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THE PRIME MINISTER

15 October 1984

Vean The Steel,

Thank you so much for your message following the bomb outrage in Brighton, which was conveyed in a telegram from Panama. I share your determination that the perpetrators of this wanton act of brutality shall not be allowed to succeed in their aim of undermining our democracy.

The Right Honourable David Steel, M.P.

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BRIGHTON BOMBING FOR SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE

FOLLOWING IS MESSAGE FROM DAVID STEEL MP WHO IS AT PRESENT IN PANAMA. FOR SIR GEOFFREY HOWE

MESSAGE BEGINS:

PLEASE CONVEY TO MES. THATCHER MY FEELINGS OF SHOCK AND WARM SYMPATHY TO HER AND THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY CONFERENCE AT THIS ATTACK WHICH ONLY SERVES TO STRENGTHEN OUR UNITEK RESOLVE THAT DEMOCRACY SHALL TRIUMPH OVER TERROR, MANY POLITICAL LEADERS GATHERED HERE FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL INAUGARATION ALSO SEND GOOD WISHES.

SIGNED DAVID STEEL MP

MESSAGE ENDS

FCO PLEASE PASS ALSO TO ME STEEL'S OFFICE AT THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

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