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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Ron.

Thank you for your letter of 19 September about the need to combat terrorism. I share your deep concern about international terrorism and your determination to combat it.

I know that our officials are already working well together and good practical co-operation exists, including joint exercises and regular exchanges of military and intelligence expertise. We would be happy to consider any new ideas which your people may have.

May I also take this opportunity to express to you my disappointment at the recent decision of the US District Court of Appeal in Northern California against the extradition to this country of William Joseph Quinn, an IRA member, accused of murdering a British policeman in 1975. I shall be interested to see the outcome of the Appeal which I understand the US Administration will be lodging. It is important that nothing should be seen to undermine our joint commitment to fight terrorism all over the world.

Lawson
Harriet

The President of the United States of America