

SUBJECT PRIME MINISTER'S *US Desk AP 8*
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TELEGRAM NUMBER 1950 OF 18 NOVEMBER
PERSONAL FOR AMBASSADOR
M I P T : POSSIBLE US RETALIATION FOR BOMB ATTACKS

A-t.c. 2/11.

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER TO
PRESIDENT REAGAN.

BEGINS:

IN YOUR MESSAGE OF 14 NOVEMBER ABOUT THE LEBANON YOU KINDLY SAID
THAT YOU WOULD BE IN FURTHER TOUCH WITH ME IN ADVANCE OF ANY
ACTION YOU MIGHT DECIDE TO TAKE AGAINST THE TERRORISTS WHO WERE
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OUTRAGE AGAINST YOUR TROOPS IN THE LEBANON
(YOU WILL HAVE SEEN MY REPLY OF THE SAME DATE).
YOU WILL UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE KEEPING CONSTANTLY UNDER REVIEW
THE SECURITY OF OUR OWN CONTINGENT IN THE LEBANON. ON MONDAY
21 NOVEMBER I AM DUE TO LEAVE LONDON FOR THE COMMONWEALTH HEADS
OF GOVERNMENT MEETING IN INDIA AND ON PRESENT PLANS WILL NOT
RETURN UNTIL EARLY ON 30 NOVEMBER. I DO NOT WANT TO PRESS YOU IN
ANY WAY BUT IT WOULD GREATLY HELP ME IN CONSIDERING MY OWN PLANS
IF YOU WERE ABLE TO GIVE ME ANY INDICATION OF WHETHER YOU HAVE
DECIDED NOT TO GO AHEAD WITH ACTION OF THE KIND YOU WERE CONSID-
ERING OR WHETHER YOU STILL EXPECT TO GO AHEAD. I WELL APPRECIATE
THE NEED FOR COMPLETE SECURITY AND UNDERSTAND THAT YOU CAN ONLY
RESPOND IN A GENERAL WAY.

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