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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

15 October 1984

Dear Mr. Kinross,

Thank you so much for your message of support following the terrible bomb outrage in Brighton. I much appreciated your kind words about the emergency services who responded with the courage and professionalism that we have come to expect and admire. I share your determination that the perpetrators of this wanton act of violence shall not succeed in undermining our democracy.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

The Rt. Hon. Neil Kinross, M.P.

MESSAGE TO THE PRIME MINISTER FROM THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION,
THE RT. HON. NEIL KINNOCK MP

x I am horrified and outraged at this terrible atrocity, and naturally relieved you and your colleagues escaped injury. I wish to offer my deepest condolences to those killed and best wishes for a speedy and full recovery to those who have suffered hurt. From all that I see it is clear that the police and fire service have acted with their usual bravery and efficiency and I am grateful to them. I hear that you are carrying on with normal engagements. That is good. It is the way that we must respond to such vile acts in this democracy. There can be no concession to the murdering madness of those who commit crimes like this bombing. They are the sworn enemies of all the people of normal mind and reasoning politics.

12 October 1984