

Premier Chou En-lai's Passing Deeply Mourned

Message of Condolence From
Head of State Sihanouk, Prime Minister
Penn Nouth and Deputy Prime
Minister Khieu Samphan of
Democratic Cambodia

His Excellency Mao Tsetung,
Chairman of the Central Committee
of the Communist Party of China,

His Excellency Chu Teh,
Chairman of the Standing Committee of
the National People's Congress of the
People's Republic of China,

His Excellency Teng Hsiao-ping,
Vice-Premier of the State Council of
the People's Republic of China,

Peking

We learnt with deep grief of the news of the death
of His Excellency Chou En-lai, Member of the C.P.C.

Central Committee, Member of the Political Bureau of
the C.P.C. Central Committee, Member of the Standing
Committee of the Political Bureau of the C.P.C. Central
Committee, Vice-Chairman of the C.P.C. Central Com-
mittee, Premier of the State Council of the People's Re-
public of China and Chairman of the National Com-
mittee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative
Conference.

We, on behalf of the Cambodian nation and people
and the Government of Democratic Cambodia, express
the deepest condolences to the entire fraternal Chinese
people. The death of His Excellency Chou En-lai is a
great loss to the Cambodian nation and people and we
are grieved by it immeasurably.

His Excellency Chou En-lai was a most outstanding
revolutionary of China, a respected and beloved leader
of the Chinese people. He had waged a heroic and
dauntless struggle for and dedicated his whole life to the
Chinese revolution and socialist construction. He was

also a loyal comrade-in-arms of the oppressed nations and people the world over. He had persistently and unswervingly rendered active support to the world people in the struggle against imperialism, colonialism and running dogs of all descriptions and in the struggle for the people's national liberation, for independence and justice.

His Excellency Chou En-lai was a closest and most trustworthy comrade-in-arms of the Cambodian nation and people. He was one of the Chinese leaders who made the most important contribution to the establishment of the solid, fine and pure friendship and militant solidarity between the peoples of Cambodia and China.

His Excellency Chou En-lai had passed away but the steadily consolidated and growing friendship and militant solidarity between the Cambodian and Chinese peoples, thanks to his concern, have taken deep roots in the hearts of the peoples of our two countries. His soul will live for ever in the hearts of the Cambodian people and every one of us.

With the most sincere friendship we, finally, extend our grievous condolences to Madame Chou En-lai.

Norodom Sihanouk
Head of State of Democratic Cambodia
and Chairman of the National United
Front of Cambodia

Penn Nouth
Prime Minister of the Government of
Democratic Cambodia and Chairman
of the Political Bureau of the
Central Committee of the
National United Front of
Cambodia

Khieu Samphan
Deputy Prime Minister of the Govern-
ment of Democratic Cambodia and
Member of the Political Bureau of
the Central Committee of the
National United Front of
Cambodia

Phnom Penh, January 10, 1976

Message of Condolence From Lao Comrades Souphanouvong and Kaysone Phomvihane

Comrade Mao Tsetung,
Chairman of the Communist Party
of China,

Comrade Chu Teh,
Chairman of the Standing Committee of
the National People's Congress of the
People's Republic of China,

Comrade Teng Hsiao-ping,
Vice-Chairman of the Communist Party
of China and Vice-Premier of the
State Council of the People's Republic
of China,

Peking

We learnt with the deepest grief of the unfortunate passing away of Comrade Chou En-lai, outstanding communist fighter, respected and beloved leader of the Chinese working class, people and revolution and distinguished statesman of our time. Comrade Chou En-lai had devoted his whole life to the liberation cause of the Chinese nation and people and to China's socialist construction. He rendered meritorious services to the national liberation, the strengthening of peace and the establishment of a new order in international relations. The Communist Party, Government and people of China made contributions to the victory of the Lao people's national-liberation struggle. Comrade Chou En-lai made his efforts and played an important role in this respect and in the ceaseless growth of the fraternity and militant solidarity between the Lao and Chinese peoples. The passing of Comrade Chou En-lai deprived the Communist Party, Government and people of China of an extremely distinguished leader and the Lao people of a great friend. On behalf of the People's Revolutionary Party of Laos, the Government of the People's Democratic Republic of Laos and its people, we express our sincerest, deep condolences to the Communist Party, Government and fraternal people of China and the family of the deceased whose memory will be long cherished.

Souphanouvong

President of the People's Democratic
Republic of Laos and Chairman of
the Supreme People's Assembly of
Laos

Kaysone Phomvihane

General Secretary of the People's Rev-
olutionary Party of Laos and
Prime Minister of the Govern-
ment of the People's Demo-
cratic Republic of Laos

Vientiane, January 10, 1976

Message of Condolence From Malian Head of State Moussa Traore

His Excellency Mao Tsetung,
Chairman of the Central Committee of
the Communist Party of China,

His Excellency Chu Teh,
Chairman of the Standing Committee of
the National People's Congress of the
People's Republic of China,
His Excellency Teng Hsiao-ping,
Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee of
the Communist Party of China and
Vice-Premier of the State Council,

Peking

I learnt with profound sorrow of the death of Premier Chou En-lai who has the deep affection of all. The demise of this illustrious statesman is a great loss to the communist world and all the progressive countries. Although Chou En-lai has departed from us his work will always be enshrined in the memories of all the Malians who consider him as one of the bravest sons of China and his eminent qualities as having contributed to the creation of a shining image of his country in the world. I assure Your Excellencies that all the Malian people share the profound grief of China on this occasion. On behalf of the Malian people, the Military Committee of National Liberation and the Government and in my own name I express to the Chinese people and their leaders my deep condolences and at the same time the assurance of my highest consideration.

Col. Moussa Traore

President of the Military Committee of
National Liberation, Head of State
and President of the Government
of Mali

Koulouba, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Zairian President Mobutu

His Excellency Mr. Mao Tsetung,
Chairman of the Central Committee
of the Communist Party of China

Mr. Chairman:

I have learnt with profound grief of the death of Mr. Chou En-lai, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China.

The passing away of this illustrious figure is a great loss not only to the People's Republic of China, but also to all peace- and freedom-loving countries in general and Zaire in particular.

For Zaire, Mr. Chou En-lai is the image of a distinguished defender of all revolution.

Therefore, in the name of the entire Zairian people united in the Popular Revolutionary Movement and in my own name, I extend to you, to the Chinese Party and the entire Chinese people our deepest condolences.

On this occasion, please convey my deepest sorrow to the family of the great deceased.

Highest consideration;

Mobutu Sese Seko Wa Za Banga

President and Creator of the Popular
Revolutionary Movement and Pres-
ident of the Republic of Zaire

Messages of Condolences From Mexican President Luis Echeverria

His Excellency Mao Tsetung,
Chairman of the Central Committee
of the Communist Party of China,

Peking,

China

Distinguished Mr. Chairman:

In the name of the Mexican people and Government, I express to you our deep grief over the death of Chou En-lai, Premier of the State Council, outstanding fighter for world peace and one of the great constructors of the new society of China. The salvation of his people from the bygone oppression and misery, the development of a new conception of human life and the implantation of new forms of social organization, all these serve as the best testimony to the fruitfulness of the task to which Chou En-lai devoted all his efforts together with you and the Chinese people. The Mexican people deeply grieve over the loss of a leader who always employed the vigour and the moral authority of his motherland in favour of the cause of the third world peoples, made fundamental contributions to peaceful coexistence, and contributed decidedly to the promotion of international justice. This Chinese statesman had on many occasions expressed his sympathy and support for Mexico's initiative for establishing a new international economic order and for-defending the rights of the developing countries.

