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Statement received at 1325 hours from Garda Press
Office concerning explosion on Lord Mountbatton's boat.

At 11.45 a.m. this morning Lord Mountbatton's boat left Mullaghmore Harbour. On board was Lord Mountbatton, Lady Braebourne (daughter of Lord Mountbatton) and Lord Braebourne, her husband, Lady Braebourne Senior, their two children, Timothy and Nicholas (Twins - born in 1964) and a local boatman, Paul Maxwell. Five minutes after leaving the Harbour an explosion occurred on the boat. Lord Mountbatton and Paul Maxwell are dead. Nicholas Braebourne is missing. The remaining four persons have been taken to Sligo Hospital. The two dead are in the Morgue in Sligo.

Monday, 27 August, 1979.

Statement given in response to queries only to
R.T.E. and Evening Press by Government
Information Services.

memo
Above news rec'd by me on returning from lunch at 1345 hrs.
The Secretary, whom I rang at home, was in touch
with the relevant authorities and asked me not to
contact the T yet.
At 1510 hrs the Secretary agreed I could place a
call to the T. I did but was told at his hotel
he was out for a walk and they didn't know when
he would be back. After making several calls
through the afternoon I sent the Telex above
asking the T to ring us about the matter.
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