



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

24 December 1982

Dear Sir

I have written separately to the local Mayor and RUC Commanders whom I met during my visit to Northern Ireland on Wednesday, but I also wanted to thank you and those in the Northern Ireland Office who helped to make the arrangements. From my point of view, the visit went splendidly. We managed to make good use of the available time and I was greatly encouraged by the welcome I received and the high morale of everyone I met.

I am particularly grateful to you for sparing the day to come round with me.

Happy Christmas to you all.

Yours

Raymond

The Rt. Hon. J. Prior, M.P.,

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