Lic. Luis Echeverria

President of the Republic

Los Pinos, Mexico City, January 9, 1976

His Excellency Mr. Chu Teh,
Chairman of the Standing Committee of
the National People's Congress,

Peking,

China

With profound grief we received in Mexico the news on the death of Premier Chou En-lai of the State Council. Generations of today and of the future will forever remember his revolutionary patriotic action made together with the Chinese people and their leader Mao Tsetung in fulfilling one of the most important political tasks assigned by history — the building in China of a

new society based on respect for human dignity and just social relations. On the occasion of my state visit to your country in April 1973, I was able to appreciate directly his qualities as a statesman of vision and the virtue of dedicating himself fully to the exercise of his public responsibilities. His actions in favour of peace contributed substantively to international detente and to the raising of the awareness for solidarity among the emerging peoples of the third world. At this hour of grief, the people and Government of Mexico express to you through me their sincere condolences.

Lic. Luis Echeverria

President of the Republic

Los Pinos, Mexico City, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Afghan President Mohammad Daoud

His Excellency Chairman Mao Tsetung,
Peking

It is with profound regret that I have learnt of the demise of His Excellency Chou En-lai after a prolonged illness. His death is not only a great national loss for the Government and people of China but will be felt throughout the world and by all who had known him, as I have had the pleasure of knowing him personally. Not only was he a leading statesman of Asia but equally so a renowned international figure of great stature of our times. The part that he played during the revolution and its final successful outcome and later in the capacity of Premier in the reconstruction and progress of the People's Republic of China will be remembered in the history of your great country with gratitude. In the field of international affairs, his active participation in the cause of strengthening peace and security will always be recalled with praise. Once again may I extend on behalf of the people and Government of Afghanistan and myself the expression of my heartfelt sympathy and condolences to Your Excellency and the neighbourly Chinese people on the loss of this loyal son of China.

Mohammad Daoud

Kabul, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Rwandan President Habyarimana Juvenal

His Excellency Comrade Mao Tsetung,
Chairman of the Central Committee
of the Communist Party of China,
Peking

I have learnt with stupefaction the regretted passing away of Chou En-lai, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China. At this moment of severe trial, I, on behalf of the Rwandan people united around the National Revolutionary Movement for Development and in my own name, extend to Your Excellency and all the friendly Chinese people our deepest condolences. China and her friends have lost a great revolutionary fighter whose grandeur of spirit and action will be deeply embedded in their memories. Please convey, Your Excellency, to the bereaved family that we share with them their deep sorrow.

Highest consideration,

Major General Habyarimana Juvenal
President of the Republic of Rwanda
and President and Founder of the
National Revolutionary Movement
for Development

Kigali, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Chairman Ibrahim Mohamed Hamdi Of the Command Council of Yemen Arab Republic

His Excellency Chairman Mao Tsetung,
Peking

I have learnt with sorrow of the news of the death of your comrade-in-arms, great Premier Chou En-lai, who had fought side by side with you in the historical course of the liberation of your country and the building of New China.

We remember not only the great role he played in supporting the third world people and the cause of liberation, world peace and the just cause, but also the outstanding role played by the great deceased at the Bandung Conference which laid the foundation for unity among the non-aligned bloc and made it a contemporary effective force.

In the name of my colleagues in the Command Council, the Y.A.R. people and in my own name, I extend to you, the friendly Chinese people and the bereaved family, the saddest condolences and grief. We hope you will restrain your grief at this great misfortune.

Ibrahim Mohamed Hamdi

Chairman of the Command Council of
the Yemen Arab Republic and
Commander-in-Chief of the
Armed Forces

Sanaa, January 9, 1976

**Message of Condolence From
Prime Minister Abdul-Aziz
Abdul-Ghani of Yemen Arab
Republic**

His Excellency Mr. Chu Teh,
Chairman of the Standing Committee of
the National People's Congress of the
People's Republic of China,

Peking

We have learnt with deep grief of the death of the great Premier Chou En-lai, your comrade who joined the struggles of liberating and building China.

The role played by Premier Chou En-lai in supporting the liberation cause and the peoples of the third world, especially his outstanding role in strengthening the unity of the non-aligned nations and making it an effective force in international society, has produced far-reaching effects in our hearts.

In the name of my colleagues in the government and in my own name, I convey to you deepest condolences and grief. I hope that you, the Chinese people and the bereaved family will restrain grief at the gigantic misfortune.

Abdul-Aziz Abdul-Ghani

Member of the Command Council and
Prime Minister of the Yemen Arab
Republic

Sanaa, January 9, 1976

**Message of Condolence From
Syrian President Hafez al-Assad**

His Excellency Mao Tsetung,
Chairman of the Communist Party
of China,

Peking

With great and deep sorrow we received the news of the passing of His Excellency Chou En-lai, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China. With his death the People's Republic of China and the world as well have lost a prominent statesman and a dedicated militant who devoted his life to struggle for the sake of his people and in defence of the causes of peoples in the world and whose unique characters enabled him to continue his service to his people and his country since the start of the revolution in China and till the end of his life. He also played a major role in laying the foundation of solidarity among Asian and African peoples. On behalf of the Syrian Arab people, the leadership of the Arab Baath Socialist Party and

in my own name, I express to Your Excellency, the leadership of the Chinese Communist Party and to the friendly Chinese people our heartfelt condolences.

Hafez al-Assad

Secretary-General of the Arab Baath
Socialist Party, President of the
Syrian Arab Republic

Damascus, January 9, 1976

**Message of Condolence From
Syrian Prime Minister
Mahmoud al Ayyoubi**

His Excellency Mr. Chairman Mao Tsetung,

Peking

I have learnt with deep sorrow of the news of the death of Mr. Chou En-lai, great fighter and eminent statesman. Mr. Chou En-lai had fought together with the great Chinese people and won glorious victories. In his death, the great Chinese people have lost a resolute fighter and outstanding leader, and the world liberation movement has lost a loyal fighter. He was firmly confident that the peoples of all countries have the right to liberty and independence and had waged a long struggle for its realization. I, on behalf of the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic and in my own name, extend to Your Excellency the sincerest and deepest condolences.

Mahmoud al Ayyoubi

Prime Minister of the Syrian Arab
Republic

Damascus, January 9, 1976

**Message of Condolence From
President Michel Micombero
Of Burundi**

His Excellency Mao Tsetung,
Chairman of the Central Committee
of the Communist Party China,

Peking,

The People's Republic of China

Your Excellency Mr. Chairman:

The Burundi people, Party and Government and I myself learnt with deep sorrow of the sad news of the passing away of His Excellency Mr. Chou En-lai, Premier of the People's Republic of China, comrade-in-arms of Your Excellency and hero of the Chinese revolution. We deplore the loss of a man who contributed

much not only to the grandeur of the valiant Chinese people but also to the revolution of the world peoples. All the revolutionary peoples will cherish the memory of the friendship and support which he had all along given them in their struggle against imperialism, colonialism and racism. At this tragic moment of your country, the Burundi people join me in expressing to Your Excellency and the friendly people of the People's Republic of China our deepest condolences.

Lieutenant General Michel Micombero
General Secretary of the Party of
Unity and National Progress, Pres-
ident and Head of Government
of the Republic of Burundi

Bujumbura, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Sierra Leonean President Stevens

His Excellency Comrade Mao Tsetung,
Chairman of the Central Committee
of the Communist Party of China,

Peking,
China

The Government and people of the Republic of Sierra Leone have received with deep sorrow the sad news of the death of your comrade-in-arms, Premier Chou En-lai. Premier Chou belonged not only to the People's Republic of China which he so actively helped to create, but was a friend of and inspiration to all progressive and peace-loving peoples throughout the world. With his deep foresight and unflinching devotion to promote unity and solidarity amongst peoples throughout the third world of developing countries, he was one of the pioneers of the non-aligned movement. His keen interest to strengthen co-operation among countries of the third world was shown by his historic visits to African and Asian countries, followed by the positive Chinese assistance to these countries. The great progress and achievements made by the People's Republic of China, which I was able to see for myself during my visit to China, are the result of your sagacious and able leadership, aided by Comrade Chou En-lai and other members of the Party. Comrade Chou En-lai was a world statesman who devoted a long span of his life to help shape both the destiny of his country and people as well as to promote international peace and progress. His death is an irreparable loss to all peace-loving nations of the world. We have therefore joined the millions of peoples who mourn his death and I send you, personally and through you to the friendly people of China, particularly the bereaved family, my sympathy and deep condolences in this your hour of grief.

