

Lambeth Palace, SE1 7JU.

October 13th

My dear Prime Minister,

The first purpose of this letter is to follow up the message which I sent to you on Friday morning.

It is hard to find words to express my sickening horror on hearing the news of the bomb, or to express my sympathy to you & your colleagues.

I kept in touch with the Bishop of Chichester throughout the day and was moved to hear from him that you gave him time in the midst of so many anxieties for prayers together.

It was quite clear to me that you

faced the ordeal justified by your
own unshakable faith and supported by
personal prayers. You carried the day,
helped to redeem the tragedy, and I have
just attempted to give public voice to
that is a tribute to your steady defense
of our democratic way.

I hope you will understand that I
find it impossible to complete this letter
without a reference to the impression
being created in some quarters that
I am engaged in a personal attack
on you.

I was pressed some time before your
conference, and totally unrelated to it,
to give an interview on the state
of the nation to a religious correspondent.

I did my best according to my
conscience to voice anxieties which
I believe are widely felt by people

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of good will whatever their political allegiance.
No doubt it was "incoherent & unbalanced"
because it was not intended as more
than analysis of the problems & warnings
of dangers. Therefore it could easily
be represented as woolly politics.

I meant it to be an expression of
"critical solidarity" with those who bear
the terrifying responsibilities of government &
leadership in all walks of life. I
still believe it reads like that.

You will have little time to read
or respond to this at present.

However if at some stage it were
possible to arrange an entirely private
and personal conversation with you about
disagreements which have arisen & leading

which might be achieved I am,
as always, ready to respond.

With my affectionate respect &
my prayers.

Rosent Carbone

