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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Sir David,

It seems a little inadequate just to say thank you for all that you and your colleagues did to make my visit to Scotland Yard and Brixton a success. I am really very grateful to you. The visit was not only very informative and useful, it gave me a chance to say how impressive your operations are, and how much I appreciate the dedication and hard work of the police.

I hope you will pass on my thanks to all your force. I have always been proud of the police. I am especially proud now. I am sure the vast majority of people in this country share my feelings.

Perhaps you could give special thanks to Commander Fairbairn and the Brixton Police for welcoming me so warmly in the middle of the night - and a busy night at that.

Many thanks too for the figures that you gave me, which are charming. I will find a suitable place of honour for them here at Downing Street.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Sir David McNee, Q.P.M.

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