Highest consideration,

Siaka Stevens
President of the Republic of
Sierra Leone
Freetown, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Congoese President N'Gouabi

Chairman Mao Tsetung,
Peking

I have learnt with shock of the death of Comrade Chou En-lai, your close colleague and Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China. The Congoese people, the Party and I myself pay last homage to this exceptionally outstanding revolutionary with his courage, determination, competence in work and high political sense. He will go down in history not only as a fine builder of the People's Republic of China but also as a diplomat of great talent in raising the prestige of your country, the third world and socialism. We will never forget his personal role in developing the relations between China and the Congo. When I visited your country in 1973, I found in him an excellent interlocutor who took a deep interest in the development of the Congoese revolution, and a comrade with many fine qualities whose conversations will for ever remain a source of enriching reflection to me. I beg you to convey my deep and militant condolences to the companion of the great deceased and his family, the Communist Party of China and the Chinese Government. I should like to extend my sympathies and militant solidarity to you on the death of your colleague, comrade and friend which has brought you profound sorrow.

With the highest and fraternal consideration,

Major Marien N'Gouabi
President of the Central Committee of
the Congoese Party of Labour and
President of the People's
Republic of the Congo
Brazzaville, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Malagasy President Didier Ratsiraka

His Excellency Mr. Mao Tsetung,
Chairman of the Central Committee
of the Communist Party of China,

Peking,
The People's Republic of China

We have learnt with shock and deep sorrow of the death of Mr. Chou En-lai, Premier of the People's Republic of China. Premier Chou En-lai will be remembered as a great man who had always been a valiant architect of socialism and the Chinese revolution and worked for more just international relations and for the triumph of the struggle of the people against all forms of domination. The Malagasy people will remember in particular the eminent role played by the Premier in the conclusion of agreements between China and Madagascar which have strengthened the friendly relations and fruitful co-operation between our two peoples. We have lost a great friend. The Malagasy people and myself extend to Your Excellency, the Chinese Communist Party and the Chinese people our sincere condolences. I beg you to convey our deep sympathy to the bereaved family.

Highest consideration,

Didier Ratsiraka

President of the Democratic Republic
of Madagascar

Tananarive, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Maltese President Mamo

His Excellency Mr. Mao Tsetung,
Chairman of the Central Committee
of the Communist Party of China,
Peking,
China

The Maltese people have learnt with profound sorrow of the passing away of Premier Chou En-lai. The People's Republic of China has lost a great son and leader and the world has lost an outstanding statesman whose contributions to understanding among nations and the promotion of peace in the world are incalculable. On behalf of the Government and people of Malta and on my own behalf, I send you and the friendly Government and people of the People's Republic of China sincere and heartfelt condolences. I would ask that an expression of very deep sympathy may be conveyed to the family of the deceased.

Anthony J. Mamo

President of the Republic of Malta

Malta, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Maltese Prime Minister Mintoff

His Excellency Mr. Chu Teh,
Chairman of the Standing Committee
of the National People's Congress,
Peking,

The People's Republic of China

Malta mourns the passing away of Comrade Chou En-lai, one of the world's most prominent revolutionary leaders, a very great friend of the people of Malta and one of China's great statesmen. Whilst flags stand at half mast, my colleagues and I send our condolences to his family and to the Government and people of China.

Dom Mintoff

Prime Minister of Malta

Malta, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Ethiopian Chairman Bante

His Excellency Chairman Mao Tsetung,
Chairman of the Central Committee
of the Communist Party of China,
Peking

It is with great sorrow that I have learnt of the passing away of Premier Chou En-lai. China has lost one of her greatest sons, a revolutionary fighter, an outstanding statesman and a great champion for the cause of freedom, independence and social justice. At this time of great sorrow I extend on behalf of the people of Ethiopia, the Provisional Military Government of Socialist Ethiopia and myself to Your Excellency and through you to the people and Government of China our profound condolences in this great loss.

Brigadier General Teferi Bante

Chairman of the Provisional Military
Administrative Council and the
Council of Ministers of
Socialist Ethiopia

Addis Ababa, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Acting President Masire of Botswana

His Excellency Chairman Mao Tsetung,
Peking
Your Excellency:

On behalf of the Government and people of Botswana and on my own behalf, may I express my

greatest shock and sympathy at the untimely death of your colleague, Honourable Chou En-lai, who will always be remembered for his enormous contribution towards the political, economic and cultural development of your great country and for the important role that he has played in the struggle against imperialism, colonialism and racism, particularly in Africa and Asia. Please convey our heartfelt condolences to Mr. Chou En-lai's family.

Q. K. Masire

Acting President of the Republic of
Botswana

Gaborone, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Emir Al Thani of Qatar

His Excellency Chairman Mao Tsetung,
Peking;

The People's Republic of China

We learnt with much sorrow the sad news of the passing of His Excellency Premier Chou En-lai and we extend to Your Excellency and to the people and Government of the People's Republic of China our sincere condolences and deep sympathy on this sad loss on behalf of the people and the Government of the State of Qatar and on my own behalf.

Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Thani

Emir of the State of Qatar

Doha, January 10, 1976

Message of Condolence From Surinam President Ferrier

Chairman Mao Tsetung;

Peking;

The People's Republic of China

On behalf of the Government and people of the Republic of Surinam, we offer you our well-meant condolences on the passing away of Mr. Chou En-lai, former Prime Minister of the People's Republic of China. He will be remembered for his excellent work.

Dr. Johan Ferrier

President of the Republic of Surinam

Paramaribo, January 9, 1976

Messages of Condolences From Australian Prime Minister Fraser

His Excellency Mao Tsetung,
Chairman of the Chinese Communist Party,
Peking

May I express my sincere condolences to you and to the Government and people of China. Premier Chou En-lai was a great leader whose passing will be sadly felt not only by the people of China but by people throughout the world. I know how keenly you yourself will feel the loss of a devoted colleague who was at your side through so many years.

Malcolm Fraser

Prime Minister of Australia

January 9, 1976

His Excellency Teng Hsiao-ping,
Vice-Premier of the State Council of
the People's Republic of China,
Peking

On behalf of the Government and people of Australia, I convey the sympathy of all Australians to the Government and people of China at this time of national mourning at the passing away of Premier Chou En-lai. He will be remembered for the great contribution he has made to his country's affairs. History will record him as one of the world's great leaders. Please also convey my condolences and warmest sympathy to Madame Teng Ying-chaö.

Malcolm Fraser

Prime Minister of Australia

January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Prime Minister Tupua Tamasese Lealofi IV of Western Samoa

His Excellency Chairman Mao Tsetung;
c/o Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Peking

We are much saddened by news of the death of Premier Chou En-lai. The world has lost a most remarkable statesman who combined superbly the very

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rare qualities of greatness of mind and spirit. The passing of a leader of his international standing and repute is indeed a great loss to the world.

Please accept the deepest sympathy and sincerest condolences of the Government and people of Western Samoa.

Tupua Tamasese Lealofi IV

Prime Minister

Apia, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Prime Minister Leabua Jonathan Of Lesotho

Leabua Jonathan, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Lesotho, sent a message to Chairman Mao Tsetung, expressing sincere sympathy on the death of Premier Chou En-lai. The message reads:

Your Excellency:

The sad news of the death of Premier Chou En-lai of the People's Republic of China has reached us. On behalf of the Government and the people of Lesotho and on my behalf I wish to express our sincere sympathy to the Government, the people and the bereaved family at the death of one of the greatest statesmen of the People's Republic of China.

