



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

16 October 1984

Dear Mr. Mason.

Thank you so much for your message following the bomb outrage in Brighton. Like you, I believe that we should stand together in our determination not to allow those responsible for this terrible act to destroy our democracy. We owe it to the victims of the bombers to remain steadfast and I am more grateful for your support than I can put in words.

The friends we lost were such good and true people. They had spent most of their lives working for the well-being of others. You will have seen the same thing happen time & again in Northern Ireland.

The Rt. Hon. Roy Mason, M.P.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

The Rt Hon Roy Mason M.P.



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Dear Prime Minister,

I would like to say how pleased I was to hear the news that you had escaped the dastardly bomb blast of the Provisional I.R.A. I am however terribly upset at the loss of a Parliamentary Colleague and the seriously injured Ministers and your Party friends.

Our feelings on these occasions cut across Party lines. I thought you ought to know that my feelings and no doubt many others in my Party who have served in the Province are most sincere at this awful time.

Your decision to carry on as usual was right and it was decisive and our Nation would feel proud that you had not been deflected in any way. It is the right attitude, and to some of us it is the only reaction to terrorism.

My earnest and sincere good wishes.

Thank God you escaped.

Roy Mason.