathy at this sad time.'

With best wishes''

Enclosures—flag(s).....

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The Foreign and Commonwealth Office avail themselves of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for the Republic of Ghana the assurances of their highest consideration.



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THE PRIME MINISTER

15 May 1985

**PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. T 88/85**

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Dear Helmut:

I was most grateful for your kind message about the tragic fire at Bradford City Football Ground. It was most thoughtful of you to convey your sympathy which I shall ensure is passed on to the families of the victims.

I look forward very much to seeing you on Saturday.

Yours

Ramsey

His Excellency Herr Dr Helmut Kohl

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THE PRIME MINISTER

15 May 1985

PRIME MINISTER'S

PERSONAL MESSAGE

SERIAL No. T 87/85

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Dear Prime Minister,

It was very kind and thoughtful of you to send a message about the tragic fire at Bradford City Football Ground last Saturday. It was indeed a terrible disaster. But I am sure that the victims and their relatives will be comforted by your kind words, which I shall pass on to them.

With my best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Dr. Mario Soares

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

14 May 1985

PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. T86A/85

Dear Prime Minister,

I was most grateful for your kind message following the tragic fire at Bradford City Football Ground. It was most thoughtful and considerate of you to express your sympathy in this way and your gesture will be much appreciated in this country. I shall ensure that your condolences are passed to the families of the victims.

With my best wishes,

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Senor Don Felipe Gonzalez Marquez

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

14 May 1985

Dear Secretary-General,

I was very grateful for your message about the tragic fire at the Bradford City Football Ground and shall ensure that your kind words of sympathy are passed on to the families of the victims.

I was glad to see you and your colleagues yesterday evening and found our discussion very useful.

With my best wishes,

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

M. Chedli Klibi

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Courtesy Translation

PRIME MINISTER'S

PERSONAL MESSAGE

SERIAL No. T 86/85

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T e l e g r a m m e

from Herr Dr. Helmut Kohl

Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany

to The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, MP, Prime Minister

Bonn, 13 May 1985

Dear Prime Minister,

May I express to you and to the relatives of the victims and injured my most sincere condolences on the terrible disaster in Bradford which exacted a toll of more than fifty victims last weekend. The tragedy in Bradford has been broadcast and seen on television by millions of German viewers who were horrified and feel deep sympathy.

Yours Helmut Kohl

T e l e g r a m m
von Herrn Helmut Kohl
Bundeskanzler der Bundesrepublik Deutschland
an

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, MP, Premierminister

Bonn, den 13. Mai 1985

Sehr geehrte Frau Premierminister,

zu dem schrecklichen Brandunglück in Bradford, dem am
Wochenende mehr als 50 Menschen zum Opfer gefallen sind,
spreche ich Ihnen und den Angehörigen der Toten und
Verletzten mein aufrichtiges Beileid aus. Die Tragödie
in Bradford, die über das Fernsehen in Millionen
deutscher Haushalte getragen wurde, ist von allen Deutschen
mit Entsetzen und tiefer Anteilnahme aufgenommen worden.

Ihr Helmut Kohl

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HER EXCELLENCY MARGARET THATCHER

THE PRIME MINISTER OF UNITED KINGDOM

10, DOWNING STREET

LONDON

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DEEPEST SIMPATY FOR THE TRAGIC ACCIDENT AT BRADFORD CITY

STADIUM LAST SATURDAY.

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H.E MRS MARGARET THATCHER PRIME MINISTER
OF THE UNITED KINGDOM 10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON

YOUR EXCELLENCY

I HAVE LEARNT WITH DEEP EMOTION AND GREAT SORROW THE NEWS
OF THE BRADFORD STADIUM FIRE AS I IMPLORE GOD TO HELP
THE VICTINES FAMILIES THROUGH THIS TRAGIC ORDEAL I PRAY YOUR
EXCELLENCY AND THROUGH YOU THE BRITISH PEOPLE TO ACCEPT MY
MOST HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES AND PROFOUNDTEST SYMPATHY

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Monday 15/5*

13 May 1985

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THE RT HON PRIME MINISTER
10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON
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YOUR EXCELLENCY,
ON BEHALF OF THE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY IN LONDON AND ON MY
OWN BEHALF, ALLOW ME TO EXTEND TO YOU YOUR EXCELLENCY AND
TO THE BRITISH NATION, OUR MOST SINCERE CONDOLENCES FOR THE
TERRIBLE TRAGEDY WHICH BEFELL THE BRITISH NATION AT BRADFORD
CITY ON SATURDAY 11 MAY AND WHICH CLAIMED SO MANY INNOCENT
LIVES STOP
PLEASE ACCEPT YOUR EXCELLENCY OUR HEARTEFL CONDOLENCES TO THE
BEREAVED FAMILIES AND OUR BEST WISHES FOR THE SAFE ROCEE RECOVERY
OF ALL THOSE WHO WERE HURT STOP

GEORGE M MAMBA
DOYEN

(Switzerland)

H.E. Mr G.M. Mamba

*Senior H/C - since 3/5/85.
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DE LAS PERSONAS QUE RESULTARON HERIDAS EN LA CATASTROFE

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FELIPE GONZALEZ MARQUEZ

PRESIDENTE DEL GOBIERNO

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