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THE PRIME MINISTER

8 December 1981

Dear Professor Wilkinson,

Thank you for your letter of 30 November and for the valuable and thoughtful memorandum which you enclosed. I am aware of your work as an academic student of terrorism and welcome your contribution to our thinking on how that scourge can be attacked and defeated.

Your detailed recommendations will be studied here and my staff will let you know if we wish to take advantage of your kind offer to call and discuss aspects of your memorandum.

I entirely agree that in this complex and dangerous situation in Northern Ireland it is very important that the Government should make sure that its strategy and tactics are absolutely right. I of course take a deep personal interest in the situation and am in the closest touch with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and his colleagues who have my full confidence and support.

Thank you for writing.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Professor Paul Wilkinson

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