Leabua Jonathan

Prime Minister of the Kingdom of
Lesotho

Message of Condolence From Peruvian President Morales

His Excellency Chu Teh,
Chairman of the Standing Committee of
the National People's Congress of the
People's Republic of China,

Peking

On the grievous death of His Excellency Mr. Chou En-lai, Premier of the State Council, I express to Your Excellency, and through you to the distinguished Government of the People's Republic of China, the condolences of the people and Revolutionary Government of the Armed Forces of Peru, especially that of my own.

Lieutenant General Francisco Morales
Bermudez Cerrutti

President of the Republic of Peru

Lima, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Peruvian Acting Prime Minister Poggi

His Excellency Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-ping
of the People's Republic of China,

Peking

I wish to express to Your Excellency and, through you, to the people of the People's Republic of China, the condolences of the Peruvian people and Revolutionary Government of the Armed Forces on the unfortunate death of His Excellency Mr. Chou En-lai.

Lieutenant General Dante Poggi Moran

Minister of the Air Force and Acting
Prime Minister of Peru

Lima, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Chilean President Pinochet

His Excellency Chu Teh,
Chairman of the National People's Congress
of the People's Republic of China,

Peking,

China

In face of the lamentable death of Premier Chou En-lai, please allow me to express to Your Excellency my profound condolences on this grievous loss to the noble people of the People's Republic of China and the cause of world peace.

General Augusto Pinochet Ugarte

President of the Republic of Chile

Santiago, Chile, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Brazilian President Ernesto Geisel

His Excellency Chu Teh,
Chairman of the Standing Committee of
the National People's Congress of the
People's Republic of China,

Peking

On the occasion of the death of His Excellency Premier Chou En-lai, in my own name and on behalf of the Brazilian people, I express to you, Mr. Chairman, our sincerest regrets.

Ernesto Geisel

President of the Federative Republic of
Brazil

Rio de Janeiro, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Argentine President Maria Estela Martinez de Peron

His Excellency Chu Teh,
Chairman of the Standing Committee
of the National People's Congress,
Peking,
China

On behalf of the Argentine people and Government
and in my own name, I express to Your Excellency my
deepest sorrow for the death of His Excellency Mr.
Chou En-lai, Premier of the State Council and an
eminent statesman of international importance.

Maria Estela Martinez de Peron
President of Argentina
Buenos Aires, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Portuguese President Gomes

Mr. Chu Teh,
Chairman of the Standing Committee of
the National People's Congress of the
People's Republic of China,
Peking,
The People's Republic of China

With the death of Premier Chou En-lai, China and
the world have lost one of the greatest statesmen of our
century. I ask you to accept my deep sorrow and to
convey to Premier Chou En-lai's family my sincere con-
dolences.

Francisco da Costa Gomes
President of the Republic of Portugal
Lisbon, January 10, 1976

Message of Condolence From Portuguese Prime Minister Azevedo

Mr. Teng Hsiao-ping,
Deputy Prime Minister of the
People's Republic of China,
Peking,
The People's Republic of China

On behalf of the Portuguese Government and on
my own behalf, please accept our sincere condolences

for the bereavement of Prime Minister Chou En-lai.

Jose Pinheiro de Azevedo
Prime Minister of Portugal
Lisbon, January 10, 1976

Messages of Condolences From President Ortolì of the Commission Of European Communities

Mr. Chairman Mao Tsetung,
Peking

With deep sadness the Commission of European
Communities learnt of the decease of Mr. Chou En-lai,
Premier of the People's Republic of China. Considering
your close ties with the deceased, my colleagues and I
express to you and the Chinese people our deep con-
dolences on the death of the eminent statesman, whose
name will always be remembered in the history of
China and the world.

Francois-Xavier Ortolì
President of the Commission of
European Communities
Brussels, January 9, 1976

Mr. Chu Teh,
Chairman of the Standing Committee of
the National People's Congress of the
People's Republic of China,

Peking

In the name of the Commission of European
Communities and in my own name, I express to you our
deepest condolences on the decease of Premier Chou En-
lai. We highly honour the memory of this remarkable
man and join in the grief of the Chinese Government
and people.

Francois-Xavier Ortolì
President of the Commission of
European Communities
Brussels, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Premier Kim Il of D.P.R.K.

The State Council of the People's Republic
of China,
Peking

I learnt with grief that Comrade Chou En-lai,
Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee of the Com-

unist Party of China, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, passed away after a long illness. I extend, to the State Council of the People's Republic of China, the fraternal Chinese people, and the bereaved family of Comrade Chou En-lai, my profound condolences.

Comrade Chou En-lai was a tested and outstanding leader of the Party and state of China and a distinguished proletarian revolutionary. Under the wise leadership of Comrade Mao Tsetung, Comrade Chou En-lai devoted his whole life to win the victory of the revolution of the Chinese people, to build China into a modernized socialist power, to crush the revisionists' scheme of restoring capitalism, to strengthen the proletarian dictatorship in China and to promote the cause of the international communist movement.

Comrade Chou En-lai made special contributions to the strengthening of the militant friendship and solidarity between Korea and China which was personally created and nurtured by Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great leader of the Korean people, and Comrade Mao Tsetung, the great leader of the Chinese people. He was a close comrade-in-arms of the Korean people.

Though Comrade Chou En-lai passed away, the immortal feats performed by him will exist for ever.

Kim Il

Premier of the Administration Council
of the Democratic People's Republic
of Korea

Pyongyang, January 10, 1976

Message of Condolence From Prime Minister den Uyl of The Netherlands

His Excellency Chu Teh,
Chairman of the Standing Committee of
the National People's Congress of the
People's Republic of China,

Peking

Please accept, on behalf of the Government and people of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, my most sincere condolences on the demise of His Excellency Premier Chou En-lai. We share the profound grief and sorrow of the Chinese people at the loss of this outstand-

ing and gifted leader who dedicated his entire life to the service of his country.

J.M. den Uyl

Prime Minister of the Kingdom of the
Netherlands

The Hague, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Belgian Prime Minister Tindemans

Mr. Chu Teh,
Chairman of the Standing Committee of
the National People's Congress,

Peking

I have learnt with great sorrow the news of the death of Premier Chou En-lai. I had had the opportunity to be accorded a warm reception by him and to appreciate personally his vast understanding. China loses in him a statesman of exceptional stature. I extend to you, in the name of the Belgian Government, my profound condolences.

Leo Tindemans

Belgian Prime Minister

Brussels, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Finnish Prime Minister Miettunen

His Excellency Chu Teh,
Chairman of the Standing Committee of
the National People's Congress of the
People's Republic of China,

Peking

On behalf of the Finnish Government, I wish to express to you, Mr. Chairman, my deeply felt condolences in the great bereavement fallen upon the Chinese nation through the passing away of Premier Chou En-lai, highly esteemed statesman and great patriot.

Martti Miettunen

Prime Minister of the Republic of
Finland

Helsinki, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Spanish Premier Carlos Arias

His Excellency Chu Teh,
Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China,

Peking

On behalf of the Spanish Government and on my own, I extend to Your Excellency my deepest sympathy and condolences on the death of His Excellency Mr. Chou En-lai, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China.

Carlos Arias

Premier of Spain

Madrid, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Prime Minister Williams of Trinidad And Tobago

First Deputy Prime Minister of the
People's Republic of China,

Peking

On my own behalf and on behalf of the Government and people of Trinidad and Tobago, I send you deep condolences on the sad occasion of the death of Premier Chou En-lai. The world has lost a great leader whose contribution to the progress and development of the third world has been invaluable.

Eric Williams

Prime Minister

Port of Spain, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Iranian Prime Minister Hoveyda

His Excellency Teng Hsiao-ping,
Deputy Prime Minister of the People's Republic of China,

Peking

I have been deeply saddened to have learnt of the passing away of Prime Minister Chou En-lai after a

long illness. Premier Chou's international stature as a statesman derived as much from his profound knowledge of the international scene as from the richness and cultivation of his probing intellect. His unchanging devotion to the cause of his people combined with his realism in the exercise of his political principles has left its imprint on our contemporary world.

Members of the Iranian Government join me in extending to you Mr. Deputy Prime Minister and to the Chinese people our deepest sympathy on your tremendous national loss.

Amir Abbas Hoveyda

Prime Minister of Iran

Teheran, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Chairman Yasser Arafat of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization

Comrade Teng Hsiao-ping,

Vice-Premier of the State Council of the
People's Republic of China,

Peking

I extend a revolutionary salute to you.

With extreme grief our people have learnt of the death of Comrade Chou En-lai, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China — a friend of the Palestinian people. With his death the stage of international struggle has lost a fighter who was unswerving in loyalty and upheld justice, a man of dauntlessness and a statesman with rich experience. He had devoted all his experience to the Chinese people and the struggling peoples in the world.

On behalf of the Palestinian people, the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization and in my own name, I extend to the Chinese people, the Chinese Communist Party and the Chinese Government my deep condolences on the death of our comrade-in-arms, Comrade Chou En-lai.

Yasser Arafat

Chairman of the Executive Committee
of the Palestine Liberation Organization
and Commander-in-Chief of the
Palestinian Revolution Forces

January 9, 1976

**Message of Condolence From
Prime Minister Mohamed of the
Comoros**

His Excellency the Vice-Premier of the
People's Republic of China,

Peking

The Comoro people and I myself learnt with shock of the great loss of the eminent statesman Chou En-lai, which hits the friendly Chinese people. We share your grief in pain and should like to offer you and the family of the deceased our sincere condolences.

With fraternal consideration,

Abdellahi Mohamed

Prime Minister of the Government
of the Comoros

Moroni, January 9, 1976

**Message of Condolence From
Prime Minister Thorn of the Grand
Duchy of Luxembourg**

His Excellency Mr. Teng Hsiao-ping,
Vice-Premier of the People's Republic
of China,

Peking

Shocked to learn of the death of Premier Chou En-lai. I extend to you my deep sympathies and condolences.

Gaston Thorn

Prime Minister of the Grand Duchy
of Luxembourg

Luxembourg, January 9, 1976

**Message of Condolence From
Prime Minister Hallgrimsson of
Iceland**

The State Council of the People's Republic
of China,

Peking

On behalf of the Government of Iceland I express sincere condolences in connection with the death of His Excellency Prime Minister Chou En-lai.

Geir Hallgrimsson

Prime Minister

Reykjavik, January 9, 1976

January 23, 1976

**Message of Condolence From Indian
Prime Minister Indira Gandhi**

His Excellency Mr. Teng Hsiao-ping,
Vice-Premier of the People's Republic
of China,

Excellency:

I have learnt with regret the news of the death of Premier Chou En-lai. In his death the Government and people of China have lost an outstanding leader. Please accept, on behalf of the Government of India and on my own behalf, our deep condolences on the sad occasion.

Indira Gandhi

January 9, 1976

**Message of Condolence From
Mauritian Acting Prime Minister
Mohamed**

Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-ping of the People's Republic
of China,

Peking

Deeply grieved by the death of Premier Chou En-lai. On behalf of the Government and people of Mauritius and on my own behalf, please accept our deep condolences and sympathy. Premier Chou En-lai will be remembered for his humanism, friendship and dedicated service to his country and to world peace. We mourn with the people of China for the loss of this great statesman whose diplomatic skill and pragmatic approach have contributed much to political, economic and social stability of China.

Abdul Razak Mohamed

Acting Prime Minister

Port Louis, Mauritius, January 9, 1976

**Message of Condolence From
Singapore Prime Minister Lee
Kuan Yew**

His Excellency Mr. Teng Hsiao-ping,
Vice-Prime Minister of the People's Republic
of China,

Peking

I learnt with deep regret of the death of His Excellency the Prime Minister of the People's Republic

of China Chou En-lai. The People's Republic of China has lost a great leader. The world has lost an outstanding statesman. Please accept, Your Excellency, on behalf of the Government and people of Singapore and on my own behalf, our deepest sympathy. Please also convey our sincere condolence to Mrs. Chou En-lai and family.

Lee Kuan Yew
Prime Minister of the Republic
of Singapore
Singapore, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Libyan Prime Minister Jalloud

His Excellency Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-ping,
Peking

In my name, and on behalf of the people of the Libyan Arab Republic I convey to Your Excellency my deep condolences on the passing away of His Excellency Chou En-lai, Prime Minister of the People's Republic of China.

Major Abdul Salam Ahmed Jalloud
Member of the Revolutionary Command
Council and Prime Minister
Tripoli, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From President Prasit of the House of Representatives of Thailand

His Excellency Chu Teh,
Chairman of the Standing Committee of
the National People's Congress,
Peking

Excellency:

I was deeply saddened to learn of the demise of His Excellency Chou En-lai, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China. On behalf of the people of Thailand I wish to express to Your Excellency and to the Chinese people, our sincere condolences and sympathy on the loss thus sustained.

Prasit Kanchanawat
President of the House of Representa-
tives of Thailand
Bangkok, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From The Council of Ministers of the Soviet Union

The State Council of the People's Republic
of China,
Peking

The Council of Ministers of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics expresses condolences on the passing away of the Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, Chou En-lai, and requests that its sympathy be conveyed to the family of the deceased.

The Council of Ministers of the U.S.S.R.
Kremlin, Moscow, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From The Hungarian Council of Ministers

The State Council of the People's Republic
of China,
Peking

The Government of the People's Republic of Hungary wishes to express sincere condolence and sympathy on the passing away of the Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, Chou En-lai.

The Council of Ministers of the Peo-
ple's Republic of Hungary
Budapest, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From The Council of Ministers of the German Democratic Republic

The State Council of the People's Republic
of China,
Peking

We express sincere condolences on the death of Chou En-lai, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China.

The Council of Ministers of the German
Democratic Republic

Message of Condolence From Algerian President Houari Boumediene

His Excellency Mr. Mao Tsetung,
Chairman of the Central Committee of
the Communist Party of China,

His Excellency Mr. Chu Teh,
Chairman of the Standing Committee of
the National People's Congress of the
People's Republic of China,

His Excellency Mr. Teng Hsiao-ping,
Vice-Premier of the State Council of the
People's Republic of China,

Your Excellencies:

I was much afflicted at the death of His Excellency Chou En-lai, Member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, Member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the C.P.C. Central Committee, Vice-Chairman of the C.P.C. Central Committee, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China and Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference. On behalf of the Algerian Council of Revolution, the National Liberation Front, the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Algeria, the Algerian people and in my own name, I extend deepest condolences to you, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, the State Council and the Chinese people. Sharing extreme grief with the Chinese people and inclining with respect before this outstanding man who marked the history of his times with great brilliancy, we pay homage to our friend and comrade-in-arms who spared no effort to support the Algerian revolution. As a pioneer of the glorious Chinese revolution, Chou En-lai was one of the most illustrious figures of the great New China which he created together with you. In spite of a long illness, he never stopped assuming his high responsibilities with courage, belief and will which characterized him. With the same determination and generosity, he exploited his genius in the service of the revolutionary cause of the peoples of the third world in which he manifested their profound aspirations for independence, justice and progress. As he devoted his whole life to the struggle for the establishment of a new world, this great man will continue to live in the memory of his people and the peoples of the world and will be an example of revolutionary will and self-sacrifice for future generations. In renewing our sincere and deep sympathy to you and the bereaved family, I wish to give Excellencies the assurances of my high consideration.

