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THE PRIME MINISTER

11 March, 1981

Dear General Lawson

I was, as always, impressed and encouraged by all that I saw last week of the work being done by the Army in Northern Ireland. The professionalism and dedication of the men and women under your command merits the highest praise. It was equally gratifying to see how closely the Army and the Royal Ulster Constabulary are working together under your leadership and that of the Chief Constable.

On a more personal level, I am most grateful for the contribution made by the Army to the arrangements for my visit. Everything went off with exemplary smoothness. Please pass on my thanks to all those of your staff involved in planning and carrying out what was, for me, a most satisfying programme.

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

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Lieutenant General Sir Richard Lawson, KCB, DSO, OBE.

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