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TO ROUTINE FCO
TELEGRAM NUMBER 83 OF 23 FEBRUARY
INFO MELBOURNE

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AUSTRALIAN BUSH FIRE DISASTER: MY TEL 78 (NOT TO MELBOURNE)

1. FOLLOWING NOW RECEIVED FROM PREMIER OF VICTORIA.

2. BEGINS YOUR EXCELLENCY,

WOULD YOU PLEASE PASS TO YOUR PRIME MINISTER MY GRATEFUL THANKS FOR THE MESSAGE OF SUPPORT AND CONCERN IN THIS DIFFICULT TIME, WHICH WAS PASSED TO ME BY THE PRIME MINISTER. THE CONCERN OF PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD HAS BEEN OVERWHELMING AND WE FEEL WE DO NOT STAND ALONE IN THIS TIME OF TRAGEDY.

JOHN CAIN
PREMIER

ENDS.

MASON
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SPD
PS
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MR. GIFFARD
MR. DONALD

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THIS TELEGRAM
WAS NOT
ADVANCED