Houari Boumediene

President of the Council of Revolution
of the Democratic People's Republic of
Algeria and Prime Minister of the
Government

Algiers, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Gabonese President Bongo

His Excellency Chairman Mao Tsetung,
Peking,

The People's Republic of China

Gabon is extremely grieved at the demise of Mr. Chou En-lai, Premier of the People's Republic of China. I, in my own name and on behalf of the Gabonese Government, the Gabonese Democratic Party and all the Gabonese people, extend our deepest condolences to the Chinese Government, the Communist Party of China and the friendly Chinese people. During my visits to People's China, I had the privilege to meet this eminent statesman and had been deeply impressed by his keen intelligence and profound human understanding. The People's Republic of China has lost a heroic revolutionary fighter, close companion of Chairman Mao Tsetung and a principal builder of modern China. On this occasion we share the grief of the Chinese nation. This sad loss not only affects your country but also the whole mankind, for the deceased was one of the most illustrious great men.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Albert Bernard Bongo

Libreville, January 10, 1976

Message of Condolence From President Kerekou of Benin

Chairman Mao Tsetung of the Central Committee of the
Communist Party of China,

Chairman Chu Teh of the Standing Committee of the
National People's Congress of the People's Republic
of China,

Peking

We have learnt with shock and great sorrow of the death of Comrade Chou En-lai, Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and Premier of the State Council. He was an intrepid fighter for freedom and for the building of a more just human society free from all forms of enslavement and exploitation. The whole of his life was a brilliant

example for all those who fight in the world to regain their independence and build a new society. Owing to his well-known tenacity and total self-sacrifice, Comrade Chou En-lai was consistently and firmly loyal to the political line of the Chinese Communist Party. The Benin people who are resolved to embark on the road of socialist revolution to affirm their dignity and personality will always remember this legendary figure and the example of great intelligence and profound coolness all through his life. On behalf of the Central Committee of the Party of Popular Revolution, the National Council of Revolution, the Revolutionary Military Government of Benin and the Benin people who are engaged in the revolutionary movement of national liberation, I extend our deepest condolences to you and, through you, to the Communist Party and people of China as well as to the bereaved family.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Lieutenant Colonel Mathieu Kerekou
President of the People's Republic of Benin, Head of State, Head of the Revolutionary Military Government and President of the Central Committee of the Party of Popular Revolution of Benin

Cotonou, January 10, 1976

Message of Condolence From Ghanaian Head of State Acheampong

His Excellency Mao Tsetung,
Chairman of the Central Committee
of the Communist Party of China,

Peking

Your Excellency

I have received with the deepest regret and sorrow the news of the passing away of Prime Minister Chou En-lai, an outstanding statesman, a champion of third world causes and an indomitable fighter against colonialism, imperialism and neo-colonialism. We share with Your Excellency the personal loss of a dedicated disciple and colleague whose wise statesmanship and proven abilities have received worldwide acclaim. The world can never forget the singular contribution which, under your enlightened guidance, Mr. Chou En-lai has made to the cause of socialism, the struggle for freedom and the rise to eminence of the third world. He endeared himself to all who knew him by his shrewdness, charm, sense of humour and remarkable store of knowledge. These qualities were clearly evident in his work as a negotiator and supervisor of foreign policy. His passing away is not only a grievous loss to

you and the people of China but to all the third world. The Government and people of Ghana join me in conveying to you and, through you, to the Government and people of China heartfelt condolences on the irreparable loss of Premier Chou En-lai.

Yours sincerely,

Col. I.K. Acheampong

Head of State and Chairman of the
Supreme Military Council

January 10, 1976

Message of Condolence From Iraqi President Ahmed Hassan Al-Bakr

His Excellency Mao Tsetung,
Chairman of the Central Committee
of the Communist Party of China,

Peking

With feelings of deepest sorrow the sad news of the death of departed Chou En-lai has made a profound sympathy in our soul. While I convey to you in the name of the people of Iraq and its Government and in my own name our sincerest feelings of condolences to the Chinese people, its Government and to the family of the departed for this great loss, I wish you good health and long life and the Chinese friendly people abundance of advancement.

Ahmed Hassan Al-Bakr

President of the Republic of Iraq

Baghdad, January 10, 1976

Message of Condolence From Cypriot President Makarios

His Excellency Mao Tsetung,
Chairman of the Central Committee
of the Communist Party of China,

Peking

It is with deep regret that we have been informed of the death of your Prime Minister Chou En-lai, this distinguished son of the People's Republic of China and champion for the cause of world peace. Please accept on behalf of the people of Cyprus, my Government and myself our heartfelt condolences for your great national bereavement.

Archbishop Makarios

President of the Republic of Cyprus

Nicosia, January 10, 1976

Message of Condolence From President Aristides Pereira of the Republic of Cape Verde Islands

His Excellency Chairman Mao Tsetung,

Peking,

The People's Republic of China

I am deeply grieved over the great loss to the Chinese people and the oppressed people of the whole world in the death of Premier Chou En-lai, a revolutionary who had always stood in the forefront of the struggle of the Chinese people in building a socialist society and the struggle of the third world peoples against oppression and exploitation. Allow me to extend to Mr. Chairman, in my own name and on behalf of the Cape Verde nation, our deepest and sincerest condolences.

Aristides Pereira

President of the Republic of Cape Verde
Islands

Praia, Cape Verde, January 10, 1976

Message of Condolence From President Luis Cabral of Council Of State of Guinea-Bissau

His Excellency Mr. Mao Tsetung,
Chairman of the Central Committee
of the Communist Party of China,

Peking

The Chinese people have lost one of their finest sons in the death on January 8 of Chou En-lai, Member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, Member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the C.P.C. Central Committee, Vice-Chairman of the C.P.C. Central Committee, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China and Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference. He spared no efforts or sacrifice throughout his whole life in the resolute defence of the interests of the Chinese people. At this sorrowful moment, I, on behalf of the Guinea-Bissau people, the African Party for the Independence of Guinea and Cape Verde, the Council of State, the Council of Commissioners of State, and in my own name, extend to Comrade Mao Tsetung, the

Chinese people and the bereaved family our most sorrowful condolences and sympathy.

Luis Cabral

Deputy General Secretary of the African
Party for the Independence of Guinea
and Cape Verde

President of the Council of State of the
Republic of Guinea-Bissau

Bissau, January 10, 1976

Message of Condolence From Guinea-Bissau Principal Commissioner Francisco Mendes

His Excellency Mr. Teng Hsiao-ping,
Vice-Premier of the People's Republic
of China,

Peking

We have learnt with deep sorrow of the death of the great fighter Comrade Chou En-lai, Member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, Member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee, Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China and Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference. He spared no sacrifice or effort throughout his life in the resolute defence of the interests of the great Chinese people. At this sorrowful moment, I convey to you, in my own name and on behalf of all the Guinea-Bissau people, our deep sorrow for the loss of the great figure Chou En-lai, an embodiment of lofty personality, which has saddened all the peoples of the third world.

Francisco Mendes

Principal Commissioner of the
Council of Commissioners of State
of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau

Bissau, January 10, 1976

Messages of Condolences From King Jigme Singye Wangchuck Of Bhutan

King Jigme Singye Wangchuck of Bhutan sent identically-worded messages to Chairman Mao Tsetung, Chairman Chu Teh of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress and Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-ping, expressing the deepest condolences on the

death of Premier Chou En-lai. The text of the messages reads:

"On behalf of my government and people, and on my own behalf, I would like to offer our deepest condolence to Your Excellency, and to the Government and people of China, on the passing away of Premier Chou En-lai. He was a truly outstanding leader and statesman and his demise is not only a great loss to the Chinese nation but to the entire international community."

Message of Condolence From Jordanian King Hussein

His Excellency Chairman Mao Tsetung,

Peking,

The People's Republic of China

The world has lost one of its great leaders in the death of His Excellency, the late Prime Minister Chou En-lai. My government and people join me in expressing to Your Excellency our deep and heartfelt condolences which we hope you will accept and convey to the family of the late Prime Minister and the great people of China.

Hussein I

King of the Hashemite Kingdom
of Jordan

Amman, January 10, 1976

Messages of Condolences From Mauritanian President Daddah

President Moktar Ould Daddah of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania on January 10 sent identically-worded messages to Chairman Chu Teh of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress and Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-ping, expressing the most sorrowful condolences on the death of Premier Chou En-lai. The text of the messages reads:

Overcome with the deepest emotion, I learnt of the death of Premier Chou En-lai. On behalf of the Mauritanian people, Party and Government and in my own name, I extend to Your Excellency and, through you, to the Chinese people, Party and Government our most sorrowful condolences. I share with you your deep sorrow for the loss of the outstanding statesman, one of the greatest fighters working for the just cause by the side of Chairman Mao Tsetung. He made all possible efforts for the establishment of the indestructible friendship between our two peoples in their common struggle for liberation, peace and progress.

