



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

18 December 1980

Dear Colonel Rose.

Thank you very much indeed for a most impressive and interesting visit to your Regiment last Friday.

I found the briefing you gave me very helpful, and I have already taken steps to follow up the three points which you raised with me. Would you also please thank those members of the Regiment who took part in the demonstrations: my already very considerable confidence in the SAS has been redoubled as a result of the display of skill which I saw.

I was also very glad of the opportunity to meet some of the Regiment's wives. I know from what you told me that the nature of the Regiment's activities means that the families do not have an easy time of it and I am grateful to the wives for all the backing and support they give to their husbands. Would you specially thank your wife for all she did during this part of my visit. If she would like to visit No. 10 with your sons, she only has to get in touch with Caroline Stephens here to make the necessary arrangements.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Lieutenant Colonel Michael Rose, OBE