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Dear Robini,

## THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO NORTHERN IRELAND - 22 DECEMBER 1982

I attach the details of names and addresses that I promised this morning.

You asked for the name of the appropriate person to thank for the helicopter flights. For this visit RAF helicopters were used so the correct person would be Group Captain David Whittaker, whom I imagine is a successor to Group Captain Olding.

The Bangor bell was presented by the Rev Auld, Mayor of North Down Borough Council, seemingly on behalf of the borough.

I have as yet no line on who you might write to about the record by Bangor Parish Church Choir but will ring this over when I get one.

DAVID BROOKER Private Secretary

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### BANGOR

1. Mr James Kilfedder, BA, BL, MP Eastonville 93 Donaghadee Road Mill Isle Co Down

Thanks for being present, especially on a day when the Assembly was sitting.

2. Rev John McConnell Auld
Mayor of North Down Borough Council
Bangor Castle
Bangor
Co Down

Escorted the Prime Minister during her tour of Bangor, accompanied by the Deputy Mayor, Mr W Baillie.

3. Mr J T Good
Chairman of the Bangor Chamber of Trade
Winston Hotel
19 Queens Parade
Bangor
Co Down

Mr Good might in turn be asked to pass on thanks to Mr Taylor, the territorial and General Manager, was was present at Boots,

Mrs Gault, the Pharmacist at Boots who I gather was particularly helpful over the visit,

Mrs Cummings the Senior Assistant from Hoggs and

Mr Boardman, the Manager from Wellworths.

### MUSGRAVE PARK MILITARY HOSPITAL

1. Lt Col J P J O'Donavon, RAMC Consultant Surgeon Musgrave Park Hopsital Military Wing BFPO 801

In passing thanks to all the staff a special mention might be made of Major Alison Anderson, QARANC, the Deputy Matron

### BESSBROOK

- 1. Brigadier G Colin Mattingley, OBE Commander 8 Infantry Brigade BFPO 807
- 2. Lt Col Sir Brian Barttelot Bt
  Commanding Officer 1 Coldstream Guards
  Bessbrook
  BFPO 811
- 3. Chief Inspector Errol McDowell, QPM RUC
  Bessbrook
  Co Armagh

Mr McDowell presented the Prime Minister with a commemorative plate at Bessbrook

### ARMAGH

1. Assistant Chief Constable Maurice Johnstone, MBE RUC Headquarters
Brooklyn
Knock Road
Belfast BT5 6LE

#### GENERAL

1. Lt Gen Sir Robert Richardson, KCB CVO CBE General Officer Commanding Headquarters Northern Ireland Lisburn BFPO 825

He might be asked to convey special thanks to Major Stephen Paul who accompanied the party on the visit and who was also involved in the planning of it.

2. Sir John Herman, OBE
Chief Constable
RUC Headquarters
Brooklyn
Knock Road
Belfast BT5 6LE

Thanks to all those who were on duty during the day, some of whom were met by the Prime Minister, but many of whom were working behind the scenes to secure the safety of the visit and to ensure that it ran smoothly. A special mention might be given to ACC Steenson who was responsible for organising the RUC operations connected with the visit and Superintendent William Donaldson who was the Prime Minister's personal RUC escort. This was the first time that he had been engaged in a VIP visit of this sort.

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### GENERAL (cont)

3. Group Captain David Whittaker
RAF
Aldergrove
BFPO 808

Perhaps to include a note to wish him well in his new post in Canada.