Highest consideration.

Message of Condolence From Sudanese President Nimeri

His Excellency Mr. Chu Teh,
Chairman of the Standing Committee of
the National People's Congress of the
People's Republic of China,

Peking

We have received with deep sorrow and grief the unhappy news of the demise of Mr. Chou En-lai who always dedicated his life for his country and his nation. The Sudanese people and myself convey to Your Excellency and the friendly Chinese nation the most heartfelt condolences for this great loss.

Gaafar Mohamed Nimeri

President of the Democratic Republic
of the Sudan

Khartoum, January 10, 1976

Message of Condolence From Australian Acting Governor-General Cutler

His Excellency Chu Teh,
Chairman of the Standing Committee of
the National People's Congress,

Peking

It was with great regret that I learnt today of the loss on 8 January of Premier Chou En-lai. Not only has China lost one of its greatest national leaders but the world has lost one of the most distinguished and respected statesmen of our times. On behalf of the Australian Government and people, I offer sincere condolences to his widow and to the Government and people of China.

Roden Cutler

Acting Governor-General

January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Amir of Kuwait Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah

His Excellency Chu Teh,
Chairman of the Standing Committee of
the National People's Congress of the
People's Republic of China,

Peking

It was very sad to hear the tragic news of Premier Chou En-lai's death. So I wish to express, on behalf

of the Kuwaiti Government and people, our sincerest condolences and deepest sympathy to Your Excellency, your government and the friendly people of China in this tremendous loss. He has left an indelible mark on the page of world history and his name will long be remembered as a great national leader and statesman.

Highest consideration,

Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah
Amir of Kuwait

Kuwait, January 10, 1976

Message of Condolence From Heir Apparent and Prime Minister of Kuwait Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah

His Excellency Mr. Teng Hsiao-ping,
Vice-Premier of the State Council of the
People's Republic of China,

Peking

It is with great sorrow that we learnt of the passing away of Mr. Chou En-lai, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China. I would like to express on behalf of the Government and people of Kuwait and on my own behalf our sincerest condolences to Your Excellency and to the Government and friendly people of China and to his family. The loss of this great statesman who dedicated his whole life to serving his country and people and safeguarding world peace will be deeply felt by the world. The Arab world has lost with his death a friend and a supporter of the just Arab causes. I am confident that the relationship of warm friendship existing between Kuwait and China will continue in the future.

Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah
Heir Apparent and Prime Minister
of the State of Kuwait

Kuwait, January 10, 1976

Message of Condolence From Speaker Khalid Saleh Al Ghunaim Of the Kuwait National Assembly

His Excellency Mr. Chu Teh,
Chairman of the Standing Committee of
the National People's Congress,

Peking,

The People's Republic of China

January 23, 1976

On behalf of Members of the Kuwait National Assembly and myself, I share your grief and sadness for the passing away of the late leader Chou En-lai. The deceased spent his life struggling not only for the Chinese people but also for other peoples fighting to achieve their national independence and sovereignty. The Arabs in particular lost a true friend always backing their just causes. I am still retaining memories of my meeting him in Peking in 1974, when the deceased cordially and friendly received me. As I extend condolences to you and his family I pray for his soul to rest in peace and tranquillity.

Khalid Saleh Al Ghunaim

Speaker of the Kuwait National
Assembly

Kuwait, January 11, 1976

Message of Condolence From Kenyan President Jomo Kenyatta

His Excellency Chu Teh,
Chairman of the Standing Committee of
the National People's Congress,

Peking

I am deeply grieved at the death of His Excellency Chou En-lai, the Prime Minister of the People's Republic of China.

He was a dedicated leader and an outstanding statesman who did much to foster the spirit of brotherhood and understanding between China and the rest of the world. His death is a great loss not only to the People's Republic of China but to all peace-loving people in the world.

On behalf of myself, the Government and the people of Kenya I convey to Your Excellency heartfelt condolences and sympathy, assuring you that we share your sorrow.

Jomo Kenyatta

President of the Republic of Kenya

Nairobi

Statements by Azad Kashmir Leaders

President Sardar Mohammad Ibrahim Khan and
Prime Minister Abdul Hamid Khan of Azad Kashmir

issued statements respectively in Muzaffarabad on January 9 to mourn the death of Premier Chou En-lai.

President Ibrahim Khan said in his statement that it is "a great loss to us as we are still engaged in our struggle which the great Chinese leader supported so enthusiastically."

Prime Minister Hamid Khan said in his statement: "We are shocked. The grief is immeasurable. Chou En-lai was a great supporter of our just cause. He supported the right of self-determination of the Kashmiri people with revolutionary fervour. His constant support was a source of great strength to us." He added: "His memory will remain in the hearts of all those people who have fought against repression and colonial domination and who have held aloft the banner of freedom and human dignity."

Message of Condolence From

Nepalese King Birendra

His Excellency Chu Teh,

Chairman of the Standing Committee of
the National People's Congress

The Queen and I have received with deep grief the news of the sad demise of His Excellency Premier Chou En-lai. I had the opportunity to meet the Premier on several occasions and I found the mutual exchange of views we had, to be invariably useful and productive. Premier Chou was a consistent friend of Nepal and my countrymen share with me a sense of personal loss at his passing away. Please convey on behalf of the Queen as well as on my behalf our sincere condolences to Madame Teng Ying-chao as well as other members of the bereaved family.

Birendra R.

Message of Condolence From

Togolese President Eyadema

His Excellency Chairman Mao Tsetung,

Peking,

The People's Republic of China

The Togolese people, Government and myself are extremely saddened to learn the sorrowful news of the death of your great comrade-in-arms Chou En-lai. Please accept, Mr. Chairman, my sincerest condolences and convey my profound sympathy to the heroic Chinese people. Chou En-lai has left on us the image of an indefatigable man who together with you has built the great China and won her a place she deserves in

the international arena. We honour his memory with great respect.

With highest consideration,

General Gnassingbe Eyadema

President of the Republic of Togo

Lome, January 12, 1976

Message of Condolence From

Sao Tome and Principe

President Manuel

Pinto da Costa

His Excellency Chairman, Mao Tsetung,

Peking,

The People's Republic of China

The people of Sao Tome and Principe, the Liberation Movement of Sao Tome and Principe, the Government and I myself learnt with deep sorrow of the death of Premier Chou En-lai, great leader of the Chinese people. I extend to the Chinese people, the Chinese Communist Party, the government, Your Excellency and the bereaved family our sincere condolences.

Manuel Pinto da Costa

President of the Democratic Republic
of Sao Tome and Principe

January 12, 1976

Message of Condolence From

Equatorial Guinean President Macias

His Excellency Chu Teh,

Chairman of the Standing Committee of
the National People's Congress of the
People's Republic of China,

Peking

We have learnt with great regret and sorrow the sad news of the death of His Excellency Premier Chou En-lai. On behalf of our people, the National United Worker's Party and in my own name, I extend to you our condolences over the loss of this great man, great revolutionary and great fighter of the great Chinese people. Please convey our sympathy to Chou En-lai's family.

Macias Nguema Biyogo Negue Ndong

Life President of the Republic of
Equatorial Guinea

Bata Rio Muni, January 10, 1976

Message of Condolence From Niger Head of State Kountche

His Excellency Chu Teh,
Chairman of the Standing Committee of
the National People's Congress of the
People's Republic of China,

Peking

I am extremely saddened to learn of the death of His Excellency Mr. Chou En-lai. With courage and self-sacrifice always shown in his actions, Mr. Chou En-lai left on us the image of an illustrious statesman who devoted all his life to the service of the Chinese people and to the strengthening of friendly relations between the Chinese people and the people of the third world. At this sorrowful moment, the Niger people, the Supreme Military Council, the government and myself express our profound sympathy to the friendly Chinese people, your government and the bereaved family.

