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THE PRIME MINISTER

18 October, 1984

Personal

Dear Sir,

I was very deeply touched by your letter of 14 October and although you said not to reply, I simply wanted to thank you for taking the trouble to write. The last few days have been difficult indeed, and letters such as yours have been more help than I can say.

Yours

Raymond

Field Marshal Sir Edwin Bramall, G.C.B., O.B.E., M.C.

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Dear Prime Minister

This short letter will be one of not hundreds but literally thousands you will be receiving, so it expects no acknowledgement whatsoever: in fact I would be furious if it was even contemplated. But my wife and I did want to send you both our love and thoughts at this time; say how immensely thankful we were (in concert with everyone else in Britain and millions throughout the world) that you and your husband were unhurt in that terrible bombing at Brighton; and send you our heartfelt sympathy on the loss ~~or~~ ^{or} injury of close colleagues.

It was wonderful to see the

way you both rose above it
all and carried on with business
as usual, and yet again you
will have earned the admiration of
everyone and certainly not least those
in the Armed Forces who are not
involved in the sort of violence.

Anyhow I thank God you were
spared and are safe, because to so
very many you represent Great Britain's
hope of recovery and pride and
a place in the sun. Certainly the
outrage (which I heard about when
I was with Michael Heretton at a NATO
meeting) will make us all even more
determined to resist terrorism wherever
it tries to get its way
with harm but wish to you both
and again our profound thanks and relief
~~over~~ about your safety
Yours ever
Iris