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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Archbishop.

Thank you for your letter of 13 May.

I am sorry if you were puzzled by my last letter. The passage in the letter from you and Cardinal Gray that surprised me read:

"However, even then, the point was made that traditional Christian morality insisted on other conditions to ensure that our conduct of hostilities remained morally justified, namely that there should be due proportion between the end to be achieved and the means used, and that there should not be an escalation of hostilities. We seriously question whether this is the case at the present time.

I took that as meaning that you questioned whether our use of force was morally justified. If I was wrong, then I am glad to hear it, and grateful to you for putting the record straight.

Every good wish.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Butler

His Eminence the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster