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The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher MP Prime Minister House of Commons LONDON

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Dear Prime Minister

On behalf of the Police Federation for Northern Ireland may I express my sincere thanks to you for your personal efforts during your recent visit to America in trying to obtain further arms supplies for the Royal Ulster Constabulary.

It is very much appreciated that you considered it an important issue to raise during your brief meeting with President Carter, whilst there are items of National and International importance demanding your attention.

I fully recognise that the forthcoming Presidential elections have played a direct part in the Presidents refusal to change his mind, although in the future I would hope that the President would reconsider and take full cognizance of your views.

May I take this opportunity of expressing my gratitude to you Prime Minister, and your party for all the support you have given to the RUC in various ways in our efforts to maintain law and order in Northern Ireland.

Yours sincerely

ALAN WRIGH

Chairman