With highest consideration,

Lieutenant Colonel Seyni Kountche

President of the Supreme Military
Council and Head of State of Niger

January 12, 1976

Message of Condolence From San Marino Heads of State

His Excellency Chu Teh,
Chairman of the Standing Committee of
the National People's Congress of the
People's Republic of China,

Peking

We are deeply grieved over the death of Premier Chou En-lai. The Republic of San Marino admires the superb and outstanding talent of the statesman, Premier Chou En-lai. Please accept, Your Excellency, our condolences and convey this feeling to the Government and the people of the People's Republic of China who have very good relations with San Marino.

Giovanni Vito Marcucci
Guiseppe Della Balda

Heads of State of the Republic of San
Marino

San Marino, January 12, 1976

January 23, 1976

Message of Condolence From Egyptian Premier Salem

His Excellency Mao Tsetung,
Chairman of the Central Committee
of the Communist Party of China

I have learnt with deep sorrow of the news of the passing of His Excellency Chou En-lai, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China.

His Excellency Chou En-lai was a great man. He dedicated his whole life to the struggles of the Chinese people and the socialist countries for liberation, progress, peace and socialism.

The Egyptian people and Government will always cherish the memory of His Excellency Chou En-lai's great political career. We hold that his death is a tremendous loss to the People's Republic of China and the Chinese people, as well as to the international community.

We extend to Your Excellency and the friendly people of the People's Republic of China our heartfelt condolences.

Mamdouh Salem
Premier of the Arab Republic of Egypt

Message of Condolence From East Timor President Amara

The Central Committee of the Communist Party
of China,

The State Council of the People's Republic of China

The news of the death of Chou En-lai, Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, echoed throughout the mountains, valleys and the jungles of the Democratic Republic of East Timor where our people, under the leadership of FRETILIN, are fighting heroically against the imperialist and expansionist aggression of the military Junta of Java. The death of Premier Chou En-lai has deeply touched the people of East Timor, the Central Committee of FRETILIN, the Government of the Democratic Republic of East Timor. It is a loss for the People's Republic of China, for the Democratic Republic of East Timor, and for all peoples around the world struggling for national liberation. Accept the expression of profoundest regret of the people of the Democratic Republic of East Timor, Central Committee of FRETILIN and my own.

(Signed) Francisco Xavier Do Amara

Chairman of the Central Committee of
the Revolutionary Front for Independence
of East Timor and President of the
Democratic Republic of East Timor

Message of Condolence From Fiji Prime Minister Mara

Kamisese Mara, Prime Minister of Fiji, sent a message to the Government of the People's Republic of China, expressing sincere condolences on the death of Premier Chou En-lai. The message reads:

The Government and people of Fiji have received with deep sorrow the news of Premier Chou En-lai's passing. He was an inspiring national leader and a statesman of immense stature. Please convey to his family and to the Government and people of the People's Republic of China our sincere condolences and heartfelt sympathy.

(Signed) Mara
Prime Minister

Message of Condolence From Austrian Chancellor Kreisky

His Excellency Mr. Chu Teh,
Chairman of the Standing Committee of
the National People's Congress of the
People's Republic of China,

Peking

I have learnt with deep grief of the death of His Excellency Mr. Chou En-lai, Premier of the People's Republic of China. On behalf of the Austrian Government and in my own name, please accept my sincere sympathy on the heavy loss suffered by the People's Republic of China.

Bruno Kreisky

Chancellor of the Republic of Austria

Vienna, January 12, 1976

Message of Condolence From Papua New Guinea Prime Minister Somare

His Excellency Teng Hsiao-ping,
Vice-Premier of the State Council of the
People's Republic of China

It is with deep regret that the Papua New Guinea Government learnt today of the death of Premier of the People's Republic of China Mr. Chou En-lai. Papua New Guinea's contacts with the People's Republic of China are recent but we have long known Mr. Chou as an international leader of impressive qualities. We have also been aware of the great influence he has had upon the development of the People's Republic and the

degree to which his leadership has inspired its continuing progress. Please convey condolences of the Papua New Guinea Government and the Papua New Guinea people to the Government and the people of the People's Republic of China and especially to the members of Mr. Chou's family.

Michael Thomas Somare

Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea

January 10, 1976

Message of Condolence From Cuban Prime Minister Castro

Teng Hsiao-ping,
Vice-Premier of the Government of
the People's Republic,

Peking,

China

I beg you to accept the testimony of my most grievous condolences on the death of Premier Chou En-lai.

Fidel Castro Ruz

Prime Minister of the Cuban Revolutionary Government

Havana, January 10, 1976

Message of Condolence From Polish Council of Ministers

The State Council of the People's Republic
of China,

Peking

The Council of Ministers of the People's Republic of Poland expresses sincere condolences on the passing away of the Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, Chou En-lai, and requests that its sympathy be conveyed to the family of the deceased.

The Council of Ministers of the
People's Republic of Poland

Message of Condolence From Bulgarian Council of Ministers

The State Council of the People's Republic
of China,

Peking,

China

We express to you our condolences on the death of Chou En-lai, Premier of the State Council of the

People's Republic of China.

The Council of Ministers of the People's
Republic of Bulgaria
Sofia, January 10, 1976

Message of Condolence From Mongolian Council of Ministers

The State Council of the People's Republic
of China,
Peking

The Council of Ministers of the People's Republic of
Mongolia wishes to express to the State Council of the
People's Republic of China condolences on the passing
away of Premier Chou En-lai of the State Council of
the People's Republic of China and the same to the
family of the deceased.

The Council of Ministers of
Mongolia
Ulan Bator, January 10, 1976

Message of Condolence From Czechoslovak Government

The State Council of the People's Republic
of China,
Peking

Sincere condolences on the passing away of
Premier Chou En-lai of the State Council of the
People's Republic of China.

The Government of the
Czechoslovak Socialist Republic
January 12, 1976

Message of Condolence From Viet Nam Fatherland Front Central Committee

The National Committee of the Chinese People's
Political Consultative Conference,
Peking

January 23, 1976

Shocked to learn of the death of Comrade Chou
En-lai, Chairman of the National Committee of the
Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, one
of the outstanding leaders of the Chinese Party and
state and a close and great friend of the Vietnamese
people, we feel extreme sorrow.

With profound grief, the Central Committee of the
Viet Nam Fatherland Front, on behalf of the Viet-
namese people, sends its profound condolences to the
National Committee of the Chinese People's Political
Consultative Conference, the Chinese people and the
family of Comrade Chou En-lai.

The Central Committee of the
Viet Nam Fatherland Front

Hanoi, January 10, 1976

Message of Condolence From U.N. Secretary-General Waldheim

His Excellency Mr. Chu Teh,
Chairman of the Standing Committee of
the National People's Congress of the
People's Republic of China,

Peking

I have learnt with deep sorrow of the death of His
Excellency Mr. Chou En-lai, Premier of the State Coun-
cil of the People's Republic of China. He was a most
distinguished and esteemed leader who served his coun-
try and his people with great devotion for many
decades. His dedication to the fostering of better under-
standing among nations and international peace is
widely recognized. The world will be poorer for no
longer having the benefit of his wisdom and statesman-
ship in these critical times. Mr. Chou En-lai inspired
admiration and respect among all who were privileged
to meet him. I will always remember the warm and
friendly welcome that he accorded me when I visited
China. During our long and wide-ranging discussion, I
was deeply impressed by his profound knowledge of
international problems and the particular interest he
showed towards the United Nations. I wish to express
to Your Excellency, and through you to the Govern-
ment and the people of China, my heartfelt sympathy
and condolences on this sad occasion.

Kurt Waldheim

Secretary-General of the
United Nations

New York, January 8, 1976