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VOLCANIC ERUPTION IN COLOMBIA

The following message was sent on November 14 by the Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs to His Excellency Augusto Ramirez Ocampo, Foreign Minister of Colombia.

"I was distressed and saddened to learn of the disastrous loss of life and property as a result of the tragic volcanic eruption in Colombia yesterday. On behalf of the Government of Canada I want to extend my deepest sympathies to all those affected by this terrible disaster. I have instructed my officials to determine how best Canada might provide aid and assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Joe Clark"